



EXHIBIT 27-G

FINAL MINUTES

Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

August 20, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: David Potter, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Bill Thayer

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo

Consultant present: John Arriaga, JEA and Associates

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of October 9, 2013 and March 14, 2014 Committee Meetings**
The minutes were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Potter, Brower and Thayer.

Discussion Items

- 2. Update on Status of SB936 – Legislation re Public Contribution Towards Financing Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project**
The bill has been sent to the Governor's office for signature. The District worked closely with legislators to obtain support for this bill and move it through the legislative process. The Water Management District will send a letter of support to the Governor's office and Arriaga can meet with staff to respond to any questions they may have.
- 3. Update on State Water Bond and Strategies for Getting First in Line**
AB 1471 is a water bond that has been approved by the legislature for placement on the November 2014 ballot. The concern is that only \$2.4 million would be relevant to the Monterey Peninsula. Stoldt stated that staff would conduct a thorough review of the bill to determine which agencies the Water Management District should contact in advance about requirements for making application for available funds, and to be involved with developing guidelines for use of the funds. Arriaga noted that the Water Management District played a significant role in development of the bill that was adopted by the legislature, and other water bond proposals that were not ultimately approved.
- 4. Groundwater Update – SB 1168 and AB 1739**
Arriaga reviewed SB 1168 sponsored by Pavley and AB 1739 sponsored by Dickenson that would establish regulations for sustainable management of groundwater throughout the State.

5. Federal Drought Legislation

Arriaga reported that Senator Feinstein and Congressman Valadero have both introduced federal legislation to address drought issues. However; these bills do not affect the Water Management District, they are focused on addressing the water situation in the Central Valley.

6. Update on Meeting with SWRCB on Modifications to the Cease and Desist Order

The committee discussed the status of discussions re CDO modifications. There is a concern that the State Water Resources Control Board could require water use reductions as a condition for modifying the CDO.

7. Legislative Status and Tracking from John Arriaga

Arriaga commented on AB 155 introduced by Alejo, that would award a design-build contract for the Interlake Tunnel Project proposed by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. Arriaga also briefly reviewed AB 1043 that would create a Groundwater Contamination Cleanup Fund to receive monies recovered from parties responsible for groundwater contamination.

Other Items: No other items were discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date

No follow-up meeting was scheduled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

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