

FINAL MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee Meeting of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
February 1, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM in the District conference room.

Committee members present: Dave Potter, Chair
Bob Brower
Judi Lehman

Staff present: Darby Fuerst, General Manager
Stephanie Pintar, Water Demand Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo

Others present: John Arriaga

Comments from Public

No comments were presented to the committee.

Action Items

- 1. Receive Minutes of October 19, 2009 Committee Meeting**
On a motion by Director Brower and second by Director Lehman, the minutes were received unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0.

Oral Reports

- 2. Report from District Counsel on Status of State Water Resources Control Board Proceedings Regarding Draft Cease and Desist Order WR 2009-0060**
Mr. Laredo reported that he was developing an appellate writ to protest the change of venue order, and request that the court issue a stay of the proceedings. If the appellate court takes no action on the writ, two issues would need to be rescheduled on the court calendar: (a) intervention by Carmel River Steelhead Association and the Sierra Club, and (b) the Attorney General's request to lift the stay of the CDO.
- 3. Report from John Arriaga on Implications of Water Legislation – Proposed Water Bond**
Mr. Arriaga reported that February 19, 2010 is the last date for legislators to introduce bills for this legislative session. He stated that if the District has suggestions for items that could be included in the upcoming water bond act to improve opportunities for grant funding, they should be forwarded to Assemblywoman Anna Caballero. Mr. Arriaga

advised that the Association of California Water Agencies is asking for resolutions of support for the water bond. He met with the executive director of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and gave a presentation on the proposed Regional Water Supply Project. A presentation will also be given to the entire SWRCB on February 16, 2010. Mr. Arriaga also organized a meeting set for Friday, February 12, 2010, at the Marina Coast Water District to provide an overview of the project to elected officials and their staff.

Discussion Items

4. Discuss Progress on Interaction with California American Water and Agencies re San Clemente Dam Removal/Reroute Project

General Manager Fuerst reported that on January 11, 2010 the San Clemente Dam Removal Collaboration Statement was signed. A task force has been formed that meets quarterly to coordinate development of the removal/reroute project. The District will be involved in all meetings and provide technical expertise to the group. The Division of Safety of Dams has agreed to delay enforcement action while the process is moving forward.

5. Discuss Progress on Interaction with California American Water and Agencies Regarding District's Role in Regional Water Supply Planning

Mr. Fuerst reported that he met with general managers of the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to discuss the District's participation in monthly meetings of elected officials and agency representatives that are conducted to coordinate planning and development of the Regional Water Supply Project. Director Potter said that those meetings may be discontinued. Mr. Fuerst noted that the District Board of Directors will consider adoption of a resolution of support for the Regional Water Supply Project in February. The District is an active participant in meetings with the Division of Ratepayer Advocates, MCWD, Cal-Am and MCWRA regarding financing agreements related to the project.

6. Review Status of Coordination with Local Jurisdictions and the State Regarding Implementation of Regulations for Installation of Greywater Systems

Ms. Pintar reported that she participates in the Monterey County Business Council's Competitive Cluster on Greywater Reuse. The group has developed a brochure on installation of cisterns. A brochure on installation of laundry to landscape irrigation systems is under development. Ms. Pintar reported that the County of Monterey does not allow the use of greywater for indoor use. However, there is no permit requirement to install a laundry to landscape irrigation system. Mr. Arriaga stated that California state agencies have routinely referred development of regulations for greywater technologies to local governments.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.