

DRAFT MINUTES
**Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**
January 25, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am in the conference room of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District office.

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

Committee members absent: None

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

District Counsel present: David Laredo, De Lay and Laredo

Legislative Consultant: John Arriaga, JEA and Associates

Comments from Public

No comments.

Action Items

1. Receive Minutes of March 22, 2013 Committee Meeting

On a motion of Lehman and second by Brower, minutes of the March 22, 2013 committee meeting were approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0.

Discussion Items

2. Overview of Legislative/Government Affairs Plan for 2013

Arriaga proposed the following. (1) The District's representatives must meet with legislators and educate them regarding issues that are important to the MPWMD and its constituents. Progress has been slow on water project development, but that should not prevent the District from working to educate our legislators now. (2) State funds for water infrastructure are minimal; however, there may be grants available under Propositions 84 and 50. (3) The water bond has been abandoned but will likely be considered again in 2014. There are funds in that legislation that could benefit the Monterey Peninsula, but this area is not specifically mentioned in the legislation. Speaker Perea is heading up the water effort. District representatives should meet with legislators and the Latin Water Coalition before the end of February to express support for Perea's water initiatives and to advocate for our water needs. (4) A new water supply project may not be developed by 2016. Therefore, the District should meet with the State Water Resources Control Board and our legislators to educate them about actions that have been taken to improve the situation. Commissioner Catherine Sandoval told Arriaga that she would welcome an invitation to the Monterey Peninsula. (5) The District should express support for legislation

introduced by Alejo that would provide funding to address water problems in South Monterey County.

The committee members discussed the need to focus an education campaign on legislators the District has access to. A consistent message must be developed that can be taken to Sacramento. Stoldt noted that the Public Outreach Committee was considering retention of a consultant or staff person to help with messaging. Legislators and regulators need to be told that the Cease and Desist Order (CDO) against Cal-Am should be amended, and advised about the current impacts of the CDO, and how pending water production reductions will adversely affect the community. In addition, let legislators know that the District could build and operate a desalination facility. Arriaga stated that he would begin scheduling meetings with state legislators.

There was a discussion about the possibility of amending the District's enabling legislation. There was no agreement to do so. Stoldt also mentioned a need to develop legislation to enable "securitization," a financing mechanism for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. Proposed legislation would need to be submitted by February 2014. Lobbying is also needed regarding Cal-Am's proposed use of the State Revolving Fund for water project financing. There are questions as to whether or not Cal-Am can access those funds.

3. Legislative Status Report from John Arriaga

Discussed under Item 2. Arriaga stated that he would provide to the committee a recap of the discussion and proposed follow up actions.

4. Discuss use of Alternate Water Sources Indoors (Need lobbying assistance)

No discussion of this item.

Other Items

No discussion.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

No date set.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:35 am.