



FINAL MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
April 8, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: David Potter, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Andrew Clarke

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 January 26 and August 20, 2014 Committee Meeting**
On a motion by Brower and second of Clarke, the minutes were approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Brower, Clarke and Potter.

Discussion Items

2. **Report on Legislative Status and Tracking from John Arriaga**
Arriaga submitted for review a list of Assembly and Senate bills that are under consideration. He reported that several bills have been submitted related to wastewater recycling and water desalination. Stoldt noted that amendments to the California Ocean Plan have been submitted that would regulate intake and discharge. It is proposed that for development of a desalination project, a study of intake wells must take first priority before open intake. Also, the time-line for study of intake wells would be reduced from 3 years to 1 year. Stoldt advised the committee that the Water Management District will attend the April 9, 2015, workshop conducted by the Association of California Water Agencies to discuss development of drought emergency guidelines as required by the Governor Brown's drought emergency proclamation. The Water Management District will meet with legislative staff developing the guidelines and suggest that mandatory water use reductions should be modified for areas of the state that have a sufficient water supply, and are not subject to snowmelt or state/federal water project deliveries. Possibly the state could set a goal, and not a required cutback for areas that are not dependent on the snowpack. Water Management District representatives should meet with Senator Monning or Assemblymember Stone to promote our area's interests in regard to the drought emergency regulations. Arriaga said that he would check on AB1390 and SB228 as concerns were expressed that these would require adjudication of local groundwater basins.

3. Update on State Water Bond

The process for development of guidelines for submitting applications for utilization of water bond funds may not be completed until July 2015. Secretary Laird's goal is to conduct a transparent hearing process for development of the guidelines. The State Water Resources Control Board will be developing guidelines related to the Safe Portable Drinking Water section of the water bond. The Department of Water Resources will develop guidelines related to the Integrated Regional Water Management section of the water bond.

4. Plan of Action for Meetings with State Representatives on the Cease and Desist Order

The committee discussed scheduling meetings with State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) representatives regarding modification to the Cease and Desist Order. There was consensus that Water Management District representatives would be David Stoldt, Bob Brower, David Potter, and Director Jeanne Byrne or Kristi Markey. They should schedule meetings with SWRCB members Dorene D'Adamo, Felicia Marcos and Tam Doduc. There was consensus that the message to the SWRCB will be. (a) The Water Management District has represented the Peninsula since 1978. (b) The Water Management District is developing a new water rationing plan. (c) In addition to the CDO cutbacks, the Peninsula is also subject to the Governors drought emergency reductions. (d) Explain that roadblocks that have hindered development of water project such as lawsuits and the Coastal Commission process. It is important to convince the SWRCB staff to move ahead on scheduling a hearing on a counter proposal to the CDO, this can't wait until the 2016 deadline.

Other Items: No other items were discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date

No follow-up meeting was scheduled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.

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