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at 2/14/13 meeting.
Item 4

Quick notes on recent decisions of MPWMD Board of Directors.



Update on action taken at the 1/30/13 MPWMD Board meeting. The Board meets again on 2/12/13.

Let the MPWMD know if you support or oppose an increase in the amount of water to be produced from the desalination project proposed by California American Water. The MPWMD Board wants to hear from the public so that comments it must file with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) are based on community input. Express your opinion at a meeting set for 6 pm, Tuesday, February 12, 2012 at the MPWMD office. The Board of Directors decided at its January 30 meeting that desalination project sizing has such a direct affect on local water users, that additional public input is needed before it takes a position on the issue.



A steelhead fish leaps over the fish ladder at San Clemente Dam. In January 2013, 46 steelhead crossed over the fish ladder on their way upstream to lay eggs. Steelhead may migrate upstream between November and June. MPWMD staff will monitor river flow. If water levels are too low for fish to continue their migration, staff will rescue stranded adult fish and move them upstream.

The District continues to plan for a desalination project that could be built in the event that water users are faced with cancellation of California American Water's proposed project.

Support for an alternative desalination project will be expressed in comments the MPWMD must file with the CPUC in February regarding Cal-Am's Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project. The Board of Directors agreed that in planning ahead for Cal-Am's desalination project, it also supports: (1) a proposal for limited, joint oversight of the desalination project that has been endorsed by the Mayors JPA; (2) a plan for desalination project funding that includes low-cost public debt; and (3) the City of Pacific Grove's preliminary plans for small water projects to irrigate golf courses with reclaimed stormwater. The Board expressed opposition to Cal-Am's proposal to collect \$99 million from ratepayers during the desalination project construction period. The Board will discuss collection of the \$99 million again at the February 12, 2013 special meeting.