



FINAL MINUTES
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Public Outreach Committee
September 26, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:37 am in the District conference room.

Committee members present: Jeanne Byrne, Chair
 David Pendergrass, Alternate

Committee members absent: Brenda Lewis
 Kristi Markey

District staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager
 Stephanie Pintar, Water Demand Manager
 Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Others present: Steve Thomas, Thomas Brand Consulting

Comments from the Public

No comments were directed to the committee.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of September 11, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Byrne, minutes of the September 11, 2013 committee meeting were approved with an amendment to item 3. The minutes will note that the presentations planned by David Stoldt are intended to update the public on activities of the District related to water supply development, and to respond to the request of Assembly member Mark Stone and Senator Bill Monning that the public be educated about proposed legislation that would enable the ratepayer relief financing mechanism for California American Water's desalination project. The motion was approved on a vote of 2 – 0 by Directors Pendergrass and Byrne.

2. Consider Development of a Recommendation to the Board on Adoption of Response to Receipt of Initiative Petition Submitted by Public Water Now

There was consensus that: (1) the Board should not adopt a position to either support or oppose public ownership of California American Water; (2) the fifth sentence of the response statement should be amended to delete language following the words "However, in light of the Cease and Desist order from the State;" and (3) the statement will be presented on the October 18, 2013 Board meeting agenda as a Discussion Item.

Discussion Items

3. Review Presentation Materials for Focused Outreach Effort to Community Groups and City Councils regarding the Public Contribution to Water Project Financing

The committee reviewed the presentation, provided comments and agreed that Stoldt should

proceed to schedule presentation opportunities with community groups and local government entities, and to utilize the services of Steve Thomas as a presenter if needed.

4. Invitation from Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency to Conduct a Joint Meeting of Public Outreach Representatives and Staff from the MPWMD and Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority re groundwater Replenishment

Stoldt updated the committee on plans to coordinate with the agencies listed above to develop a consistent message re Groundwater Replenishment. The plan is that staff will participate on the committee, but if it is determined that input from elected representatives is needed, the makeup of the committee could change.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

The committee agreed to meet again on October 14, 2013 at 1 pm. Staff was asked to develop a list of meeting dates for 2014, after committees are formed for the coming year.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 am.

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