



FINAL MINUTES
Technical Advisory Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
November 13, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am in the Conference room at the offices of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

Committee members present:	City of Monterey	Todd Bennett, Vice Chair
	City of Pacific Grove	Anastazia Azia
	City of Sand City	Todd Bodem
	City of Seaside	Rick Riedl (arrived at 10:09 am)
	Monterey Peninsula	Shelley Glennon
	Airport District	

Committee members absent:	City of Carmel-by-Sea	Marc Wiener
	City of Del Rey Oaks	Daniel Dawson
	County of Monterey	Rob Johnson

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: Heidi Quinn

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. **Elect Committee Chair and Vice Chair**
On a motion by Bennett and second of Riedl, Bennett was elected to Chair the committee for one year, beginning January 2015. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 5 – 0. The election for Vice Chair was deferred to the next committee meeting.
2. **Consider Adoption of Minutes of October 17, 2013 Committee Meeting**
Bennett offered a motion that was seconded by Azia to accept the minutes of October 17, 2013 as drafted. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 5 – 0.
3. **Develop Recommendation to the Board on Water Permit Requirements for Outdoor Seating**
Locke presented information on the development of outdoor restaurant seating within the jurisdictions, and asked for the committee members' recommendations regarding outdoor restaurant seating regulations. The committee discussed the issue.

Bennett concluded that the consensus of the TAC was that without any data indicating there is a net increase in water consumption beyond the amount of water associated with each individual

permit for the businesses that have outdoor seating, that the TAC members would not support a rule change, especially any rule that would not grandfather in those businesses that have followed all the rules and regulations up to this point.

The committee discussion is outlined below.

Pacific Grove – Read a letter into the record dated November 12, 2014 that posed questions to Water Management District staff about water permits for outdoor seating, and expressed opposition to any policy that would not “grandfather” existing outdoor seating areas or those with a pending building encroachment permit.

Monterey – The city would be supportive of a realistic rule change that would address a quantifiable increase in water consumption. It would be inappropriate to base new regulations on anecdotal evidence and not quantifiable data. Business owners have been following Water Management District policy on outdoor seating for twelve years, they have made a significant investment in the addition of outdoor seating, so existing outdoor seating and projects in process should be grandfathered if new regulations are developed. The Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority may be able to work with the hospitality industry to develop data on the impact of outdoor restaurant seating.

Seaside – I disagree with the Board of Directors setting policy without supporting data. If the assignment of .02 acre-feet per seat is higher than needed, is that a reasonable number? If it was decided that water credits would be needed to offset new outdoor seats, the .02 acre-feet factor would make a difference.

City of Sand City – Is there any impact on water use from the food truck, or a drive-up location where there is no outdoor or indoor seating?

Monterey Peninsula Airport District – You need effective outreach to the hospitality/restaurant industry to obtain cooperation and data to substantiate any regulations you will develop.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.