



FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
April 18, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Brenda Lewis

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

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. Adopt Minutes of January 17, 2013 Committee Meeting

On a motion by Byrne and second of Lewis, the minutes of the January 17, 2013 committee meeting were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0.

2. Review Conceptual Ordinance Addressing Strategic Plan Goals for Permit Process Revisions

The committee reviewed the conceptual ordinance and provided suggested revisions to staff. (A) There was consensus that the definition of “change of use” should be amended related to meter splits. If a meter split would result in reduced water use capacity, it would not be considered a change of use. If a meter split would result in greater water use capacity it could be considered a change of use. Staff was directed to develop language in the ordinance that would incorporate the meter split discussion. The new language might be incorporated in sections on water “connections” or “meter splits.” (B) Regarding proposed amendments to Rule 20, the committee suggested that section B.3 be amended by adding an exception for relocation or removal of water fixtures. A permit would not be required if less than 25% of existing square footage would be added to the structure. Section B.6 was deleted. (C) Section 23-B-2-c should refer to all structures that are required to install fire suppression systems. (D) The committee discussed the proposed changes to Rule 24. They agreed with the proposal is to establish the fixture unit value for an ultra-low flush toilet at 1.8. The committee requested that the section on Connection Charge History be removed. (E) The committee agreed with the proposed amendment to the Deed Restriction Implementation Guidelines.

3. Review Concept for Permitting Mobile Water Distribution Systems

The committee discussed permitting of mobile water distribution systems and suggested the following. (1) Need proof of the water source for the mobile water distribution system. (2) Issue long-term permits that expire when the source is no longer available. (3) If the water source or destination for use of the water changes, a new long-term permit should be required. (4) The cost of the permit should be minimal; a flat fee based on the staff time needed to process the permit and then a fee for any additional hours required.

Discussion Items

4. Report on Performance of Rebate Program

Pintar distributed a Rebate Program Summary (on file at the District office and can be viewed on the MPWMD website) and responded to questions from the committee members.

5. Discuss Commercial Laundry System Vendors

Pintar reviewed with the committee efforts to advise commercial laundry owners about rebates that are available to them for replacement of water-efficient washers.

6. Review Emerging Issue – Water Meters

No discussion.

7. Provide Information on the Monterey Bay 100 Greywater System Challenge

Pintar distributed information on the Monterey Bay 100 Greywater System Challenge that is focused on activating Monterey Bay Area residents to install 100 greywater systems by September 30, 2013. In response to the challenge, the Water Management District has scheduled a laundry-to-landscape workshop for interested members of the public.

8. Receive Update on Fire Sprinkler Testing

Pintar distributed a memorandum that described the amount of water that is used to inspect/test fire sprinkler systems on quarterly, annual and 5-year increments as required by the National Fire Protection Association. Pintar stated that if there is a method to capture the water lost during a fire sprinkler test and redirect it to outdoor landscaping, the Water Management District should encourage it.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, June 6, 2013 at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 pm.

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