



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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Brenda Lewis (participated by telephone)

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

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of September 24, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Byrne and second of Lewis, the committee approved the September 23, 2014 minutes on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Lewis and Markey.
2. **Develop Recommendation to the Board on Water Permit Requirements for Outdoor Seating**
On a motion by Byrne and second of Lewis, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors defer this item to December 2014, and that the staff note accompanying this recommendation include the committee members' remarks. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Lewis and Markey.

Public comment: (a) **Mike Zimmerman**, Cannery Row Company, stated that outdoor seating is key to the economic revitalization of Monterey and Pacific Grove. He said that the visitor serving industry could provide evidence that additional outdoor seating does not have an effect on overall water use. (b) **Luke Coletti**, resident of Pacific Grove, stated that if additional seats are added to a restaurant, the capacity for water use has been expanded. It would be responsible for the Water Management District to require that business owners pay a fee for additional demand that is created by outdoor seating. (c) **Carmelita Garcia**, resident of Pacific Grove, stated that outdoor restaurant seating should require a water permit. Restaurants with outdoor seating should be audited to determine if retrofits can be completed to offset the water use from those seats. A use permit is required for the addition of outdoor seating; therefore a permit from the Water Management District should follow.

During the discussion of this item Stoldt advised that the Technical Advisory Committee had recommended that this issue be removed from the November 17, 2014 Board meeting agenda and considered at a later date. The Water Demand Committee members expressed the following opinions: (a) Any restaurant that submits an application for outdoor seating should be inspected to ensure that all water efficiency requirements have been accomplished. (b) A restaurant is permitted for a specific number of seats, whether inside or outside. Those permit conditions must be enforced. A potential compromise would be to require that all Best Management Practices and water efficiency requirements be accomplished. (c) A new rule could be established that requires a permit for outdoor seating as of a specific date, including projects in process. (d) Our current rules require permits for restaurant seating, but we had not enforced that upon outdoor seating. The situation has changed. Restaurant owners should be advised of the requirement to permit all restaurant seats and that they should not exceed the number of seats authorized by their permits. (e) Future water permits should show indoor and outdoor seating.

Discussion Items

3. Report on Monterey Institute of International Studies Research Regarding Water Rationing

A group of graduate students at California State University Monterey Bay are taking up the topic of “allocation of scarce resources” as their year-long project. They will review our rationing program and survey others. We have identified a series of policy questions for them to analyze. They will report back in late January, but the results of the study will not be available until May 2015.

Other Items

Locke advised the committee about Rebate Program funding. The committee asked staff to report to the Board.

Public comment: (a) **Luke Coletti** noted that the Water Management District’s rebate application should state that rebates will be issued only while funds are available. (b) **Mike Zimmerman** advised that funding should be identified for the rebate applications in process, as denying payment will adversely affect the Water Management District’s credibility in the community.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for December 5, 2014 at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.