

FINAL MINUTES
**Water Supply Planning Committee Meeting of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**
March 8, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 AM in the District conference room.

Committee members present: Bob Brower, Chair
Alvin Edwards
Kristi Markey (arrived at 9:15 AM)

Staff present: Darby Fuerst, General Manager
Andy Bell, Planning & Engineering Manager/District Engineer
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from Public

No comments.

Action Items

1. **Receive Minutes of February 2, 2010 Committee Meeting**
On a motion by Director Edwards and second by Director Brower, the minutes were received unanimously on a vote of 2 – 0. Director Markey was absent for the vote.

Discussion Items

2. **Update on Potential Water Projects Including Desalination**
 - A. **Staff Report on All Alternative Desal Sites and Feasibility of Each Site Located Within the District Boundaries**

The committee members reviewed the Work Plan and Schedule to Identify Project Sites, submitted by Andy Bell. The committee members agreed that if the District were to develop a desalination plant, the potential water supply goal should be 2,000 acre-feet. The committee agreed to continue to the next meeting, their discussion of feasibility criteria and results of a literature search.
3. **Discuss Next Steps re Development of 95-10 Desalination Project**

Discussion and action are incorporated in item 2.A.
4. **Review Policy Regarding Cistern Use to Offset Outdoor Demand**

The committee reviewed information provided by staff and agreed with the concept of offering water credits for installation of cisterns. The issue was referred to the Water Demand Committee for development of revised rules and a determination on issues such as enforcement, and if water from a cistern on one property could be used to irrigate a contiguous or non-contiguous lot.

During the public comment period on this item, John Bridges asked that the District develop rules that would encourage the use of cisterns to capture rainwater to provide a

non-potable substitute water source for landscape irrigation, and that a water credit would be obtained to offset the amount of potable water that would not be used to irrigate landscaping.

5. Update on Development of Recycled Wastewater Alternatives

The committee discussed the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) proposal to construct the Groundwater Replenishment Project as part of Phase II of the Regional Water Supply Project. Mr. Fuerst reported that the MRWPCA plans to refrain from taking any action on this project for six months. The committee also discussed the anticipated cost for the desalination project that is a component of the proposed Regional Water Supply Project. District Counsel was directed to provide at the May 15, 2010 Board meeting, an update on development of the reimbursement agreement between California American Water (Cal-Am), Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. When the agreement has been made public, staff should provide a presentation on the content at a future Board meeting.

6. Update on Progress of Development of an MOU with MRWPCA on Water Supply Planning and Funding

No discussion of this item.

7. Report on Potential for Increasing Capacity of Los Padres Reservoir

The committee agreed to defer this item for six months, and at that time receive an update from District staff.

8. Update on Status of San Clemente Dam Removal/Reroute Proposal

No action was taken by the committee on this item.

9. Progress Report on Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

General Manager Fuerst reported that this year, approximately 500 acre-feet of Carmel River water had been injected into the Seaside Basin. It was suggested by the committee that 1,000 acre-feet of water could be injected before May 31, 2010. Craig Anthony, General Manager of Cal-Am, Monterey Division, asserted that State Water Resources Control Board Order 95-10 prevents Cal-Am from distributing water in excess of 10,285 acre-feet for any purpose, including Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR). The committee directed that District staff confer with District Counsel and obtain a determination on the validity of Mr. Anthony's understanding of Order 95-10 as it relates to ASR. The committee discussed how construction on realignment of General Jim Moore Boulevard has the potential to disrupt operation of the ASR well. The committee directed that District Counsel and any director that is interested should participate in meetings with contractors and other parties responsible for realignment, in order to ensure that ASR pumping continues during the construction period.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

The committee members agreed to meet on April 12, 2010 at 9 AM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM.