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**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M. Regular Meeting at
Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room
January 26, 2012**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Dalessio, Lance Monosoff, Vince Frumkin, Thomas House, Frank Pierce, Margaret Robbins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Larry Levine

PUBLIC PRESENT: Gabriela Alberola (Planning and Conservation League or PCL), Lorin Letendre (CRWC), Rami Shihadeh (RCDMC), Brian LeNeve (CRSA), William Dorey (Granite Construction Co.), Tom Coppinger (Granite Construction Co.), Harley Raugh (Granite Construction Co.), Jack Angel (Construction Management)

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Hampson, Thomas Christensen, Kevan Urquhart

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Rami Shihadeh stated that the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County (RCDMC) could help with road assessments and restoration projects in Carmel Valley. In addition, they may be able to help with permitting for large projects.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – Thomas House made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2011 Regular Meeting, and was seconded by Vince Frumkin. **The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.**

4. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED ACTIVITIES – Lorin Letendre stated that the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC) is helping revive the Carmel River Task Force that has a prioritized an action plan for activities on the Carmel River. In addition, they are working with Monterey County Water Resources Agency to study the feasibility of installing an Ecosystem Protection Barrier (EPB) at the Carmel River lagoon and tying the barrier in to erosion protection along Scenic Road. In this effort, CRWC is investigating whether funds from County Service Area (CSA) 1 can be used for the project, which is intended to protect homes along the north side of the lagoon from flooding and protect Scenic Road infrastructure from erosion induced by river and wave action. CRWC has also launched their website www.carmelriverwatershed.org and is working on developing a watershed tour for the Carmel River.

5. DISCUSSION OF LOS PADRES DAM AND RESERVOIR – The discussion of Los Padres Dam and Reservoir focused largely on whether the Committee should facilitate a workshop on Los Padres Dam to discuss issues surrounding the future of the dam and reservoir. William “Bill” Dorey, a former Chief Executive Office for Granite Construction Company, which is based out of Watsonville, estimated that dredging of Los Padres Reservoir could cost around 50 million dollars. He also stated that several years ago the estimate for dredging San

Clemente Reservoir was also in the range of 50 million dollars.

Kevan Urquhart stated that fish passage at Los Padres Dam using the trap and truck method is not optimal and the cost for installing a new fish ladder over Los Padres Dam is estimated at about \$8 million dollars.

After discussion of Los Padres Dam, Lance Monosoff motioned for a committee to investigate holding a public workshop on Los Padres Dam. Margaret Robins seconded the motion. With suggestions from John Dalessio, the CRAC settled on the following individuals to head up the Los Padres Dam public workshop committee: Lance Monosoff, Rami Shihadeh, John Dalessio, Frank Pierce, and Bill Dorey. Larry Hampson and Kevan Urquhart will be MPWMD support staff for this effort.

6. STAFF REPORTS

- a. Integrated Regional Water Management Planning – Larry Hampson reported on the execution of a grant agreement with the Department of Water Resources for \$995,000 from Proposition 84 bond funds.
- b. Update on Carmel River Watershed Rainfall and Flow Conditions – Thomas Christensen stated that for Water Year 2012 (October-January) the total amount of rainfall was 6.55 inches at San Clemente Dam and that the long term average rainfall was 11.19 inches. This left us with a 60 percent of average rainfall for the October-January time period.
- c. Report on Schulte Road Bridge Replacement Project – Larry Hampson reported that MPWMD was processing a River Work Permit for the replacement of Schulte Road Bridge.

7. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee members scheduled the next committee meeting for April 12, 2012. The following topics were requested to be placed on a future agenda:

- a. Report from Los Padres Dam Workshop Committee
- b. Update on Sleepy Hollow Ford and Bridge Work
- c. CRWC Update
- d. Carmel River Task Force Update

8. ADJOURNMENT

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