



**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Water Supply Planning Committee of the**  
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**  
*November 5, 2013*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am in the MPWMD conference room.

**Committee members present:** Bob Brower, Chair  
Jeanne Byrne  
David Pendergrass

**Staff members present:** David Stoldt, General Manager  
Larry Hampson, Planning & Engineering Division Manager  
Sara Reyes, Office Services Supervisor

**Comments from the Public:** No comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period.

**Action Items**

1. **Adopt Minutes of July 10 and October 8, 2013 Committee Meetings**  
On a motion by Byrne and second of Pendergrass, the minutes were approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Brower, Byrne and Pendergrass. No public comments were directed to the committee on this item.
2. **Authorize Expenditure of Funds for Review of California American Water Design Build Procurement Process**  
On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Byrne, the committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve the hiring of SPI to serve as consultant for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project Governance Committee, with services not-to-exceed \$40,000 for which the District will be reimbursed one-third of the cost by the County of Monterey and the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Authority. Directors Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower voted in favor of the motion. Public comment was received from George Riley, who asked if Rob MacLean will be part of the procurement process. General Manager Stoldt replied that was to be determined.
3. **Consider Expenditure of Funds to Contract with Underwriter for Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project**  
On a motion by Byrne and second of Pendergrass, the committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board approve the hiring of Raymond James Associates to provide lead

underwriting services for the Water Rate Relief Bonds, with near-term services not-to-exceed \$60,000 over the next 18 months, paid as an advance against future underwriting fees. There was no public comment.

#### **Discussion Items**

##### **4. Update on Water Rights Related Studies**

Hampson reported that Schaaf and Wheeler, Consulting Civil Engineers, have committed to study the use of reclamation ditch water for the Groundwater Replenishment Project. One of the tasks assigned to Schaaf and Wheeler is to research the State Water Resources Control Board database to determine whether there are any claims on the reclamation ditch for any of the downstream flows from Salinas. The goal is to maximize the existing wastewater pipeline system and get as much flow as possible.

Public Comment: George Riley asked the group, if the District is pursuing the Blanco Drain only, reclamation ditch only or both? Hampson replied that the focus right now is the reclamation ditch as far as water availability and going forward with the water rights application. Until there is some resolution about how people want to use the Blanco Drain, the District would not get involved into looking at that.

##### **5. Update on Groundwater Replenishment Project**

Stoldt reported this has been discussed throughout the meeting under previous items. The Recycled Water Committee of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) re-approved the environmental work with Denise Duffy. The District will continue to work on obtaining regular budget updates from MRWPCA. A joint public relations coordination meeting was held in October. A media plan is in place. A concern of the District is that Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR) is not on the same level as other projects. The project will be promoted as pure, clean and environmentally sensitive. The District's consultant, Steve Thomas continues to work on promoting this message. Director Byrne suggested that public funds be used to send Steve Thomas and other key persons in the community to the Orange County tour. George Riley asked if Groundwater Replenishment is anticipated to produce 6,000-10,000 acre-feet as opposed to 3,500 acre-feet? Stoldt responded that production is estimated to be 3,500 acre-feet.

##### **6. Update on Investigations into Desalination Contingency Project**

Stoldt reported that he will be meeting next week with the DeepWater Desal group. Regarding the Los Padres Dam study, California American Water wants to do its own study even though the District plans to conduct a study. The District continues to pursue information from NOAA on the Sleepy Hollow land transfer. Director Brower asked that an item be put on the agenda for the next Water Supply Planning Committee meeting to address what document exists that gives the District the right to enter the Sleepy Hollow property. Byrne asked for the status of a permanent easement or agreement for access to the steelhead rearing facility with the planned transfer of land from Cal-Am to the Bureau of Land Management.

**Suggestions from the Public on Water Supply Project Alternatives**

George Riley reported three town hall meetings will be conducted the week before Thanksgiving in Monterey, Seaside and Carmel Valley.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

The committee agreed to meet again on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 2 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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