



FINAL MINUTES

Water Supply Planning Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *January 21, 2015*

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am in the Water Management District conference room.

Committee members present: Robert S. Brower, Sr. - Committee Chair
David Pendergrass
Jeanne Byrne

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager
Larry Hampson, Planning & Engineering Division Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from the Public No comments were directed to the committee.

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of November 10, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion of Pendergrass and second by Byrne, the November 10, 2014 meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Byrne and Brower. No comments from the public were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item.

- XY. **Consideration of Revised Local Projects Grant Request by City of Pacific Grove**
Pendergrass offered a motion that was seconded by Brower, to take no further action on the grant request until the City of Pacific Grove submits its revised grant application for consideration. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Brower and Byrne.

Public Comment: **Tom Frutche**y, City Manager, City of Pacific Grove, stated that he is aware that the project as described in the original grant application was a cause for concern, as a reduction in wastewater flows to the MRWPCA treatment plan could be interpreted by some parties to pose a conflict with the Pure Water Monterey groundwater replenishment project. Frutchey offered to submit a revised application that would address four components of the project. (1) Dry weather diversion program could be increased by upgrading the two 100 gallon per minute pumps at Greenwood Park. (2) Expand the dry weather diversion to West of Lover's Point Park to achieve an increase in diversions. (3) Increase surface area of Crespi Pond and complete the five-

year dredging program, in order to increase storage capacity. This would also allow for metered and delayed flows from the pond. (4) Take all steps to ensure that the local project is on schedule and operational before January 1, 2017. Under this project, additional storm water flows would be treated at a facility to be constructed by Pacific Grove. The storm water would not be sent to the ocean; instead it would be piped to the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency's (MRWPCA) treatment facility. Frutchey explained that the primary purpose of the project is to replace potable water use at the Pacific Grove Golf Course and Cemetery with tertiary treated water. The most cost effective method in the short term is to utilize sewer flows. In the long term, there will be a greater opportunity to utilize storm water flows, but the first phase does have a storm water component.

The committee members expressed concern about the construction of new wastewater treatment plants in Pacific Grove and Monterey, considering that the regional plant was intended to process all the jurisdictions' wastewater. A question was raised about the ability of MRWPCA to move the heavy waste stream from Pacific Grove's treatment plant, through its distribution lines. Stoldt noted that due to CDO regulations, the reduction in potable use of 125 acre-feet for the City of Pacific Grove may not result in new water for allocation. Ideally, creation of a public water credit would be the best option, but there is no guarantee that could be established. One director expressed opposition to Pacific Grove treating sewer water, but supported treatment of storm water and dry weather flows.

Discussion Items

2. Update on Mid-Year Adjustment to Pure Water Monterey Budget

Byrne offered a motion that was seconded by Pendergrass to increase the budget by \$788,838 to be funded from reserves. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower. No public comment was presented to the committee on this item.

3. Discuss Development of Groundwater Sustainability Plan

Stoldt advised the committee that the Water Management District has until June 30, 2016 to make a decision about becoming a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. He recommended that the Water Management District should take on that responsibility. He stated that the District should meet with the State Water Resources Control Board and the California Department of Water Resources to discuss the status of the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer. The legislation that calls for a Groundwater Sustainability Plan designates the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer as a groundwater basin. However, the State Water Resources Control Board has issued surface water rights to pumpers along the river. This might be resolved by removal of the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer from the list of groundwater basins that require a sustainability plan, or moving the aquifer to lower priority on the list.

4. Progress Report on Property Lease from City of Seaside for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

Stoldt reported that Directors Potter and Brower joined staff to meet with Seaside representatives. They reviewed a draft agreement, and offered some changes. A thorough review of the agreement is still in progress by Water Management District

Legal Counsel. A revised version will then be submitted to Seaside representatives for review and comment.

5. Update on California American Water Co. Desalination Plant

Stoldt reported that facility design is underway, and test slant well drilling continues on a 24-hour per day schedule. The driller encountered some problems, which may impede their ability to drill down to the desired depth before the Snowy Plover nesting season begins. Another threat to the project may be that Marina Coast Water District is investigating start-up of its 300,000 gallons-per-day desalination plant. If it could be determined that Cal-Am's project interferes with Marina Coast's source water intake, that could delay or bring an end to Cal-Am desal.

Suggestions from the Public on Water Supply Project Alternatives

No comments.

Set Next Meeting Date

The meeting was scheduled for February 10, 2015 at 2 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:05 pm.

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