

DRAFT MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
October 17, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:40 pm.

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

Committee members absent: Ralph Rubio

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Maureen Hamilton, Water Resources Engineer
Jonathan Lear, Senior Hydrogeologist
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present Fran Farina

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

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2017

On a motion by Byrne and second of Brower, this item was deferred to the next committee meeting, so that staff could review the audio recording of the meeting to determine if amendments should be made to item 3, Update on Local Water Supply Projects, Local Water Projects. The motion was approved on a vote of 2 – 0 by Brower and Bryne. Rubio was absent.

2. Consider Adoption of Reimbursement Methodology and Amendment 2 to Cost Sharing Agreement for Pure Water Monterey

On a motion by Byrne and second of Brower, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve Amendment 2 to the Cost Sharing Agreement with Monterey One Water (MOW). The motion was approved on a vote of 2 – 0 by Brower and Byrne. Rubio was absent.

Discussion Items

3. Update on Water Supply Projects

a. Pure Water Monterey (PWM)

Maureen Hamilton, Water Resources Engineer, reported on progress toward completion of the injection well component of the PWM project: (1) the horizontal directionally drilled pipeline has been completed that will convey source water under the Salinas River to the MOW treatment facility; (2) the piers were being installed for the Blanco pump station; (3) the UV equipment for the advanced water purification facility had been tested and should be shipped in November; (4) the reverse osmosis, advanced oxidation and ozone equipment would be tested in November; (5) the Marina Coast Water District would issue a notice to proceed with pipeline construction; and (6) the deep injection well had been sealed and would be tested to determine the injection capacity. Stoldt reported that the consulting firm

of GHD had been offered a contract as program manager to coordinate scheduling of all phases of the PWM project.

Luke Coletti addressed the committee during the public comment period on this item. He asked about the location of the Blanco drain diversion site. Stoldt responded that a pump station would direct source water to a pipeline installed under the Salinas river for diversion to the MOW facility.

b. California American Water Desalination Project

Stoldt reported that the pipeline bridge that would span one section of Highway 68 was being fabricated. He stated that evidentiary hearings would begin on September 27, 2017 on California American Water Company application 12-04-019 before the California Public Utilities Commission. The Administrative Law judge would receive testimony on desalination plant sizing and project alternatives that could meet community water needs.

Luke Coletti addressed the committee during the public comment period on this item. He noted that the EIR on the water supply project proposed planning for 500 acre-feet of water for bounce back and 1,200 acre-feet of water to provide for legal lots of record. He stated that the project would not be sized to meet 50-year growth projections, and that Cal-Am must identify other water supply solutions for the future.

c. DeepWater Desal

Stoldt reported that the project proponents were in negotiation with a Spanish company to provide equity funding. Money had been obtained for a benthic study required for the project EIR. However, completion of the EIR was behind schedule. The CPUC determined that Deep Water Desal alternatives did not merit consideration in hearings on the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

d. Local Water Projects

- Pacific Grove Local Water Project – Testing of the project had been conducted and it should be operational soon.
- City of Pacific Grove Stormwater Flow and Drywater Flow Reuse Project – No quarterly update received from the City.
- The Pebble Beach Company Del Monte Golf Course Test Well Project – Project on hold due to the pending sale of the Del Monte Hotel property.
- City of Monterey – Monterey Regional Water Recovery Study – Progress continues on the study that would enable development of a Peninsula-wide water and stormwater management plan.
- Monterey Peninsula Airport District – Feasibility Study on Use of Non-Potable Wells – The Airport District continues its efforts to identify uses for water from its two non-potable wells.

Luke Coletti addressed the committee during the public comment period on this item. He noted that the City of Pacific Grove recently received a \$4 million grant for a project that involves stormwater capture at the golf course. He stated that the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (ASR) was the best water supply project developed on the Monterey Peninsula, as it could contribute 1,300 acre-feet of water annually to the local water supply. He asked why ASR had contributed to the water supply only four out of the last eight years. *Staff explained that four years of drought severely limited withdrawals of water from the Carmel River for ASR. During wet years, the District has water rights to divert*

approximately 29 acre-feet of water per day for ASR, but transmission facilities could accommodate diversion of only 20 acre-feet per day. The 1,300 acre-feet per year is only feasible if during wet years ASR water is banked for use as a drought reserve.

4. Update on Los Padres Dam Studies

No report.

5. Update on North Monterey County Drought Contingency Plan and Salinas and Carmel Rivers Basin Study

Stoldt reported that progress continued on development of the study.

Set Next Meeting Date: November 14, 2017 at 9:30 am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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