

DRAFT MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
November 14, 2017

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am.

Committee members present: Robert S. Brower, Sr. - Committee Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Ralph Rubio (left the meeting at 9:20 am)

Committee members absent: None

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

District Counsel present David C. Laredo

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

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of Revised Draft Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2017**
On a motion by Byrne and second of Rubio, minutes of the September 19, 2017 committee meeting were approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Rubio and Brower.

Discussion Items

2. **Update on Water Supply Projects**
 - a. Pure Water Monterey (PWM)

In response to a question from General Manager Stoldt, **David Chardavoyne**, General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency), stated that the growers have concerns about limitations on new well construction that the Agency is proposing due to implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Act. These developments have also raised the growers' concerns about the cost of source water for PWM, and their commitment to providing water to the Monterey Peninsula. Chardavoyne noted that the growers have an agreement on source water, and that their concerns should be allayed once they see the result of studies that are underway by the Agency and Monterey One Water. He noted that the growers can decide not to participate in future phases of PWM. **Paul Scuito**, General Manager of Monterey One Water, stated that the growers will benefit due to lower costs related to groundwater pumping, and that sourcewater reliability can be demonstrated. **Ralph Rubio left the meeting at 9:20 am.**
 - b. California American Water Desalination Project
No discussion.

- c. DeepWater Desal
No discussion.

- d. Local Water Projects

- Pacific Grove Local Water Project

There was no discussion by the committee. Under public comment, Luke Coletti a resident of Pacific Grove, thanked the committee for approving the amended minutes of the September 19, 2017 meeting. He stated that the Odello entitlement is different from Cal-Am's entitlement to water from the Pacific Grove Local Water Project. He explained that Condition 4.B of the financing agreement for the Local Water Project limits the distribution of freed-up water from the project until the Executive Director of the State Water Control Board (SWRCB) approves its use. Mr. Coletti stated this could be interpreted to mean "when the CDO is lifted." He said that MPWMD Ordinance No. 168 would allow the project's entitlement water to be used after the Cal-Am irrigation water is permanently suspended from use. Mr. Coletti disagreed that there would be a permanent disconnection from Cal-Am. Mr. Coletti said that he and the Sierra Club would oppose any action to utilize the water entitlement before the SWRCB authorizes it.

3. **Update on Los Padres Dam Studies**

Hampson reviewed information provided in the staff report regarding the studies that will inform water resource planning efforts on the Carmel River and regionally. He stated that the **Carmel River Basin Hydrologic Model** has been completed and that the United States Geological Survey is currently calibrating the model. Completion of the **Instream Flow Incremental Method Study of the Carmel River** will be important when the District applies to the State Water Resources Control Board to utilize the remainder of water rights Permit No. 20808B. The information in the study will be critical to setting instream flow requirements for withdrawals from the Carmel River during the winter months. This information could also have a bearing on modifications to California American Water Table 13 water rights. Hampson explained that new information has been uncovered related to the **Los Padres Dam and Reservoir Alternative Study**. It was recently discovered that in 1946 when the original water right of 3,030 acre-feet was determined, that number was based on incorrect reservoir topography that overstated the reservoir volume by 10 percent. The volume was approximately 2,700 acre-feet and not 3,030 acre-feet estimated at the time. Cal-Am currently has a right to divert 2,200 acre-feet based on a 1984 survey of the reservoir volume at Los Padres. The reservoir volume is currently less than 1,700 acre-feet. If the dredging alternative is pursued, the SWRCB may only authorize an increase of 500 acre-feet. A previous study estimated it could cost \$100 million for 500 acre-feet of new supply, which would be very costly. Hampson presented a Powerpoint titled Review of Preliminary Alternatives for Further Evaluation that outlined Los Padres Dam and Reservoir alternatives. The Powerpoint is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the MPWMD website.

- 5. **Update on North Monterey County Drought Contingency Plan and Salinas and Carmel Rivers Basin Study**
No discussion.

Set Next Meeting Date: No date was scheduled.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.