



FINAL

MINUTES

**Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
February 21, 2018**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm.

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

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Larry Hampson, Water Resources & Engineering
Manager/District Engineer
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present Fran Farina

Comments from the Public: Luke Coletti noted that a correction should be made to minutes of the 1/23/2018 committee meeting, under item 3(d) – delete the reference to Public Utilities Commission and replace it with State Water Resources Control Board.

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2018**
On a motion of Byrne and second by Brower, the minutes were approved unanimously with the correction noted by Luke Coletti during public comment. The vote was 3 – 0 with Bryne, Brower and Rubio voting in support.

Discussion Items

- 2. Update on Los Padres Dam Study**
Hampson reported that two workshops were conducted with the Technical Review Committee that included staff from California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDF&W), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), California Coastal Conservancy (CCC), California American Water (CAW) and District staff.

Fish Passage Workshop - There was discussion about letters from the NMFS and CDF&W expressing concern that insufficient data on fish passage and mortality was available for concurrent preparation of fish passage and Los Padres Dam alternatives. Hampson stated that the District and NMFS jointly implemented a fish-tagging program to collect data that would respond to agency concerns. The committee

agreed that improving fish attraction for the existing trap and truck program should be evaluated as soon as possible. One alternative for fish passage is the Whoosh system. The NMFS is testing the system at another dam. However, the system requires rigorous testing and data before it could be considered for the Los Padres Dam.

Dam Alternatives Workshop - In a few months a study should be completed that will describe changes to sediment transport from different dam removal and dredging scenarios. District staff will work with the USGS to complete a computer simulation model for water availability and present it to the TRC for review. A study to determine liability should the dam be removed must also be completed.

Public Comment: Luke Coletti noted that concerns have been raised about high sulfite levels at the fish trap. He suggested that a water quality assessment should be completed as one component of assessing the effectiveness of the fish trap. *Hampson responded that Cal-Am controls access to the trap, so a coordinated effort between Cal-Am and the District would be needed.*

3. **Update on Water Supply Projects**

a. Pure Water Monterey (PWM)
No discussion.

b. California American Water Desalination Project
No discussion.

c. DeepWater Desal
No new information to report.

d. Local Water Projects
Stoldt provided an update on local water projects – **(1) The City of Monterey** - Monterey Regional Water Recovery Study is underway. **(2) Monterey Peninsula Airport District (MPAD)** - talks continue with MPAD on utilizing subpotable water from MPAD wells for expansion of the north side business park. This project would utilize subpotable and potable water sources. **(3) Del Monte Golf Course** – The Pebble Beach Company is considering development of storage for water from wells that were constructed with grant funds from the District. **(4) The Pacific Grove Stormwater Dry Weather Flow Reuse Project** – The City of Pacific Grove has certified that it has achieved permanent abandonment of its Cal-Am connection, although the potential for emergency service remains.

Public Comment: Luke Coletti advised that there are concerns about high-chloride levels in the reclaimed water, and that the Pacific Grove project should be operated for one year before it could be certified as being permanently disconnected from the Cal-Am system.

4. **Discuss Rainfall and Storage Conditions**

Stoldt distributed a handout titled Water Year Classification by Recorded Rainfall. He reviewed the handout and stated that storage in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System should be sufficient to meet the needs of the District for the next 17

months. Based on storage, there should be no need to implement additional water conservation measures.

5. Discuss Reinstatement of District Reserve and Policy for Use

The committee discussed establishment of a District reserve, and if it should be restricted to projects that provide a public benefit or if it could be allocated for jurisdictional use. During the discussion committee members opined that: (a) only for public benefit projects; (b) Board should determine if a project provides a public benefit; (c) each request should be determined on its merit by the Board – not according to a list of qualifying projects; and (d) project should not be growth inducing.

Public Comment: Luke Coletti stated that the SWRCB is not concerned about how the District views intensification of use, but in how much water is diverted from the Carmel River. He hoped the CDO would be resolved soon. He suggested that since Cal-Am and the District have a non-disclosure agreement re billing records, Cal-Am could provide the District with an analysis of water use in lieu of actual water records. He noted that recent projects are deed restricted, so that the District has access to water records at the site.

Set Next Meeting Date: No meeting date was set.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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