



FINAL MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
January 11, 2017

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am in the MPWMD conference room.

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

Committee members absent: None

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

District Counsel present David Laredo

Comments from the Public: None

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes of October 18, 2016**
On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Byrne, the minutes of October 18, 2016 were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Byrne and Brower.

2. **Consider Development of Recommendation to the Board regarding the Los Padres Dam Alternatives Study**
On a motion by Byrne and second of Pendergrass, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors contract with AECOM for a not-to-exceed amount of \$500,000. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower.

During the public comment period on this item staff responded to questions from George Riley. Riley - You said that \$500,000 from Cal-Am's General Rate Case will not cover the cost to complete the study– please explain. *Staff response – The 2015-17 General Rate Case includes \$1 million to complete the Los Padres Long Term Plan Project. The GRC funds are sufficient to pay for the Los Padres Dam Alternatives Study. But costs that exceed the \$1 million to complete all studies associated with the the Long Term Plan will need to be funded from Water Management District revenue sources or other Cal-Am sources.* Riley - Will the feasibility study focus on long-term use of the dam, or to dismantle the dam? *Staff response - The study will analyze long-term alternatives considering the long-term effects on fish and water supply. The study*

should propose two or three alternatives that will require detailed assessment. The study should rule out some options and focus on feasible alternatives. The study should determine that if the dam is removed, what would be the source of replacement for the 2,200 AF of storage. Riley – Silt management is complicated and very expensive. I support keeping the dam as long as possible. Will the study propose operational options related to sediment transport? Staff Response - The study will analyze the risks and liabilities of sediment transport solutions. Cal-Am's water right from the Los Padres Dam has been reduced due to siltation. If Los Padres storage capacity continues to be reduced by siltation, Cal-Am may not meet its release requirements and the state could again cut-back the water right.

Hampson presented video footage of January 2017 high flows at Los Padres Dam and fish passage facilities on the Carmel River.

Discussion Items

3. Update on Salinas and Carmel River Basin Study

Hampson stated that at the February committee meeting, he will ask the committee to consider a plan for participation in completion of a Salinas and Carmel River Basin Study. The Bureau of Reclamation will fund the study with a 50% matching contribution from the partner agencies. Those contributions can be provided from in-kind services, such as completion of the Los Padres Dam Alternatives Study, and work that has been completed on the Pure Water Monterey Project. The Bureau of Reclamation has developed a work plan for development of the study that has been reviewed by the partner agencies.

4. Update on Local Water Projects

Stoldt reported that the City of Pacific Grove has not yet utilized the 2015 grant it received for its Stormwater Flow and Drywater Flow Reuse Project. The City has a three-year period to access those funds. Stoldt also advised the committee that the Monterey Peninsula Airport District has non-potable water that could be utilized for irrigation off-site. It has been suggested that this water might be used as a source of supply by the Pebble Beach Company to irrigate the Del Monte Golf Course. The Pebble Beach Company utilized a grant from the Water Management District to develop two wells for golf course irrigation, but the wells can provide only 50% of the irrigation need. In regards to the 2014 grant awarded to the Monterey County Fairgrounds, they have until June 2017 to utilize the funds for connection of their public restrooms to a non-potable well. Stoldt also advised the committee that the City of Seaside has not utilized funds from the 2015 grant received for improvements at the Laguna Grande Well.

During the public comment period on this item, George Riley urged the committee to support development of local water projects without delay.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting was set for February 8, 2017 at 11 am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:40 am