

FINAL MINUTES Water Demand Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

November 4, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair

Jeanne Byrne

Committee members absent: Brenda Lewis

Staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager

Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of September 23, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes
On a motion by Byrne and second of Markey, the minutes were adopted unanimously on a vote of 2-0 by Byrne and Markey.

2. Consider Lawn Removal Rebate Request from Monterey Peninsula Unified School District for Four School Sites

On a motion by Byrne and second of Markey, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize a rebate of \$56,642 from funds set aside for projects in the California American Water service area. The motion was adopted unanimously on a vote of 2-0 by Byrne and Markey.

During the public comment period on this item, David Chandler, Coordinator of Renewable Energy and Conservation for Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, addressed the committee. He stated that funds received from the Water Management District in 2014 resulted in the implementation of conservation measures that have reduced water use district-wide by 52%. The budgetary savings will be placed into a water conservation fund to pay for additional conservation projects. He requested that the Board authorize the requested rebate.

Discussion Items

3. Update on State and County Regulations re Use of Residential Greywater Locke presented handouts: (a) List of Monterey County regulations re residential

greywater use; (b) press release on the Nexus eWater system a home system for greywater treatment; and (c) information on American National Standards for residential and commercial wastewater and greywater treatment systems. The committee reviewed the documents presented. Locke noted that Monterey County adopted the California State regulations.

4. Update on Draft Water Conservation and Rationing Plan

Locke advised the committee that public meetings to discuss the draft plan have been scheduled for December 1, 2015. The first session is tentatively scheduled from 8:30 am to 10 am at Casa Munras in Monterey and will be focused on commercial water users. The second session is set from 3 pm to 5 pm at the Monterey Public Library and is intended for residential water users. The draft plan will be sent out to commercial representatives two weeks prior to the meeting. The meetings will be publicized. Locke noted that the first reading of an ordinance to establish the plan is scheduled for December 14, 2015. The ordinance must be adopted before the end of February 2016 in order to be included in the California-American Water rate setting process. There are issues that need to be resolved: (a) Cal-Am places separately-metered apartments and condos in the same category as a single-family dwelling; therefore, Cal-Am's estimate of multi-family customers may not be accurate. (b) Should commercial water users that have implemented Best Management Practices be exempt from additional water reductions. For example, should reductions be required from an office building that is fully retrofitted and the only water use is for restrooms.

Other Items: No discussion.

Set Next Meeting Date: The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

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