



FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
September 23, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:08 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Brenda Lewis

Staff members present: Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of August 28, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Byrne and second of Lewis, the committee approved the August 28, 2015 Committee meeting minutes on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Lewis and Markey.

2. Continue Review of Proposed Conservation/Permitting Ordinance Terms

Locke stated that three ordinances would be prepared based on discussions at the August 28 and September 23, 2015 committee meetings. She reviewed each enumerated item in the staff note for September 23, 2015, to determine support from the committee. The committee agreed on all items, and commented on those listed here.

- 1) Auto Sales – A documented water credit would apply, but if there is no documented water credit, the Table 2 Non-Residential Water Use Factor would be used to estimate previous water use.
- 7) Whirlpool Tubs in Visitor-Serving Facilities - Suggested rebate of \$250 but recognized the cost to remove a tub could be very high. Requested that staff review this with hospitality industry representatives to determine the cost for tub removal. The rebate might be raised based on the cost for tub removal.
- 8) Alluvial Turf Removal – Rebates should not be funded by California-American Water rate payers. Must require replacement of lawn with drought tolerant landscape. A lower rebate for turf removal should be developed.
- 9) Water Pressure – Advise the public that water pressure should be between 40 and 60 psi, as in some areas the pressure is lower which results in very low faucet flows for the Cal-Am customer.
- 15) Limit Hotel Room Showers to One Showerhead - If there are two shower heads, each one should be on a separate valve system.
- 16) Factor for RV Hookups - Agreed with staff recommendation to calculate water factor at ¼ of the factor for a hotel room.

Other Items: Locke presented the issue of projects that have special circumstances. For example, the proposed Bella Hotel in Pacific Grove will be designed to utilize greywater for toilet flushing. The plan is to treat water to drinking water standards before it is piped to the toilets. Rules must be developed that would specify a reduced water factor or authorize a study to determine the water reduction that would be achieved. The committee noted that the Monterey County Health Department should be encouraged to modify its regulations to allow the use of greywater for residential use. Staff was asked to contact Monterey County regarding current regulations.

Locke stated that another example of special circumstances is when a property owner agrees to a 5-year period in which a project's water use is monitored, and if water use is exceeded at any time during that 5-year period the jurisdiction's allocation will be debited for the overage. Because jurisdictions may have no remaining allocation, our rules do allow retrofits at another site to compensate for the increased water use. Staff will present to the committee in the future modifications to the rule that allows the off-site retrofits, and also a request to monitor water use for the full 5-year period before requiring an offset for exceeding the water use estimates.

Set Next Meeting Date: The meeting was scheduled for November 4, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2 pm.

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