



**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Water Demand Committee of the**  
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**  
*September 28, 2017*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

**Committee members present:** Molly Evans, Chair  
Jeanne Byrne  
Andy Clarke

**Committee members absent:** None

**Staff members present:** David Stoldt, General Manager  
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager  
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

**District Council present:** David Laredo

**Comments from the Public:** No comments.

**Action Items**

1. **Consider Adoption of July 31, 2017 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
On a motion by Clarke and second of Byrne, minutes of the July 31, 2017 committee meeting were adopted unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Clarke, Byrne and Evans.
2. **Review Draft Ordinance No. 178, Adding a Multi-Family Residential Site Water Efficiency Rule and Allowing Sub-Metering of Accessory Dwelling Units**  
Clarke offered a motion that was seconded by Byrne, to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. 178. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Clarke, Byrne and Evans. No public comment was submitted during discussion of this item.

**Discussion Items**

3. **Discuss Water Conservation Offset Program**  
Stoldt explained that the Alliance for Water Efficiency (AWF) has designated the Water Management District as a Net Blue Community. The AWF's focus is on implementation of water-neutral growth ordinances that require or incentivize residential and commercial developments to offset their projected additional water demand through water-efficient retrofits of existing developments. The District does have a retrofit program, but has not established a water off-set policy.

Stoldt proposed a new water off-set program whereby an entity could pay to retrofit an existing commercial or residential development in one jurisdiction, and a portion of the water savings could be used in another jurisdiction. For example, 15% of the water savings could be set aside for permanent conservations savings to help environmental conditions and 10% could be applied to a District reserve. The water savings could be transferred to the Water Management District, and then to the jurisdiction for reinvestment – or be transferred directly to the entity that paid for the retrofits. Under this scenario, water credit would belong to the investor. This concept is similar to air quality incentives offered by the State. The committee members agreed that staff should develop a draft ordinance that would outline this program.

Another option would be to establish a fund that the District would use to retrofit properties that have a potential for water savings. The committee members did not support establishment of that type of program at this time.

#### **4. Discuss Irrigation Days – Private Wells**

Stoldt explained that there are properties outside of the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System that are currently required to comply with the two-day per week watering schedule, even though their water source is neither from the Carmel River nor the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The Monterey County Fairgrounds is an example of one such property. Another example is the City of Monterey that irrigates open space with water from Lake El Estero.

Stoldt proposed a new rule that would exempt those properties from the two-day per week watering requirement, if the property was in compliance with other conservation requirements, and signage was posted that noted why irrigation was occurring outside of the two-day rule.

The committee expressed support for the proposed policy, and agreed that it could be implemented immediately for properties that qualify. The exemption could eventually be incorporated into a future ordinance that would address water waste rules.

**Set Next Meeting Date:** November 20, 2017 at 4 pm.

Evans requested that at a future meeting, staff bring forward a proposal that would modify the current requirement that some types of food service establishments use disposable tableware.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.