



FINAL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
September 21, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Water Management District conference room.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Kristi Markey – Chair, Division 3 (arrived at 7:05 pm)
Jeanne Byrne – Vice Chair, Division 4
Andrew Clarke – Division 2
Robert S. Brower, Sr. – Division 5
David Pendergrass – Mayoral Representative
David Potter – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative

Directors Absent: Brenda Lewis – Division 1

General Manager present: David J. Stoldt

District Counsel present: David Laredo

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No comments were directed to the Board during Oral Communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Potter, the Consent Calendar was approved unanimously on a vote of 5 – 0 by Brower, Byrne, Clarke, Pendergrass and Potter

CONSENT CALENDAR

Approved.

1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the August 17, 2015 Regular Board Meeting

Approved.

2. Authorize a Change to the Organization Chart to Fund a Water Resources Engineer Position and Eliminate Funding for the Project Manager Position

Approved.

3. Wildlife Conservation Board California Stream Flow Enhancement Program Grant Application (A) Consider Approval of Resolution 2015-16 in Support of Filing a Proposition 1 Grant Application (B) Authorize the General Manager to Enter into Grant Agreements

Approved contract in an amount not to exceed \$14,250.

Approved expenditure of \$4,000.

Approved expenditure of \$12,000.

Approved.

Markey joined the meeting at 7:05 pm following adoption of the Consent Calendar.

The report was presented by Sarah Hardgrave of the Big Sur Land trust and Melanie Beretti with the Monterey County Resource Management Agency. A summary of the presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the MPWMD website. During a question and answer period, Hardgrave and Beretti made the following statements. Groundwater recharge will occur during periods of flooding when water will be flowing under the causeway. The project is not designed at this time for off-stream storage, but there may be opportunities in the future for off-stream storage to offset irrigation of the farm field. The project EIR will analyze two options regarding Carmel River Lagoon management: (1) the preferred alternative that includes interim sand bar management, the scenic road protective structure, and the ecosystem protective barrier; and (2) the alternative that will be studied to the same level as the preferred alternative but will include interim sand-bar management, the scenic road protective structure, and also 8 years of monitoring and data collection to evaluate project performance and address concerns associated with the ecosystem protection barrier. The Carmel River FREE Project could not at this time be considered a mitigation bank for mitigation projects planned by other agencies, because there is a prohibition against using a publicly funded project for a dual purpose. The project construction costs are currently funded; however, there is no plan to fund long-term operation costs. There may be an opportunity to work with other agencies on a mitigation bank related to long-term operation.

4. Consider Extension of Cooperative Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for Streamflow Gaging in Water Year 2016

5. Consider Expenditure for Additions to WaterWise Website by Gardensoft

6. Consider Expenditure For Renewal of Standard License Agreement With CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc.

7. Consider Extension of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Source Waters and Water Recycling

PRESENTATIONS

8. Report from Sarah Hardgrave of the Big Sur Land Trust on the Carmel River FREE Project

A summary of General Manager Stoldt's presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the MPWMD website. He reported that water production in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System was 17.7% below the target production, which is 89% of 2014 production. For the time period ending August 31, 2015, measurements for rainfall, unimpaired flow and storage as compared to the long-term average are: rainfall – 76%; unimpaired flow – 33%; and storage - 97%.

Stoldt reported that the California Public Utilities Commission has determined that the State and Federal environmental review for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) will be combined into one EIR/EIS document. He estimated that a 4 – 6 month delay in the project timeline should be expected. The California Coastal Commission has scheduled an October 6, 2015 hearing to consider an amendment to California American Water's (Cal-Am) application to operate a test slant well for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project desalination component. On October 8, 2015, the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency will conduct a special meeting to certify the EIR on the Pure Water Monterey Project. Stoldt and Director Potter attend the September 2015 WaterReuse Association Symposium, where the Pure Water Monterey Project was awarded the 2015 Agricultural Project of the Year by the Association. The DeepWater Desal organization has contracted with Dudek and Associates to prepare the project EIR. Regarding negotiations with the State Water Resources Control Board to modify the Cease and Desist Order, the MPWMD Board will consider a draft application to modify the order at the October 19, 2015 meeting. On October 8, 2015 the Water Supply Planning Committee will meet to discuss applications received for the Local Project Grant Funding Program, and will make recommendations to the Board for consideration on October 19, 2015. The City of Sand City and Cal-Am conducted a tour of the Sand City Desalination Plant on Saturday, September 19, 2015.

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No report.

Potter announced that he attended the September 13 – 16, 2015 WaterReuse Symposium in Seattle, WA. Byrne and Brower announced that they participated in a tour of the San Clemente Dam deconstruction site. Potter stated that he also participated in a tour of the San Clemente Dam deconstruction site, but not the tour Directors Byrne and Brower referenced.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

9. Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2009-0060 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision

10. Update on Development of Water Supply Projects

11. Report on Drought Response

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

DIRECTORS' REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

12. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

On a motion by Brower and second of Potter, the Board adopted Resolution 2015-17 on a vote of 6 – 0 by Brower, Byrne, Clarke, Markey, Pendergrass and Potter. Lewis was absent.

Public Comment: Eric Sabolsice, Director of Operations for California American Water, referenced a letter he submitted that evening dated September 21, 2015 signed by Tim Miller. The letter is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the MPWMD website. He stated that it would be inappropriate to establish the ESA in the Carmel Valley as another layer of bureaucracy is not needed, and the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer has been determined to be surface water regulated by the State Water Resources Control Board. He requested that the Board consider all points outlined in the letter.

Resolution No. 2015-18 was adopted on a motion by Brower and second of Byrne, and a unanimous vote of 6 – 0 by Brower, Byrne, Clarke, Markey, Pendergrass and Potter. Lewis was absent. No public comments were directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

On a motion by Brower and second of Byrne, the October through December 2015 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget was approved unanimously on a vote of 6 – 0 by Brower, Byrne, Clarke, Markey, Pendergrass and Potter. Lewis was absent. No public comments were directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

No Action Items were submitted for Board Consideration.

There was no discussion of the Informational Items/Staff Reports.

No comments.

The meeting was adjourned to closed session at 8:25 pm.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

13. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2015-17 -- Establish MPWMD as Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer

14. Consider Adoption of Resolution 2015-18 Modifying Rule 162 -- Regulatory Water Production Targets for California American Water Systems

15. Consider Adoption of October through December 2015 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget

16. Item deleted from the agenda prior to publication. No issue presented for discussion.

ACTION ITEMS

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS

17. Letters Received
18. Committee Report
19. Monthly Allocation Report
20. Water Conservation Program Report
21. Carmel River Fishery Report
22. Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report

RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION


Arlene M. Tavani, Deputy District Secretary