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AGENDA
Legislative Advocacy Committee
Of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

Wednesday, April 8, 2015, 11:15 am
District Conference Room, 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA

Legislative Advocacy Committee Members:
David Potter, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Andrew Clarke

Staff Contact
Dave Stoldt,
General Manager

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Call to Order

Comments from Public

The public may comment on any item within the District's jurisdiction. Please limit your comments to three minutes in length.

Action Items -- Public comment will be received on all Action Items

1. [Adopt Minutes of January 26, 2015 and August 20, 2014 Committee Meeting](#)

Discussion Items – Public comment will be received on all Discussion Items

2. Report on legislative Status and Tracking from John Arriaga
Natural Resources spending related to water will be discussed.
3. Update on State Water Bond
Discussion will include likely timing, District comment on storm water administrative rules, and Regional versus District-only legislative outreach.
4. Plan of Action for Meetings with State Representatives on the Cease and Desist Order

Other Items

Set Next Meeting Date

Adjournment

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LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY COMMITTEE

ITEM: ACTION ITEM

1. RECEIVE MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2015 AND AUGUST 20, 2014 COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Meeting Date: April 8, 2015

From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager

Prepared By: Arlene Tavani

SUMMARY: Attached as **Exhibits 1-A and 1-B**, respectively, are minutes of the January 26, 2015 and August 20, 2014 Legislative Advocacy committee meetings.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee should review the minutes and receive them by motion.

EXHIBITS

[1-A](#) Draft Minutes of the January 26, 2015 Committee Meeting

[1-B](#) Draft Minutes of the August 20, 2014 Committee Meeting



EXHIBIT 1-A

DRAFT MINUTES Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *January 26, 2015*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: David Potter, Chair (arrived at 2:50 pm)
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Andrew Clarke

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo

Consultant present: John Arriaga, JEA and Associates

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of August 20, 2014 Committee Meeting**
No minutes presented. Item deferred to next committee meeting.

Discussion Items

- 2. Overview of Governor's Proposed FY 2015-16 Budget**
Stoldt reported that \$532.5 million of Proposition 1 funds (adopted by the voters in 2014) are proposed for distribution in Governor Brown's proposed 2014-15 budget. Proposition 1 funds would be distributed to seven categories. The Water Management District could apply for funding under the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and Water Recycling categories. However, there will be state-wide competition for use of these funds and they are usually awarded agencies in highly populated areas. The committee discussed opportunities for working with state legislators and Department of Water Resources staff to obtain support for the local projects that require funding. This would also be an opportunity to brief state legislators on the need to modify the CDO.
- 3. Update on State Water Bond**
See discussion above.
- 4. Bill Tracking**
Arriaga reported that the deadline for submission of bills to Legislative Counsel is February 28, 2015. He expects that CEQA reform will be introduced again. At the request of the committee, Arriaga stated that by March he would establish a bill tracking mechanism that would provide Stoldt with updates on legislation that is of importance to the Water Management District. This will enable the Water Management District to be more active in expressing support for bills by

methods such as sending letters to sponsoring legislators. Stoldt noted that it is important for the Water Management District to increase its presence in Sacramento.

5. Update on Cease and Desist Order Negotiations

Stoldt reported that negotiations continue with the parties involved and with staff at the state level.

6. Update of Roster of Senate and Assembly Committees Affecting Water

Stoldt expressed the importance of maintaining relationships with representatives Anthony Cannella and Bill Monning; who are members of the Senate Natural Resources on Water Committee, and Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities and Communications. The Water Management District should also be in contact with Ben Hueso. There are no local representatives on the Assembly committees that are responsible for water issues: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife, and the Committee on Utilities and Commerce.

7. Overview of Federal W21 Western Water Bill

Stoldt referred the committee members to a summary of the proposed legislation that was contained in the committee packet. This legislation would provide for grants and loans that would be administered directly through the EPA. A consultant, Ginger Bryant, has been asked to develop a federal strategy for successful adoption of this legislation which would be beneficial to the Pure Water Monterey program. Stoldt and Directors Brower and Byrne will be meeting with Sam Farr regarding this legislation when they are in Washington DC for the Association of California Water Agencies conference.

Director Potter joined the meeting at 2:50 pm

8. Discuss Opportunities from House 2015 Omnibus Spending Bill

Stoldt reviewed the Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2015 that includes \$50 million under the Western Drought Response category. The Water Management District is planning to apply to this program for Pure Water Monterey funding, even though the deadline may have passed. Ms. Bryant is researching other federal grant and loan opportunities for Pure Water Monterey funding.

9. Overview of Build America Revisions and Proposed EPA “Water Finance Center”

The Build America Investment Initiative launched by the Federal government in July 2014 has established the Water Finance Center, administered by the EPA. Stoldt expressed an interest in utilization of public/private bond funding opportunities contained in that initiative for the Pure Water Monterey program. Stoldt stated that every funding opportunity must be explored, in an effort for the Pure Water Monterey program to be cost competitive with the desalination project proposed by California American Water. Arriaga stated that over \$1 billion is available for cap-and-trade funds, if it can be shown that the program will reduce emissions. Stoldt noted that emissions levels can only be determined when more information is available to compare the different sized desalination projects against the Pure Water Monterey program.

Other Items: No other items were discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date

No follow-up meeting was scheduled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.



EXHIBIT 1-B

DRAFT MINUTES

Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

August 20, 2014

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: David Potter, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Bill Thayer

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo

Consultant present: John Arriaga, JEA and Associates

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of October 9, 2013 and March 14, 2014 Committee Meetings**
The minutes were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Potter, Brower and Thayer.

Discussion Items

- 2. Update on Status of SB936 – Legislation re Public Contribution Towards Financing Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project**
The bill has been sent to the Governor's office for signature. The District worked closely with legislators to obtain support for this bill and move it through the legislative process. The Water Management District will send a letter of support to the Governor's office and Arriaga can meet with staff to respond to any questions they may have.
- 3. Update on State Water Bond and Strategies for Getting First in Line**
AB 1471 is a water bond that has been approved by the legislature for placement on the November 2014 ballot. The concern is that only \$2.4 million would be relevant to the Monterey Peninsula. Stoldt stated that staff would conduct a thorough review of the bill to determine which agencies the Water Management District should contact in advance about requirements for making application for available funds, and to be involved with developing guidelines for use of the funds. Arriaga noted that the Water Management District played a significant role in development of the bill that was adopted by the legislature, and other water bond proposals that were not ultimately approved.
- 4. Groundwater Update – SB 1168 and AB 1739**
Arriaga reviewed SB 1168 sponsored by Pavley and AB 1739 sponsored by Dickenson that would establish regulations for sustainable management of groundwater throughout the State.

5. Federal Drought Legislation

Arriaga reported that Senator Feinstein and Congressman Valadero have both introduced federal legislation to address drought issues. However; these bills do not affect the Water Management District, they are focused on addressing the water situation in the Central Valley.

6. Update on Meeting with SWRCB on Modifications to the Cease and Desist Order

The committee discussed the status of discussions re CDO modifications. There is a concern that the State Water Resources Control Board could require water use reductions as a condition for modifying the CDO.

7. Legislative Status and Tracking from John Arriaga

Arriaga commented on AB 155 introduced by Alejo, that would award a design-build contract for the Interlake Tunnel Project proposed by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. Arriaga also briefly reviewed AB 1043 that would create a Groundwater Contamination Cleanup Fund to receive monies recovered from parties responsible for groundwater contamination.

Other Items: No other items were discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date

No follow-up meeting was scheduled.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

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