

FINAL MINUTES
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Public Outreach Committee
May 27, 2008

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM in the District conference room.

Committee members present: Regina Doyle, Chair
Kristi Markey
David Pendergrass

District staff members present: Darby Fuerst, General Manager
Stephanie Pintar, Water Demand Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from the Public

No comments were presented.

Action Items

1. Receive Minutes of April 2, 2008 Committee Meetings

On a motion by Director Pendergrass and second by Director Markey, the minutes were unanimously received on a vote of 3 - 0.

2. Review and Develop Recommendation to the Board on the Revised Draft Public Outreach Plan

On a motion by Director Markey and second of Director Doyle, the committee agreed unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 to recommend that the Board adopt the Public Outreach Plan, and authorize an increase of \$64,500 in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 MPWMD Budget to fund public outreach activities outlined in the staff report.

During the discussion it was also suggested that the Carmel River Advisory Committee (CRAC) be given a new name, such as Advisory Committee for the Carmel River.

3. Discuss Public Outreach to the Laguna Seca Subarea of the Seaside Groundwater Basin

Director Markey offered a motion that was seconded by Director Pendergrass to approve the list of seven public outreach activities outlined in the staff note, with one change. Item 7 should be amended to read, “Inform the Monterey City Council, the Del Rey Oaks City Council, and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors about the proposed ordinance(s) and describe the consequences.” The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0.

Director Brower excused himself from the meeting at 10:05 AM prior to the discussion on item 4.

Oral Reports

4. Update on Proposal for Joint Cooperation with Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) on Public Outreach Activities

Director Pendergrass advised that the MRWPCA Budget Committee approved entering into a contract with the District to assist with public outreach services in the amount of \$3,000. General Manager Fuerst stated that he would continue to coordinate with the MRWPCA to develop a scope of work for Board consideration.

5. Review Upcoming Opportunities for Outreach to the Community

Stephanie Pintar reported that work will begin on construction of a display booth, if the Board approves funding in the Fiscal Year 2008-09 Budget. General Manager Fuerst noted that State Water Resources Control Board hearings on the draft Cease and Desist Order (CDO) are planned for June and July 2008, and public outreach related to the CDO may be needed.

Set Next Meeting Date

Two alternate dates of June 27 and July 14, 2008 were proposed for the next meeting. Staff will invite Karen Harris of MRWPCA and Catherine Bowie of CAW to attend. The final meeting date will be selected based on Ms. Harris' and Ms. Bowie's availability.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.