

FINAL MINUTES  
Water Demand Committee of the  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
*February 19, 2009*

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 9:37 AM in the conference room of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District office.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair  
Regina Doyle  
Bob Brower

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

District Counsel present: David Laredo

**Comments from Public**

No comments

**Action Items**

1. **Receive Minutes of December 11, 2008 Committee Meetings**  
On a motion by Director Doyle and second by Director Brower, the minutes were received unanimously.
2. **Provide Direction to Staff on Development of a Draft Ordinance that Would Amend Regulation XIV, Water Conservation**  
The committee reviewed each section of the draft ordinance. The discussion is summarized below.

**New Subdivision/Developments:** The committee asked for a definition of "developments." They discussed the requirement that developments be plumbed for future use of recycled water, and how that would apply to areas where recycled water is not available. Public Comment -- Michael Waxer, a local architect, stated that currently there is no state or local building code regarding plumbing for greywater systems, and cautioned the committee that requirements the District might set could conflict with building codes once they are established.

**Efficiency Standards for New Structures:** The committee agreed that paragraph #3 should begin with the word "All." In paragraph #4, staff should check the definition of "shower." Paragraph 8 could specify "for any area that has sprinklers, or for any

landscaped area above 600 square feet.” Paragraph #11 should state that installation of rainwater collection and cistern systems shall be “encouraged” not required.

**Non Residential Efficient Standards for New Structures:** There was no disagreement with items 1 through 18. There was a suggestion that commercial spas could be exempted from #12, and if that was considered, “commercial spa” would need to be defined.

**Change of Ownership or Modification of an Existing Water Distribution System (e.g.) Project that Require a Water Permit:** Kevin Stone, representing the Monterey County Association of Realtors, commented that the requirement in #6 for replacement of automatic irrigation controllers with Weather Based Irrigation Controllers when a property is sold, could be a cost issue for buyers/sellers. Ms. Pintar noted that current rules offer a rebate for installation of irrigation controllers. District rules would need to be changed to allow a rebate if the replacement were required. It was suggested that staff should investigate requiring installation of rain sensor controller technology s opposed to smart controllers.

**Non Residential Change of Use:** Ms. Pintar proposed that the District provide low water use spray valves for restaurants at no cost. The District could set a 2-year period for replacement of the spray valves. Ms. Pintar has requested funding through the Integrated Regional Water Management Plan to pay for the replacement valves. This effort might also be funded through the joint conservation program with California American Water.

It was suggested that the effective date of the ordinance should allow time for notification and implementation of the regulations.

**3. Consider Next Steps re Implementation of Regulations for Installation of Greywater Systems**

The committee members agreed that the Legislative Advocacy Committee should pursue this initiative, and work with legislators to achieve changes in regulations that would allow installation of greywater systems. The committee also asked staff to investigate the possibility of installing a greywater system at the District office as a pilot project, to test the effectiveness of an indoor system that would treat water from lavatories to be used for flushing toilets.

**4. Set Next Meeting Date**

The committee agreed to meet on March 23, 2009 at 9 AM in the District conference room.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 11:00 AM.