

FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
June 18, 2009

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 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: Darby Fuerst, General Manager
Stephanie Pintar, Water Demand Division Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: Heidi Quinn

Comments from Public

No comments

Action Items

1. Receive Minutes of April 13, 2009 Committee Meetings

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

Discussion Items

2. Discuss Amendments to Rebate Program Including Turf Replacement/Abandonment

The committee supported development of a turf replacement/abandonment program. Ms. Pintar advised the committee that the California Public Utilities Commission has authorized the District to receive \$15,000 per year over a three-year period for a turf replacement program. In addition, \$75,000 per year will be set aside to provide schools with incentives to replace turf. The committee suggested that a turf replacement/abandonment program should require that turf be permanently replaced or abandoned. If a property owner did decide to re-install turf, the rebate must be refunded to the District. Annual inspections of sites with replaced/abandoned turf should be required. Inspections should be conducted in the summer and fall months. Staff should develop incentives to encourage municipalities and schools to replace or abandon public turf areas. Staff should also confer with the City of San Diego about its turf replacement/abandonment program to determine how our program could benefit from the lessons San Diego has learned. Ms. Pintar suggested that the rebate for commercial/industrial projects could be determined by quantifying the amount of water that would be saved by the replacement/abandonment and then estimating the cost of that

water based on California American Water rates. That cost, or a percentage of that cost, could be the rebate.

The committee also discussed the District's regulations regarding establishment of water credit for a commercial project when a change of use is proposed. It was suggested that the rules could be amended to state that the water credit would be determined based on: (a) if actual water use was over 1 acre foot and a change of use is proposed, and (b) if actual water use over a period of years is lower than the water factor. Any rule change should be considered by the Rules and Regulations Review Committee, but the Water Demand Committee would like to be updated on the issue.

Set Next Meeting Date

No meeting date was set.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:40 AM.