

FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
July 21, 2010

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m. in the conference room of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District office.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair
Bob Brower
Alvin Edwards (arrived during discussion of agenda item 2)

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: Darby Fuerst, General Manager
Stephanie Pintar, Water Demand Division Manager
Joe Oliver, Water Resources Division Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from Public

No comments.

Action Items

1. Receive Minutes of March 26, 2010 Committee Meetings

On a motion by Director Brower and second by Director Markey, the minutes were received unanimously on a vote of 2 - 0. Directors Brower and Markey voted in favor of the motion. Director Edwards was absent for the vote.

2. Develop Recommendation to the Board Regarding First Reading of Ordinance No. 145 Clarifying Regulations Pertaining to Permits, Conservation and Enforcement

The committee agreed that the ordinance should be referred to the Technical Advisory Committee for review. If the TAC disagreed with sections of the ordinance, it should be brought to the Water Demand Committee again before referring it to the full Board. The committee also requested: (1) the allocation for outdoor, non-irrigation uses should be set at 0.01 acre-feet per year; and (2) fire marshals should be invited to the August Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

The following comments were directed to the Committee during the public comment period on this item. (1) **Craig Anthony**, General Manager of California American Water (Cal-Am), suggested that the location of the second fire-flow meter be modified from that proposed by the District. He also proposed that the second meter only be required in the event that Cal-Am must install a flow restrictor. That will ensure that fire flow is available after the flow restrictor is installed. (2) **John Bridges** requested that the ordinance be modified to require that if a rainwater catchment system is to be used for

outdoor irrigation, no potable water be allotted for non-irrigation outdoor uses. Instead, the source of all outdoor water use should be the rainwater catchment system. He noted that another alternative would be to reduce the amount of water allocated to non-irrigation outdoor uses to 100 gallons per month. He also suggested that the ordinance could be modified to state that if a well is no longer productive, the property could only be provided water from Cal-Am if State Water Resources Control Board Order 95-10 and Order 2009-0060 have been met or there is an allocation available. (3) **Bob Markowitz** opined that in his experience, the 0.02 acre-feet per year minimum factor for outdoor non-irrigation uses is too high. He stated that one advantage of rainwater harvesting is that it reduces stormwater flows into the ocean.

Discussion Items

3. Discuss Implementation of School Retrofit Program

Ms. Pinter described proposed school retrofit projects at Pacific Grove High School, Robert Down Elementary School and Pacific Grove Middle School. The committee expressed support for implementation of the school retrofit projects. Ms. Pinter confirmed that administrators for the three school sites are aware that any water savings achieved by the retrofit projects will be permanently retired.

4. Discuss Extension of Time to Utilize Water Credits

Director Brower suggested that the Board consider establishment of an additional five-year waiting period before water credits must be utilized. He reasoned that the economic turndown and reduction in construction activity has precluded property owners from using their water credits. The committee members concluded that this question should be considered by the full Board at an upcoming meeting. The question should also be reviewed by TAC.

5. Update on Development of New Regulations for Mobile Water Distribution Systems and Process

The committee accepted the staff recommendation that this issue should be brought back to the committee for review in late September 2010.

6. Review Estimated Costs Associated with Proposed Expansion of Fractured Rock Formations Study to Include the Entire District

The committee members expressed support for completion of an expanded study. They agreed that District staff should submit a letter to the County of Monterey asking if it would consider sharing the cost to complete the study.

Set Next Meeting Date

The committee members did not set a meeting date.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:25 a.m.