

FINAL MINUTES
**Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**
March 9, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the conference room of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District office.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Regina Doyle

Committee members absent: None

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

District Council present: Heidi Quinn

Comments from Public

No comments.

Action Items

1. **Receive Minutes of February 4, 2011 Committee Meeting**
On a motion by Director Brower and second by Director Markey, the minutes were received unanimously on a vote of 3 - 0.

2. **Consider Recommendation to the Board Regarding First Reading of Ordinance No. 148 – An Ordinance Amending Rule 141, Water Conservation Rebates, to Clarify the Process for Lawn Removal and Replacement Rebates**
The committee members agreed to recommend adoption of a resolution that would suspend receipt of applications for the lawn rebate program. In addition staff should determine if unfunded lawn rebates from 2011 could be paid from conservation funds expected to be authorized by the CPUC for 2012. If that were possible, the Board might decide to continue receipt of lawn rebate program applications.

3. **Consider Recommendation to the Board Regarding Ordinance No. 146 – An Ordinance Tolling the Expiration Date of Affected Water Use Credits for the Duration of Any Moratorium Precluding their Use**
There was consensus among committee members that this ordinance should not be presented to the Board for consideration at the March 21, 2011 meeting. It would be preferable to conduct further discussions on the ordinance after the California Public Utilities Commission issues a final decision on California American Water's Application

No. 10-05-020 requesting authority to implement a moratorium in the Monterey District. It was suggested that staff should prepare a list of properties that would be eligible for the tolling. It was also suggested that real estate industry representatives and other interested parties should be contacted to review the proposed ordinance.

The following comments were received during the public comment period on this item. (1) Mike Zimmerman, representing the Cannery Row Company and the Monterey County Hospitality Association, characterized the tolling concept as fair and equitable during a moratorium. Upon termination of a moratorium, tolling should end and water credits should be restored for use by property owners. The water credits could be issued on a first-come, first-served basis that is controlled by the jurisdictions. (2) John Narigi, representing the Monterey Plaza Hotel and the Monterey County Hospitality Association, expressed disagreement with language in the ordinance that disallowed use of water credits until a new water source is developed. He also stated that the hospitality industry has reduced water use by 50 percent since the late 1980's.

4. Consider Authorization of Funding for Retrofits at San Carlos School

No discussion. Deferred to an unspecified future meeting date.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, April 5, 2011 at 3 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 pm.