

FINAL MINUTES
**Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**
May 10, 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 Counsel present: Heidi Quinn

Comments from Public

No comments.

Action Items

1. Receive Minutes of April 5, 2011 Committee Meeting

On a motion by Brower and second of Doyle, the minutes were approved with two amendments: (A) Discussion Item 2, number 5, the words “or toilets” should be removed; and number 7, the words “compliance with” should be replaced with the words “participation in.” The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Markey, Brower and Doyle. No public comment was directed to the committee on this item.

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

Brower offered a motion that was seconded by Doyle, to recommend that the Board of Directors approve an expenditure of \$8,000 to fund retrofits at San Carlos School. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Markey, Brower and Doyle. No public comment was directed to the committee on this item.

3. Consider Authorization of Funding for Retrofits at Monterey Peninsula Unified School District

Brower offered a motion that was seconded by Doyle, to recommend that the Board of Directors approve retrofits for 12 of the 13 projects identified by staff. The project proposed for Ord Terrace Elementary in the amount of \$62,762 should not be funded, because the 5.3 year payback period is lengthy and the 1.774 acre-feet annual water savings is low in relation to the cost of the project. The motion was approved

unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Markey, Brower and Doyle. In addition, the committee provided general direction to staff that the Ord Terrace project is an example of the type of project that should not be funded in the future, as the cost is excessive for the estimated water savings that would result from the retrofit. The committee offered the following comments during the discussion. (A) Support was expressed for hiring a contractor to complete water audits of schools that have not yet been audited. (B) Request that schools erect signage stating that the retrofits were accomplished through a grant from the MPWMD. (C) It may be helpful for committee members to meet with the Superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District to promote the advantages of participation in the retrofit program. (D) Upon completion of all school site audits, the District could consider purchasing the equipment needed for the retrofits while funds are available. No public comment was directed to the committee on this item.

Discussion Items

4. Discuss Modifications to Rebate Program

Pintar reported that approximately \$4,000 remains in the retrofit rebate fund for Fiscal Year 2010-2011. The committee discussed the need to identify the type of retrofits that save the most water. It was suggested that ultra-low-flow (ULF) washing machines are extremely water efficient. The District has issued rebates for installation of approximately 3,000 ULF washing machines, yet there are more than 20,000 households that could potentially retrofit. The current rebate amount is \$250, but the Board could consider an increase in order to promote installation of ULF washing machines. District staff is concerned that rebate funds for installation of cisterns could be depleted before applicants complete all the steps associated with the rebate. There was consensus among committee members that the appeal process is available to applicants if a rebate is denied.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at 9 am.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:20 pm.