



FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
August 13, 2012

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm in the conference room of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District office.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair (arrived at 1:25 pm)
Jeanne Byrne
Brenda Lewis

Committee members absent: None

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

Comments from Public

No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of June 20, 2012 Committee Meeting**
On a motion by Director Lewis and second of Director Byrne, the minutes were adopted unanimously on a vote of 2 – 0. Director Markey was absent for the vote.
- 2. Extension of Water Use Credits for Redevelopment Agency Projects**
Director Lewis offered a motion that was seconded by Director Byrne, that an ordinance be developed that would establish a 60-month extension of water credits for projects that had previously been identified as redevelopment agency projects. The motion was adopted unanimously on a vote of 2 – 0. Director Markey was absent. Staff will determine the amount of water credits that have accumulated for redevelopment agency projects, and decide if a negative declaration could be filed.

During the public comment period on this item, Kevin Stone, Monterey County Association of Realtors (MCAR), expressed agreement with the proposed 60-month extension period.

Director Markey joined the meeting at 1:25 pm during discussion of item 3.

3. Review List of Efficiency Requirements and Best Management Practices for Residential and Non- Residential Users

The committee received the report. No action was taken. Staff will present a resolution for Board consideration that would establish the Best Management Practices in District law. It was understood that in January 2013, the Board is scheduled to review the District's Standby Water Conservation and Rationing Plan, which would utilize the BMP's in Stage 5, and determine if the Plan should be revised.

Discussion Items

4. Discuss Suggestion to Discontinue or Modify Collection of Inspection Fees

There was a suggestion that when a re-inspection is required for a property, there should be no charge. However, a fee would be charged if the customer does not appear for any pre-scheduled inspection, or if a third or subsequent inspections are needed. District staff will analyze the budgetary impacts of the suggested change, and present the findings to the Board of Directors for consideration in September, when the Board will consider revisions to the District's fee schedule.

The following comments were received during the public comment period on this item.

(1) **Maureen Mason**, MCAR, expressed support for the fee modification proposal. She noted that oftentimes a re-inspection is required because a plumber installs the wrong equipment, which is not the fault of the property owner or the realtor. In many instances the realtor will pay the re-inspection fee. (2) **Kevin Stone**, MCAR, stated that education is critical. He asked if compliance increased when MCAR broadcast to its members information on MPWMD rule changes. Pintar responded that MCAR's efforts to educate members about new rules related to installation of showerheads were effective.

5. Discuss Concepts re School Permitting

Pintar explained that some local public schools have upgraded facilities without benefit of a water permit, which is allowable under state law. She has discussed with school officials strategies to offset the water use associated with facilities improvements. The committee discussed the possibility of: (a) allowing schools within the same school district to transfer water credits within their district; and (b) offer water credit to schools that have or will take advantage of the rebate for turf removal. School sites should also implement Best Management Practices. The committee requested that staff develop options that would assist school districts to resolve this issue, and then bring the information back for further discussion.

6. Discuss Water Credit Process

Pintar explained that when the status of a water-saving device changes from a voluntary to a required measure, water credit is no longer available for retrofit with the required device. It was suggested during the discussion, that a rule change be made so that when installation of a device becomes a requirement, documented water credits already on file for that device could be maintained for five-years. There was no consensus among the committee members that further action should be taken on this suggested rule change. The issue could be brought to the Board at the request of a director.

During the public comment period on this item, Maureen Mason, MCAR, noted the importance of educating the public in advance of any change to rules regarding water

credits, because projects are under development with the expectation that water credit will be available for installation of specific fixtures.

Set Next Meeting Date

The committee agreed to meet on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 1 pm.

Other Items

No discussion.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 pm.

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