



FINAL MINUTES  
Water Demand Committee of the  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
October 30, 2012

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm in the conference room of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District office.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair  
Jeanne Byrne  
Brenda Lewis

Committee members absent: None. All present.

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

District Counsel present: David Laredo

**Comments from Public**

No comments.

**Action Items**

**1. Adopt Minutes of October 11, 2012 Committee Meetings**

On a motion by Director Byrne and second of Director Lewis, the minutes were approved with a correction to item 1, Adopt Minutes of October 11, 2012 Committee Meeting: the second paragraph under Item 2, second sentence, should be revised to read, "...but private schools can turn away students...." The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0.

**2. Develop Resolution re Need for Investigation into Water Bill Spikes and Develop Letter to CPUC Requesting Investigation**

The committee discussed development of a Board resolution and letter outlining the need for an investigation, and provided direction to staff on the content of the letter. The committee requested that a draft letter be distributed to them for a 24-hour review, before it is signed by Mr. Stoldt and submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

The following comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item. (1) **Harvey Billig** stated that the District should request that the CPUC cause California American Water (Cal-Am) to provide data on all contested water bills so that an analysis can be completed. (2) **Nancy Selfridge** attempted to follow-up with Cal-Am on a constituent's complaint about a spiked water bill. She received a response from Cal-Am only after mentioning her name and that she was a councilperson for the City of Monterey. (3) **Janice Parise** opined that Cal-Am is not addressing spiked bills in a fair way to the ratepayer because higher water rates have caused a reduction in water use and lowered Cal-Am's profit from water sales. (4) **George Riley** stated that a report from Cal-Am states that water meters are not always accurate and require regular testing to ensure accuracy. He recommended that the last sentence of the District's letter to the CPUC should state that an analysis of spiked water bills is necessary "to understand this dilemma and find resolutions going forward."

### **Discussion Items**

#### **3. Water Permit Requirement for Outdoor Restaurant Seating**

The committee discussed the merits and drawbacks of requiring any restaurant that has installed outdoor seating to obtain a water permit for the increased capacity for water use. The committee requested that District staff review this issue with local chambers of commerce before taking further action.

### **Set Next Meeting Date**

No date set. Staff will contact the committee when there is a need to schedule a meeting.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 pm.

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