

FINAL MINUTES Water Demand Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

April 30, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:37 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair

Jeanne Byrne

Committee members absent: Brenda Lewis

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager

Sara Reyes, Office Services Supervisor

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of March 17, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes
On a motion by Byrne and second of Markey, the committee approved the March 17,
2015 minutes on a vote of 2 – 0 by Byrne and Markey.

Discussion Items

2. Discuss Draft Monterey Peninsula Water Conservation and Rationing Plan

The Committee agreed with staff's focus on discussing with key agencies the Water

Conservation and Rationing Plan to address their concerns.

Stoldt and Locke described the key features of the Draft Conservation and Rationing Plan. (a) Locke: Concepts of this plan completely replace Regulation XV of the District's Rules and Regulations. (b) Specifies Regulatory Production Targets and Physical Storage Targets which respond to both the Cease and Desist Order and drought conditions. (c) Four distinct stages: Stage 1 - Prohibition on Water Waste (current stage the District is complying with), Stage 2 - Voluntary Reduction in Use, Stage 3 - Conservation Rates, Stage 4 – Water Rationing. (d) Special rule has been added to address Variances. (e) Staff plans to discuss the conservation and rationing plan with Cal-Am, the jurisdictions, residents, hospitality and business industry, recycled water users and local interested parties.

Public comment: (a) **John Narigi**, Co-Chair of the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, stated the simplified four stage plan works better and seems to be a good plan. Q1: why is Tier 1 residential use, which is the largest user of water, left free? *Stoldt stated the*

District and Cal-Am concurred it would not be a good idea to penalize low water users or Tier 1 households who are using less water than those in Tier 2 and above. Q2. With regards to topics to be addressed, has there been any thought on establishing two types of cutbacks such as those using Best Management Practice (BMPs) and those who are not? Stoldt stated this would be addressed as a variance and referred to page 31, Section F., 1.b. - Non-Residential Rations. Q3: What about when rationing becomes severe, which will have a big impact on local businesses that are already practicing BMPs, should this be discussed now or later? Stoldt stated businesses practicing BMPs will be recognized for their efforts and the District would work with these groups to limit harsh impacts.

Other Items: No additional items were discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date

The committee will schedule its next meeting when staff deems it appropriate.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 pm.

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