



FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
July 23, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Kristi Markey, Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Brenda Lewis (arrived at 3:40 pm)

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager
Sara Reyes, Office Services Supervisor

District Counsel present: David Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of April 30, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Byrne and second of Markey, the committee approved the April 30, 2015 minutes on a vote of 2 – 0 by Byrne and Markey.

Director Lewis joined the meeting during discussion of item 2.A.

2. **Consider Actions Related to the Rebate Program**
 - A. **Lawn Removal Rebate for Del Mesa Carmel**

The committee discussed this issue and requested that staff collect more information for discussion at a future committee meeting. A summary of the committee discussion follows. (a) In the past, payment of rebates for replacement of fixtures was delayed until additional rebate funding could be obtained. The fund had been depleted by issuance of turf rebates. Funding should be utilized for rebates that will save the most water. (b) Our Rules and Regulations must be amended to allow issuance of rebates for multi-family residential complexes. (c) The greatest amount of water savings will be achieved through development of incentives for apartment complexes to retrofit washing machines. (d) A limit on the amount of rebate funds available for multi-family residential turf replacement could be established. That limit should be high enough to encourage turf replacement. (e) Suggest that for multi-family residential complexes the rebate could be based on a 2,500 square foot limit, or possibly a rebate of \$500 per unit up to a maximum of

50 units. (f) How many complexes in the District could take advantage of a turf rebate? That would help staff develop a budget. (g) Are there additional funds from the State of California that could be utilized for this type of rebate?

Public Comment: (a) Blake Joplin, Rana Creek Design, stated that Del Mesa Carmel has proposed several water saving methods including a laundry to landscape project, and replacement of turf and sprinkler heads. For development of a long-term plan for water reduction at Del Mesa Carmel, it would be helpful to know if a turf replacement rebate will be available. (b) Sal Francis, Maintenance Supervisor for Del Mesa Carmel, briefed the committee on water savings that have been achieved through turf replacement and installation of cisterns.

B. Lawn Removal Rebate in Areas that Overlie the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer

The committee discussed this issue and determined that this should be incorporated into future consideration of rules regarding turf rebates for multi-family residential complexes. There was discussion about how these rebates could be funded. It was suggested that mitigation program funds or the Proposition 218 Water Supply Charge funds might be an appropriate funding source. It was also proposed that at the close of each year, any unspent rebate funds might be utilized for this purpose.

Discussion Items

3. Discuss Disbursement of Surplus Ultra High Efficiency Toilets to Local Recipients

The following suggestions were made during the committee discussion regarding distribution of the toilets. (a) Identify local public and non-profit housing agencies and send them letters offering the toilets. (b) Offer these toilets to low-income senior housing units. (c) Consider Habitat for Humanity, Beacon House, The Bridge, Interim, or senior housing in Seaside such as Del Monte Manor.

4. Update on Draft Water Conservation and Rationing Plan

The committee reviewed the draft plan and provided comments to staff. There was discussion about page 20 of the draft regulation, section 2.i related to maximum daily ration amounts. The committee agreed that the 65 gallons for a multi-family dwelling unit was too low. That amount should only be applied if the unit has no laundry. Staff noted that the 22 gallons per person ration was based on Cal-Am's recommendation that water use for multi-family should be set at two-thirds of single family use. The District's rule could abandon the multi-family category and assign 90 gallons per day per household. The committee discussed concerns with California American Water's proposal to move from a per-person rationing plan to a per-household plan.

5. Modification of Commercial Laundry Efficiency Standard

The committee requested that additional information be provided for consideration at a future meeting. During the committee discussion of this item, Stephanie Kister, Conservation Representative 1, explained that the water efficiency standard for installation of high-efficiency clothes washers in non-residential projects must be updated. Our regulations require a water factor of 5.0, but laundromats utilize top-loading residential type washers and also multi-load machines called washer extractors. The 5.0 water factor cannot accurately be applied to washer extractors.

6. Development of Rule Amendment Ordinance

No discussion of this item. Staff will develop a draft ordinance and submit it to the committee at a future meeting.

Other Items: No discussion of other items.

Set Next Meeting Date: The committee members agreed to meet on Friday, August 28, 2015 at 2 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

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