



FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
March 17, 2015

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 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
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of February 12, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Byrne and second of Markey, the minutes of the February 12, 2015 committee meeting were approved on a vote of 2 – 0 by Byrne and Markey. Lewis was absent.

Discussion Items

2. **Review the 2015-2017 General Rate Case Rebate Program**
Markey offered a motion that was seconded by Byrne to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the proposed updates to the list of allowable rebate fixtures and amounts, with the exception that the rebate for “High Efficiency Clothes Washer” (residential) should not be reduced but remain at \$500. The motion was approved on a vote of 2 – 0 by Markey and Byrne. Lewis was absent.

Public comment: **(a) John Narigi**, representing the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, asked for clarification that the proposed rebates would apply to commercial and residential fixtures. *Pintar agreed and noted that page 6 of the committee packet listed changes proposed to the list of fixtures that qualify for a rebate.* **(b) Maeve du Toit**, CEO of Water City, expressed concern because greywater recycling was not on the rebate list. *Pintar responded that rebates are applicable to greywater recycling systems, and they are handled by staff on a case-by-case basis to determine the full rebate to be granted.*

3. Discuss Amendments to Expanded Water Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan

Stoldt described some preliminary plans for amending the Expanded Conservation and Standby Rationing Plan. (a) Establish a trigger that would establish a specific percentage of voluntary water use reductions. (b) The census information collected by California American Water (Cal-Am) for its water customers is not accurate. One option would be to copy the City of Santa Cruz which assumes that 3 persons live in each residence. The customer must provide proof that additional persons live at the residence. (c) Water use for commercial customers could be limited to an amount based on a prior year's usage. (d) Best management practices must be established. (e) The Water Management District must be provided access to Cal-Am customer water use records. (f) Develop a formula to determine the amount of water needed, and if the community is short by X amount, rationing by X amount would be required. Triggers must be developed. (g) Water banking would not be a component of the amended plan. (h) Cal-Am may be submitting an application to the State Water Resources Control Board in March requesting a modification to the CDO. The Water Management District suggested that the application be submitted with the understanding that the conservation/rationing component would be provided by the end of the year after public hearings have been conducted on the plan.

Public Comment: (a) **John Narigi**, representing the Coalition of Peninsula Businesses, requested that the Coalition be included in the formulation of subsequent amendments to the rationing plan. He recommended that the Water Management District focus on compliance with retrofit requirements at older motels and restaurants that have likely not retrofitted. In addition, the installation of low-water use dishwashers at commercial establishments should be encouraged. Narigi stated that enforcement is the key to success with water conservation programs.

Other Items: No additional items were discussed.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for April 16, 2015 at 1:30 pm.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.