FINAL MINUTES

Water Supply Planning Committee Meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District February 23, 2011

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11 am in the District conference room.

Committee members present: Bob Brower, Chair

Regina Doyle David Pendergrass

Committee members absent: None

Staff present: Darby Fuerst, General Manager

Andy Bell, Planning & Engineering Manager/District Engineer

Larry Hampson, Water Resources Engineer

Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from Public

No comments.

Discussion Items

1. Update on Potential for Seawater Desalination Within District Boundaries

The committee agreed that staff should schedule a meeting with Fred Meurer of the City of Monterey to brief him on the District's intent to enter into preliminary discussions with the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) on development of an open ocean intake desalination project at the abandoned City of Monterey wastewater treatment plant site. A follow-up meeting should then be scheduled with NPS staff.

2. Progress Report on Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project

The committee agreed that a sign should be erected at the Water Project 1 site to advise the public that MPWMD developed the project and provide a brief description of the aquifer storage and recovery process.

Mr. Fuerst reported that the facilities building at the Water Project 1 site has been painted. Temporary underground pipelines leading to the building will be replaced with permanent pipelines after the injection season ends. The District is working with the Fort Ord Reuse Authority to obtain an expansion to its easement at the Water Project 1 site. California American Water Company (Cal-Am) must initiate a transfer of funds to the Monterey Peninsula School District for use of a long-term easement at the Water Project 2 site. The MPWMD will transfer the well at that site to Cal-Am after payment is received for costs incurred to construct the well.

3. Update on Development of Recycled Wastewater Alternatives

The committee requested that the Board Chair and Vice Chair meet the week of March 7, 2011 with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control District (MRWPCA) to discuss how the MPWMD could coordinate with the MRWPCA on its plans for development of the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project (RUWAP) and the Groundwater Replenishment Project (GRP). It was noted that development of the RUWAP and its pipeline are essential to construction of the GRP, because it will utilize the RUWAP pipeline.

4. Update on Status of Carmel River Reroute/San Clemente Dam Removal Project

Mr. Fuerst reported that a meeting is scheduled on April 29, 2011 for all parties involved in the project to discuss funding and confer with technical groups charged with project planning. The Notice of Determination has not yet been issued on the project environmental impact report. In response to a question from the committee, Mr. Fuerst explained that if the San Clemente Dam is removed, California American Water will retain its pre-1914 water rights.

Other Items

Mr. Bell distributed to the committee a copy of the January 14, 2011 letter to Steven A. Quimby at the NPS transmitting preliminary information on the potential seawater desalination project at the former Monterey Treatment Plant site, and requesting a meeting to discuss the issue. Mr. Bell also distributed an overhead view of the proposed Water Project 3 site.

Set Date for Next Committee Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for March 22, 2011 at 2 pm in the District conference room.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:15 pm.