

FINAL MINUTES

Water Supply Planning Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

June 4, 2013

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Bob Brower, Chair

Jeanne Byrne David Pendergrass

Staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager

Larry Hampson, Acting Planning & Engineering Division Manager

Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: Absent

Board Members present: Director Lewis attended the meeting as an observer

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. Adopt Minutes of May 2, 2013 Committee Meeting

On a motion of Pendergrass and second by Byrne, the minutes were approved unanimously on a vote of 3-0 by Pendergrass, Byrne and Brower.

2. Review Notice of Preparation for Groundwater Replenishment Project

On a motion by Byrne and second of Pendergrass, the committee expressed support for the NOP as presented and requested that the document be presented for Board review on June 17, 2013. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 3-0 by Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower.

3. Review Plan for Funding Local Water Supply Projects

The committee discussed options for funding local water supply projects. Stoldt advised that a plan for funding projects would be presented for committee review at the next meeting. The committee members offered some suggestions for funding options. (a) Each proposed project must be analyzed, and funding based on the needs of that project. (b) Divide available finds based on the population of each jurisdiction. Set a deadline for use of the money. Any funds not used by the deadline would be transferred to another jurisdiction. (c) It could be difficult to obtain support for distributing funds based on population.

Discussion Items

4. Update on Investigations into Desalination Contingency Project

Stoldt reported that he met with representatives from Deepwater Desal, who briefed him on a plan to work with the City of Salinas on a project that would provide water to the city and the MPWMD. A source of electricity must be identified to power the desal project and three computer data centers that would be constructed as part of the overall plan. Three years of cash-flow reports should be available soon from Deepwater Desal so that staff can determine the financial status of the project proponents. The Water Management District may need to develop a cost sharing agreement with Deepwater Desal. The State Lands Commission determined it will not serve as co-lead agency for CEQA. It may be appropriate for the Water Management District to serve as co-lead agency. No action was taken on this item.

5. Update on Scheduling Meetings with Federal Regulators (Local Level) on National Marine Fisheries Service Draft Steelhead Recovery Plan Stoldt reported that he continues to work with NMFS staff to schedule the meetings.

Suggestions from the Public on Water Supply Project Alternatives No comments.

Set Next Meeting Date

The committee agreed to meet again on July 10, 2013 at 2 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

