



FINAL MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
February 18, 2014

Call to Order

Committee members present: Bob Brower, Chair
Jeanne Byrne
David Pendergrass

Staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager
Larry Hampson, Planning & Engineering Division Manager
Joe Oliver, Water Resources Division Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David Laredo

Comments from the Public No comments.

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of February 4, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion of Byrne and second by Pendergrass, the minutes were adopted unanimously on a vote of Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower.

Discussion Items

2. **Update on Water Rights Related Studies**
Hampson reported that two studies are under development. One is development of the Carmel River Basin computer model that will assess many parameters including temperature, precipitation, runoff, soils and then model runoff and groundwater interactions. This will provide information on how Cal-Am operations would be effected by future changes in such areas as precipitation, removal of Los Padres Dam, and creation of off-stream storage. The modeling effort should be completed by 2014. Development of the Instream Flow Incremental Methodology (IFIM) study is also underway. This is critical to any petition for change to the New Los Padres Dam water right that is held by the Water Management District. It is important to move ahead on the IFIM, as the water right must be either utilized by 2020 or a request for deferral submitted by that time.

3. Update on Utilization of Water from Monterey Peninsula Airport District (MPAD) Wells

Groundwater remediation at MPAD wells is almost complete. The Army Corps of Engineers has worked with the Water Management District and MPAD to prepare the extraction and injection wells for future use. The Water Management District is working with MPAD to develop the concept of establishing a filling station for mobile water distribution systems that would utilize water from the wells. Approximately 50 acre-feet per year of sub-potable water could be applied to outside irrigation needs, construction site dust control or for MPAD fire trucks. In a few months, MPAD, with assistance of Water Management District staff, will have developed a plan for use of the wells.

4. Review National Marine Fisheries Service Recommendations re the Carmel River Basin Included in the Final South-Central California Coast Steelhead Recovery Plan

Hampson reviewed the letter to the National Marine Fisheries Service submitted as Exhibit 4-A in the staff report and noted improvements in the Final report that were made as a result of requests from the Water Management District. There was consensus that no further contact with Federal agency officials is needed.

5. Update on Access to Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility

Hampson reported that the Water Management District has been assured by Bureau of Land Management personnel that permanent access to Sleepy Hollow will be granted when the property is transferred from California American Water (Cal-Am) to the Federal Government. In response to a suggestion from the committee, District Counsel stated that the Water Management District may be prohibited from declaring eminent domain against another government agency. Instead, the purchase of the property from Cal-Am could be an option. It was suggested that the Water Management District should investigate the opportunity for eminent domain and a timetable for obtaining the property. Staff noted that a long-term study should be done to determine if the Sleepy Hollow facility would be needed after San Clemente Dam is removed and Cal-Am ceases pumping from the Carmel River.

6. Progress Report on Establishment of Joint MPWMD/MRWPCA Adhoc Committee on Groundwater Replenishment Project

Brower stated that he will work with Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) to set a meeting date. The goal is to review the chart Stoldt will prepare that describes the process, milestones and parties involved with securing source water agreements.

Action Item (Added on 2/14/14)

7. Consider Amendments to Proposed Mid-Year Groundwater Replenishment Project Budget Adjustment

Byrne offered a motion that was seconded by Pendergrass, to recommend that at the March 17, 2014 Board meeting the Directors approve a budget of \$1,097,221.00 for FY 2013-14 GWR expenditures (MPWMD pays 75% of that amount), as described in the document distributed by Stoldt titled MPWMD Proposed Modifications to Groundwater Replenishment Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. It is understood that the budget could be

modified further by Stoldt and Israel prior to Board consideration. In addition, staff was directed to prepare a chart that illustrates the process and milestones for development of source water agreements, including proposed source water providers and amount of water needed from each source. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower.

Public Comment: (1) **Dale Hekhuis** stated that he would support proposed budget reductions only if they did not cause a slow-down in project development. (2) **Keith Israel**, General Manager of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, stated that he is concerned about the schedule as the California Public Utilities Commission has established project requirements that must be completed by December 2014. He noted that his agency has been working on development of source water agreements. He stated that if the December time-line is not met, the project can still move forward as a stand-alone project because it is essential to the community's water supply. However, chances are good that project development will move forward according to the projected time-line.

Suggestions from the Public on Water Supply Project Alternatives

No comments.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 8 am in the Water Management District's conference room.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am.

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