



FINAL MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
August 4, 2015

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 3:05 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Robert S. Brower, Sr. - Committee Chair
 Jeanne Byrne
 David Pendergrass

Committee members absent: None

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

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of May 21, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes**
 On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Byrne, the May 21, 2015 committee meeting minutes were approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Byrne and Brower.

2. **Consider Development of Recommendation to the Board of Directors on Agreement with California American Water for Los Padres Dam Long-Term Plan**
 On a motion by Byrne and second of Pendergrass, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors support an agreement with California American Water for completion of studies as outlined under items 1, 2, 3 and 4 of the staff report. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower.

Public Comment: Ian Crooks of California American Water (Cal-Am) expressed support for co-funding the feasibility study.

Discussion Items

3. **Discuss Process to Become Groundwater Sustainability Agency within Jurisdiction of MPWMD**
 Stoldt recommended that the Water Management District take on the responsibility of Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer, and delay inclusion of the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The District believes that the Seaside

Groundwater Basin boundary is different from the basin as defined by the Department of Water Resources. There are issues related to the boundary of the Seaside Groundwater Basin which must be resolved, before the District would take on the responsibility as GSA for that area. The District should not expand its boundaries to include all areas it considers to be within the Seaside Groundwater Basin. The District should coordinate with Monterey County Water Resources Agency to determine what the boundaries of the Seaside Groundwater Basin will be. It was suggested by a committee member that the Water Management District should form a GSA that includes the Seaside Groundwater Basin and Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer, and then later remove areas as appropriate. The resolution to form the GSA could state that in the future the District will seek to modify the boundary. No public comment was directed to the committee on this item.

4. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

The estimated costs for the Pure Water Monterey project (PWM) should be available within a week. Those costs will be compared to Cal-Am's estimates for the desalination project that were specified in its application to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). The best outcome would be that PWM costs are lower than desalination project costs, including operation and maintenance. Phase 1 of the CPUC process relates to desalination, Phase 2 is PWM, and Phase 3 is return flows and associated alternatives. If Phase 1 is delayed, decisions will need to be made regarding how to proceed with Phase 2.

5. Update on California-American Water Desalination Plant

Stoldt reported that the California Coastal Commission should consider the amended permit for the test slant well in September in Eureka, California. It may be preferable for Cal-Am to request the issue be heard at the October meeting in Long Beach. The CPUC has extended the comment period for the desalination project EIR, but the project timeline has not been adjusted. This causes uncertainty with respect to the timeline for the Pure Water Monterey Project.

6. Update on Local Water Projects

Stoldt updated the committee on the status of projects that may be submitted for grant funding by: Monterey Peninsula Airport District, Pebble Beach Company, the City of Pacific Grove and the Monterey County Fairgrounds.

Luke Coletti addressed the committee during the public comment period on this item. He stated that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) identified the Pacific Grove project financing plan as controversial, so the financing will be considered by the SWRCB in October.

7. Update on Alternative Desalination Project

No report. A representative from DeepWater Desal will present an update at the August 17, 2015 Board meeting.

Suggestions from the Public on Water Supply Project Alternatives

No comments.

Set Next Meeting Date

No date set.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

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