

DRAFT MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
January 23, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm.

Committee members present: Robert S. Brower, Sr. - Committee Chair
Jeanne Byrne (arrived at 2:04 pm)
Andrew Clarke (alternate)

Committee members absent: Ralph Rubio

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Maureen Hamilton, Water Resources Engineer
Jonathan Lear, Senior Hydrogeologist
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present David C. Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments were directed to the committee.

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2017 and November 14, 2017**
On a motion by Andy and second of Brower, minutes of the October 17, 2017 and November 14, 2017 committee meetings were approved on a vote of 2 – 0 by Clarke and Brower.

Discussion Items

- 2. Update on Los Padres Dam Study**
Larry Hampson, Water Resources Engineering Manager, reported on discussions that occurred at January 17 and 18, 2018 workshops on development of a fish passage study and the Los Padres Dam and Reservoir Alternatives and Sediment Management Study (Study). The participants included representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), California American Water (Cal-Am) and consultants working on the Study. On January 17, 2018 the group discussed progress on studies related to the fish passage study. At the meeting on January 18, discussion was focused on identification of Los Padres Dam alternatives that should be included in the Study. Based on discussion at the workshop and [Type a quote from the document or the summary of an interesting point. You can position the text box anywhere in the document. Use the Drawing Tools tab to change the formatting of the pull quote text box.]

comments received on Los Padres Dam and Reservoir Alternates and Sediment Management Study Draft Alternatives Descriptions Technical Memorandum, there is no support from CDFW and NMFS for Alternative 4a – permanently raising the Los Padres Dam, nor Alternative 4c and 4d – construction of a new dam downstream. Representatives from Cal-Am have expressed support for following the direction of the permitting agencies and were not in favor of continuing to study Alternatives 4a, 4c, and 4d.

The committee discussed the information provided by Mr. Hampson. There was consensus among the committee that at this time, no action should be taken to fund studies of dam alternatives that the permitting agencies do not support. If Cal-Am's desalination project does not move forward, the District might consider the possibility of further investigations into these alternatives. Staff should prepare a letter to AECOM requesting that Alternatives 4a, 4c and 4d be removed from the alternatives study, due to the fact that the permitting agencies have indicated they would not approve those alternatives.

Public comment: Aman Gonzales representing California American Water stated that upon completion of the Fish Passage Study, Cal Am would most likely be required to implement one of the highest ranking alternatives, which from a rate perspective would be to revamp trap and truck operations. He also advised the committee that the MOA between Cal-Am, NMFS, and the Coastal Conservancy regarding preparation and funding of the Study contains strict milestones. To increase the scope of the Study and incorporate an additional dam alternative would cause delays and missed milestones.

3. Update on Water Supply Projects

a. Pure Water Monterey (PWM)

General Manager Stoldt referenced a letter dated January 1, 2018 from Joe Gunter, a letter dated January 22, 2018 from Norman Groot, and a document titled Source Water Needed: 2250 AFY which describe water sources for an expansion of the Pure Water Monterey project.

b. California American Water Desalination Project

Stoldt reported that approximately 23 parties are engaged in settlement discussions.

c. DeepWater Desal

Stoldt reported that \$11 million has been spent on the project. Negotiations are still underway with potential Spanish financial sponsors. The draft EIR is behind schedule because there is no funding to complete some required studies.

d. Local Water Projects

Discussions are underway with the California Public Utilities Commission regarding Condition 2 of the Cease and Desist Order. Pacific Grove still must verify that there has been a permanent abandonment of Cal-Am water use.

4. Update on North Monterey County Drought Contingency Plan and Salinas and Carmel Rivers Basin Study

No discussion.

5. Discussion of Bishop and Ryan Ranch Wells

Stoldt explained that Cal Am asked the District to implement a moratorium in the Bishop Water Distribution System. The District recommended that Cal-Am request that the CPUC declare a moratorium. A member of the public has contacted the CPUC and objected to implementation of a moratorium. There is an emergency connection between the Bishop system and Ryan Ranch system, and sufficient capacity in the Bishop system to serve Ryan Ranch needs. There was consensus among the committee members that the District should not become involved at this time. This is an issue that should be addressed by the Watermaster, which has limited production in this area due to the Seaside Groundwater Basin adjudication.

Set Next Meeting Date: February 21, 2018 at 3:30 pm

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at

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