

DRAFT MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
August 21, 2018

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9 am.

Committee members present: Robert S. Brower, Sr. - Committee Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Ralph Rubio

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Larry Hampson, Water Resources & Engineering
Manager/District Engineer
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present David Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of February 21, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion of Byrne and second by Rubio, the minutes were approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Bryne, Brower and Rubio

Discussion Items

- 2. Water Supply Charge and User Fee – Citizens Oversight Panel Discussion**
Stoldt updated the committee on discussions with the Oversight Panel regarding the water supply charge and user fee, and commitments for use of those funds. He stated that the Oversight Panel would like to see the water supply charge suspended, but Counsel advised them that it would be preferable to suspend collection of the fee, rather than allowing it to sunset. The Panel also recommended that a sinking fund be established to collect funds for the Rabobank balloon payment due in 2023.
- 3. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) CPUC Proposed Decision on Application 12-04-019; Discuss District Comments and August 22nd Oral Arguments**
Staff explained that if the CPCN is issued, \$1 million has been budgeted to develop an allocation program, which requires preparation of an EIR and mitigation program. The Water Supply Planning committee would oversee the process, which could begin as soon as the Coastal Development Permit is issued, and could continue through the

18-month desalination project construction period. The committee urged staff to begin planning for development of the allocation program. Staff mentioned that development of the water supply solution was focused on drought conditions. Decisions must be made about how excess water production from the desalination plant will be paid for and stored in wet years.

Public Comment: Dan Turner described the desalination project as “a bad idea” due to the cost of excess water that may not be utilized by the ratepayers.

4. Pure Water Monterey – Cost of Water Discussion

General Manager Stoldt presented information on costs for the Pure Water Monterey project. The presentation can be viewed on the District’s website or at the agency’s office.

Public Comment: Dan Turner stated that if the estimated \$1 million per year in labor costs was divided among four workers, that would be approximately \$265,000 per worker. He asked what portion of that would be salary. *Stoldt responded that he estimated approximately 70% of that could be salary.* Mr. Turner stated he was impressed with District staff and their focus on fiscal responsibility. He noted that Kevan Urquhart had achieved savings in the fishery program, and Maureen Hamilton had reduced costs related to Pure Water Monterey project well construction.

Set Next Meeting Date: No meeting date was set.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

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