



## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 20, 2015  
**TO:** Carmel River Advisory Committee  
**FROM:** Thomas Christensen, Riparian Projects Coordinator  
**SUBJECT:** Packet for October 29, 2015 Committee Meeting

Enclosed is the meeting packet for the next meeting of the Committee, which will be held on:

**Thursday, October 29, 2015  
10:00 A.M.**

***Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room  
8455 Carmel Valley Road***

You may also download the meeting packet from the following website:

<http://www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us/programs/river/crac/cracinfo.htm>

For directions, contact Thomas Christensen at the Carmel Valley field office at 238-2547 or by e-mail ([thomas@mpwmd.net](mailto:thomas@mpwmd.net)).

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**Carmel River Advisory  
Committee Members**

Lance Monosoff, Chair  
Lawrence V. Levine,  
Vice Chair  
Vincent Frumkin  
Thomas D. House, Jr.  
Frank Pierce  
Marjorie Ingram Viales  
Lorin Letendre

**Public Comment**

Anyone wishing to address the Committee on a matter not listed on the agenda may do so during Public Comment.

*After staff reports have been distributed, if additional documents are produced by the District and provided to the Committee regarding any item on the agenda, they will be made available at 5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA during normal business hours and on the District website after the meeting is completed.*

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**AGENDA**  
**CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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**Thursday, October 29, 2015**

**10:00 A.M. at**

***Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room***

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
  - A. Consider Approval of Minutes from the April 30, 2015 Regular Meeting.**
- 4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 - 2016**
- 5. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY ACTIVITIES - Lorin Letendre**
- 6. UPDATE ON CARMEL RIVER FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – Sarah Hardgrave (Big Sur Land Trust)**
- 7. STAFF REPORTS:**
  - A. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Projects – Larry Hampson**
  - B. Update on the Riparian Corridor and Vegetation Management – Thomas Christensen**
  - C. Update on Los Padres Dam Long-Term Plan -Larry Hampson**
  - D. Update on San Clemente Dam Removal and Reroute Project – Larry Hampson**
- 8. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

*Staff notes regarding these agenda items will be available for public review on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the District office in Monterey. In addition, such documents may be posted on the District website at <http://www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us/programs/river/crac/cracinfo.htm>*

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**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
October 29, 2015**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT** - Anyone wishing to address the Committee on a matter not listed on the agenda may do so during Public Comment.

**3. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Minutes from the April 23, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Carmel River Advisory Committee Regular Meeting are attached as **Exhibit A**.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** The Consent Calendar contains routine items that will be approved or accepted upon ratification of the Consent Calendar. A Committee member may request that a Consent Calendar item be considered separately by the Committee.

**4. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-2016**

MPWMD Rule 120 (Carmel River Advisory Committee) includes the following provision: "At the first meeting held in each fiscal year, the committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to preside at committee meetings."

**ACTION REQUIRED:** The Committee should elect a Chair and Vice-Chair to preside at Committee meetings during Fiscal Year 2015-16 (July 1 through June 30).

**5. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY ACTIVITIES:**

**BACKGROUND:** This is a regular agenda item. Lorin Letendre, President of the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC), will update the Committee about CRWC activities.

**RECOMMENDATION:** No action is required. This is a discussion item.

**6. UPDATE ON CARMEL RIVER FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Sarah Hardgrave of the Big Sur Land Trust will give an update on the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project (Carmel River FREE Project). Highlights will include information from the 35 percent Design Basis Report on restoration of natural floodplain function and reduction of flooding risk of the north overbank area upstream of Highway One.

**RECOMMENDATION:** No action is required. This is a discussion item.

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS**

**BACKGROUND:** Larry Hampson will give a status update on the following:

- DeepWater Desal proposal on a desalination plant in Moss Landing

- Groundwater Replenishment Project
- Cal-Am proposal for a desalination plant in Marina

#### **B. UPDATE ON THE RIPARIAN CORRIDOR AND VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

**BACKGROUND:** Thomas Christensen will report on this item.

#### **C. UPDATE ON LOS PADRES DAM LONG-TERM PLAN**

**BACKGROUND:** Larry Hampson will report on this item.

#### **D. UPDATE ON SAN CLEMENTE DAM REMOVAL AND REROUTE PROJECT**

**BACKGROUND:** Larry Hampson will report on this item.

### **8. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**

Committee members should bring up any new business at this time to determine whether it should be included on a future meeting's agenda.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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**MINUTES**  
**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT**  
**CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
*10:00 A.M. Regular Meeting at*  
*Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room*  
**April 30, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lance Monosoff, Frank Pierce, Larry Levine, Lorin Letendre, Vincent Frumkin, and Margaret Robbins

MEMBERS ABSENT: Thomas House

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brian LeNeve, and Lynn Cellars

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Hampson, Thomas Christensen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Larry Hampson stated that each Monterey Peninsula Water Management District board member appoints a member to the Carmel River Advisory Committee for two years and if a board member leaves then the term expires.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – Frank Pierce made a motion to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2014 Regular Meeting, and was seconded by Margaret Robbins. **The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.**

4. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY ACTIVITIES – Lorin Letendre stated the CRWC received a grant from the Community Foundation to help low income students learn about science and the Carmel River Watershed.

5. STAFF REPORTS –

A. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Projects – Larry Hampson stated the Pure Water Monterey draft EIR is out and the comment period ends around June 5, 2015.

Larry Hampson also stated that the Draft EIR for Cal-Am’s Desalination Project was supposed to be released on April 30, 2015. In addition, Larry stated that Cal-Am was pleased with the performance of the test slant well.

With regards to the Deep Water Desalination Project, Larry Hampson stated that the District extended the agreement to participate, but will not be contributing any funds at this time.

B. Update on Current Rainfall and Flow Conditions – Thomas Christensen stated that the total rainfall to date for Water Year 2015 was 15.56 inches (76 percent of average). In addition, as of April 1, 2015 the District was at 97 percent of average in usable storage in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System.

- C. Update on Cal-Am's 2015-2017 General Rate Case Activities in the Carmel River – Larry Hampson stated that Cal-Am requested 1 million dollars to co-fund a feasibility study with MPWMD on the future of Los Padres Dam. This will include a water availability analysis looking into removing the dam or increasing its storage. In addition, the study will look into management options for the sediment load and a behavioral guidance system to get steelhead back downstream.

Brian LeNeve stated that there is no perfect fish ladder and that even if a ladder passes fish, it can cause stress and slow down steelhead.

In addition, Larry Hampson also stated that there is an agreement with Tetra Tech for moving forward with an upgrade to the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility. This includes an update to the intake system and the current facility. Design work is currently being carried out with some portions of construction tentatively scheduled for next summer.

- D. Update on San Clemente Dam Removal and Reroute Project – Larry Hampson updated the group that the drawdown of 500 acre-feet of water at San Clemente Dam has started. He also stated that during the drawdown Granite Construction planned to fix the diversion pipe that was damaged by a landslide last winter. In addition, Larry Hampson stated that Cal-Am and Granite Construction were trying to conduct the drawdown in a manner to prevent too much flow that would cause the lagoon to breach. Work this summer includes removing the dam and constructing 60 step pools to link the upstream area to the dam removal site that has a drop of about 80 feet.

## 6. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee members expressed interest for a meeting in September. The following topics were requested to be placed on a future agenda:

- a. Water Supply Project Update
- b. Update on Vegetation Management
- c. Update on the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project
- d. San Clemente Dam Update

## 7. ADJOURNMENT

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