



FINAL MINUTES
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Public Outreach Committee
April 6, 2016

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 pm in the Water Management District conference room.

Committee members present: Brenda Lewis - Chair
Molly Evans
David Pendergrass

Committee members absent: None

District staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager
Stephanie Pintar, Water Demand Manager
Stephanie Kister, Conservation Representative
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Others present: Steve Thomas, Thomas Brand Consulting

Comments from the Public: No comments presented.

Action Items

- 1. Authorize Expenditure for a Joint Project with Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District – Rainwater Harvesting and Drought Tolerant Demonstration Garden at Garland Regional Park**
On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Evans, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve an expenditure of \$3,000. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Evans and Lewis. No public comment was directed to the committee on this item.

Discussion Items

- 2. Discuss Plan for Informing the Public about the Long-Term Plan for User Fee and Water Supply Charge Funds**
Stoldt explained to the committee that the Water Supply Planning Committee will review a plan for continuation and utilization of User Fee and Water Supply Charge proceeds. That committee's recommendation would be submitted for consideration at the April 18, 2016 Board meeting. He explained that two surcharges appear on the California American Water bill to pay for mitigation and water conservation activities the District undertakes on behalf of Cal-Am. Stoldt recommends that those surcharges be removed from the Cal-Am bill, and that they be replaced with one user fee that Cal-Am will collect and submit to the Water Management District, so that our agency can carry-out mitigation and conservation programs of our own. The user fee and water supply charge could be collected for at least three years, and then the Board could decide if one or both of the income sources should be sunset or reduced. Stoldt explained that if the Board of Directors approves this funding strategy, staff and Steve Thomas will work with the committee to develop information to apprise the public of the financing plan. The public needs to understand that one user fee will replace two others, so this will be a

revenue neutral change. Following the discussion, Locke distributed a list of public outreach activities the District will participate in during April, May and June 2016.

Schedule Next Meeting Date

The meeting was scheduled for 2:30 pm on May 4, 2016

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

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