



MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2016
TO: Carmel River Advisory Committee
FROM: Thomas Christensen, Riparian Projects Coordinator
SUBJECT: Packet for January 28, 2016 Committee Meeting

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

**Thursday, January 28, 2016
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).

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**Carmel River Advisory
Committee Members**

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

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

Thursday, January 28, 2016

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 October 29, 2015 Regular Meeting.**
- 4. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY ACTIVITIES - Lorin Letendre**
- 5. STAFF REPORTS:**
 - A. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Projects – Larry Hampson**
 - B. Update on Current Rainfall and Flow Conditions – Thomas Christensen**
 - C. Update on the Los Padres Reservoir Long-Term Plan -Larry Hampson**
 - D. Update on San Clemente Dam Removal and Reroute Project and Carmel River Lagoon Breaching – Thomas Christensen and Larry Hampson**
- 6. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Staff notes regarding these agenda items will be available for public review on Monday, January 25, 2016 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
January 28, 2016**

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 October 29, 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. 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.

5. STAFF REPORTS

A. MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER SUPPLY PROJECTS

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

- DeepWater Desal proposal for a desalination plant in Moss Landing
- Pure Water Monterey – Groundwater Replenishment Project
- Cal-Am proposal for a desalination plant in Marina

B. UPDATE ON CURRENT RAINFALL AND FLOW CONDITIONS

BACKGROUND: Thomas Christensen will report on this item.

C. UPDATE ON THE LOS PADRES RESERVOIR LONG-TERM PLAN

BACKGROUND: Larry Hampson will report on this item.

D. UPDATE ON SAN CLEMENTE DAM REMOVAL AND REROUTE PROJECT AND CARMEL RIVER LAGOON BREACHING

BACKGROUND: Thomas Christensen and Larry Hampson will present a series of photos showing recent flows in the combined flow reach at the San Clemente Dam site and photos of recent conditions at the Carmel River lagoon.

6. 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Exhibit A

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M. Regular Meeting at
Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room
October 29, 2015**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lance Monosoff, Thomas House, Frank Pierce, Larry Levine, and Lorin Letendre

MEMBERS ABSENT: Vincent Frumkin and Majorie Ingram Viales

PUBLIC PRESENT: Brian LeNeve and Margaret Robbins

STAFF PRESENT: Larry Hampson and Thomas Christensen

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Frank Pierce stated that we should have additional flood maps of the Carmel River showing the 20 to 30 year flood level elevations to help property owners understand at what flows their property would be impacted.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – Larry Levine made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 30, 2015 Regular Meeting, and was seconded by Frank Pierce. **The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.**

4. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015 – 2016- Thomas House made a motion to elect Lance Monosoff for Chair and Larry Levine as Vice Chair. This was seconded by Frank Pierce. **The motion to approve Lance Monosoff as Chair and Larry Levine as Vice Chair passed by a 4-0 vote with Larry Levine abstaining.**

5. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY ACTIVITIES – Lorin Letendre stated the CRWC has installed signs along many of the tributaries of the Carmel River pointing out the name of the creek and identifying it as steelhead habitat. He also stated that unfortunately a couple of signs have been vandalized in the Cachagua area. The CRWC is also working with the Coastal Conservancy on commemorating the removal of San Clemente Dam

6. UPDATE ON CARMEL RIVER FLOODPLAIN RESTORATION AND ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT – Sarah Hardgrave of the Big Sur Land Trust updated the Carmel River Advisory Committee on the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project. Highlights of the plan include the creation of 5 notches in the south levee to allow high flows to access the historic floodplain and reducing flooding on the north side of the Carmel River. In addition, to creating an overflow channel on the floodplain, the plan includes elevating a portion of Highway One on a causeway to allow flow to pass under the current constriction at the south end of Highway One Bridge. The goal for this \$24 million project is to have final design and permits by 2017. There is currently a \$10 million funding gap.

7. STAFF REPORTS –

- A. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Projects – Larry Hampson stated he, Kevan Urquhart, and other District staff went up to the State Water Resource Control Board (SWRCB) to discuss an extension of the Cease and Desist Order to December 31, 2020. The focus of the discussion was on maintaining diversions at current levels with some interveners suggesting a lower diversion limit.

Larry Hampson also stated that the Pure Water Monterey Project (Groundwater Replenishment Project) needs to be cost competitive with the marginal difference in cost between a small and large desal project. It is noted that the Pure Water Monterey has significant environmental benefits that are difficult to value.

With regards to the DeepWater Desal Project, Larry Hampson stated that a draft EIR is due out sometime next year and that the city of Salinas is showing some interest in the water. Currently the Monterey Peninsula has reserved 10,000 acre-feet from the project. However, additional funds would be required to keep the Monterey Peninsula first in line for this water if the project is built.

- B. Update on the Riparian Corridor and Vegetation Management – Thomas Christensen stated that Vegetation Management activities took place at six areas (Via Mallorca Bridge, Koontz Property, Randazzo’s Bridge, Boronda Bridge, Esquiline Bridge, and Ward Bridge) to help clear the channel for winter flows. He also gave a presentation explaining the District’s Vegetation Management Program showing examples of typical problems along the river when it comes to vegetation in the active channel.
- C. Update on Los Padres Dam Long-Term Plan – Larry Hampson stated there is \$1 million for a long-term plan for Los Padres Dam and that one of the first steps is to do a feasibility study for upstream passage for fish.
- D. Update on San Clemente Dam Removal and Reroute Project – Larry Hampson updated the group that Granite Construction plans to stop work for the season at the San Clemente Dam site in December 2015 and that the dam has been removed. In addition, Larry stated that Granite Construction is putting on the finishing touches on the step pools and getting the site ready for winter rains.

8. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

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

- a. Water Supply Project Update
- b. Update on Current Rainfall Runoff Conditions
- c. San Clemente Dam Update
- d. Update on Ecosystem Protection Barrier

9. ADJOURNMENT

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