



FINAL MINUTES

Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *December 12, 2019*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Mary Adams
Gary Hoffmann
Jeanne Byrne (participated by telephone)

Committee members absent: Molly Evans

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo

Legislative Consultant: John Arriaga, A&E Associates
Laurie Johnson, A&E Associates (participated by telephone)

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of August 8, 2019 Committee Meeting**
On a motion by Byrne and second by Hoffmann, the minutes were approved on a vote of 2 – 1 by Byrne and Adams. Hoffmann abstained.

Discussion Items

- 2. Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking**
Arriaga submitted a document titled MPWMD 2019 End of the Year Report. He stated that 2019 was the end of the first year of a two-year session, and that some issues will carryover such as addressing the PG&E bankruptcy. He noted that at a recent League of California Cities meeting he attended, the priority issue was housing and how the legislature could address related issues such as CEQA, permitting and water availability.

Johnson reviewed the Policy Issues section of the End of the Year Report. In response to a question from the committee Mr. Stoldt stated that the Board did not adopt formal positions on the water bills proposed in 2019; however, at the Legislative Committee level support was expressed for the proposal to fund clean water projects through the cap-and-trade concept ultimately approved by the legislature. He explained that the District has often followed the recommendations of ACWA in submitting letters of support or opposition to legislation. Johnson noted that for the upcoming legislative session, an effort would be made to determine if proposed water bonds would include funding for projects on the central coast. Arriaga explained that the bonds need to be written carefully if specific projects were to be covered, because the legislature is moving away from specifying

individual projects for funding. He also reported that there may be an effort to declare stormwater projects as essential services, which would make those projects eligible for Proposition 218 funding.

3. Report on Legislative Outreach for Calendar Year 2019

Stoldt reviewed the staff note and outcomes of the District's legislative efforts.

4. Report from General Manager on Recent or Upcoming Legislative Actions

Stoldt reported that the Ferguson Group would be submitting a proposal for a federal legislative plan. If the committee members attend the ACWA 2020 DC conference, there may be an opportunity to meet with the Ferguson Group. The committee will meet again in March and determine if it will be appropriate to direct staff on expressions of support or opposition to legislation, or if the Board of Directors should provide that direction.

Other Items: No discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

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