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**Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
December 17, 2019**

Call to Order

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

Committee members present: Alvin Edwards, Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Molly Evans

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Council present: David Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of October 31, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Evans and second of Byrne, the minutes were adopted on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Byrne and Edwards.
- 2. Consider Adoption of Updated Water Demand Forecasts Related to Association of Monterey Bay Area Government 2018 Regional Growth Forecast and Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan: 2014-2023, and Inclusion of 2019 Water Year**
Byrne offered a motion to receive the report as information. There was no second.

Evans made a motion that was seconded by Edwards to distribute the revised report to the jurisdictions, amend the report based on their comments, and then submit the report to the Board for adoption. The motion was approved on a vote of 2 – 1 by Evans and Edwards. Byrne was opposed.

Comments from the public. (a) **Bill Kampe**, resident of Pacific Grove, distributed a document titled Thoughts on Water Demand for the Monterey Peninsula that is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the agency website. He stated that lack of leadership on the Peninsula is responsible for the inability to create new housing. We should not underestimate future housing needs, and make sure we understand why growth has been at 0 percent and determine what our fair share of growth should be. (b) **Jeff Davi**, Monterey Coalition of Businesses, stated that the report should be adjusted to account for the past 45 years when there has not been a normalized water market in Monterey. He noted that the AMBAG numbers require further review and

requested that the revised study be sent to the jurisdictions for their review and input. (c) **Sam Teal**, resident of Pacific Grove, advised the committee that buildable lots do exist in Pacific Grove, as well as a need for auxiliary dwelling units. If water becomes available, water permit activity will increase as will water consumption. He also noted that the Pebble Beach Company entitlement will be used over time. (d) **Rene Boskoff**, Monterey County Hospitality Association, expressed support for construction of the California American Water desalination plant. He expressed concern that the agricultural water sources for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion project are not assured for the future. Mr. Boskoff stated that the hospitality industry will require 500 acre-feet of “bounce back” supply. He gave examples of how some restrictions on water use could be lifted in the hospitality industry when water is available. He stated that if desal and recycled water sources provide more water than is needed, the cost will go down and the water could be sold to other water-short areas. (e) **Mark Kelley**, recommended that the report be submitted to the jurisdictions for review. Of special interest would be the City of Seaside considering it has plans for development of mixed use residential/commercial projects. He urged the District to proceed with caution because the first version of the report was distributed widely. (f) **Gary Cursio** expressed agreement with comments made by Bill Kampe. He stated that the lack of water for new businesses or expansion of businesses has crippled the economy of the six jurisdictions within the District.

Director Byrne exited the meeting at 5:10 pm following discussion and action on item 2.

Discussion Items

3. Discuss Concepts for Ordinance re Water for Affordable/Workforce Housing

Stoldt distributed an agenda report for the 12/17/2019 meeting of the Monterey City Council that proposed adoption of a resolution requesting that the District allocate water to the City of Monterey for development of affordable housing. Stoldt explained that District staff planned to convene a meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee and ask the representatives to provide letters documenting the amount of water needed for housing for a 2 to 3-year period until a new water supply is on-line. Staff could then propose options on how to make water available; possibly through use of water credits or water transfers.

4. Discuss Use of Remaining Proceeds from IRWM Disadvantaged Communities Fund

There is a balance of \$66,000 remaining in unspent grant funds. The District plans to hold the funds until it can be determined what local disadvantaged community would qualify for assistance under the grant guidelines.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.