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MINUTES

**Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
*December 3, 2019***

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 am.

Committee members present: Gary Hoffmann, P.E.
Jeanne Byrne
George Riley

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager
Maureen Hamilton, Water Resources Engineer
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present David Laredo, DeLay and Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Discussion Items

1. Status of ASR Well #1 Repair

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, reported that Well #1 was last rehabilitated in 2007. By 2019, measurements taken at the well indicated that efficiency had dropped by 50% from measurements taken in 2014. The cost to rehabilitate the well will be reimbursed by California American Water (Cal-Am) according to the maintenance agreement.

2. Update on ASR Construction

Maureen Hamilton, Water Resources Engineer, reported that on November 19, 2019 a pre-construction meeting was conducted, and on September 20 a notice to proceed was issued to the contractor. The right-of-entry permit was amended to coincide with the start of construction. The contractor was expected to mobilize by the week of December 9, 2019, weather permitting. The work could not proceed until Tesco submitted information regarding installation of the control wiring. The completion date was set for June 30, 2020, based on calendar days. There could be delays related to delivery of construction materials or weather. If delays are caused by contractor negligence, liquidated damages of \$1,700 per day would be assessed. The committee requested that at future meetings, staff should submit the project's critical path

schedule for review.

- 3. Report on Outcome of November 14, 2019 Coastal Commission Hearing**
General Manager Stoldt reported that he was present at the meeting for a Q&A session that was to begin following receipt of public comment; however, the Commission did not conduct the Q&A period. Instead, California Coastal Commission (CCC) staff was directed to develop a list of the commissioners' questions, prepare the answers and bring those forward to the March 2020 meeting for a final decision on a Coastal Development Permit for the desalination project. When CCC staff have submitted questions to the District, staff will formulate responses. The District's responses will be submitted to the Water Supply Planning Committee or Water Demand Committee if the questions have been submitted in time to formulate responses for committee review before they must be submitted to the CCC.
- 4. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project**
General Manager Stoldt reviewed the staff report and a PowerPoint presentation that is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the agency website. He noted that page 2 of the staff note listed delivery of purified water by mid-December; however, the more realistic date is February 2020. Cal-Am is likely to submit a letter stating that the District and Monterey One Water have defaulted on the water sales agreement due to the delay in water delivery. Cal-Am has the right to terminate the water purchase agreement but is not expected to do so. Mr. Stoldt also directed the committee's attention to page 2 of the staff note that listed completion of site-energization by late-November. There was a delay because PG&E crews were deployed to Northern California in preparation for the Public Safety Power Shutoff program. Site-energization was rescheduled to October, then again to November when the work was partially completed. Maureen Hamilton reported that PG&E was scheduled to be on site December 4, 2019, but she requested they reschedule due to rainy weather. She had not heard back from PG&E regarding her request. In response to a question from the committee, Mr. Stoldt stated that the first 1,000 acre-feet of water injected from the project was allocated to drought reserve. There was no requirement that the water be in the ground for six-months, so the next amount of water injected could prompt withdrawal of water on a one-for-one basis for potable use from other areas of the system. While the CDO is in effect, the Quarterly Water Budget group determines what sources of water will be distributed throughout the year. Mr. Stoldt advised the committee that the District met with Cal-Am and advised them that the 2006 ASR Operation and Maintenance agreement would expire in May 2021, and that according to the agreement, Cal-Am must contact the District six months prior to expiration. No further action has been taken by Cal-Am. If the 15-year agreement is not renewed, it will expire.

Director Byrne departed from the meeting at 11:35 pm prior to conclusion of the discussion on this item.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:12 pm.