



DRAFT MINUTES
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Monday, April 5, 2021

Call to Order: The Zoom virtual meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Committee members present: George Riley, Chair
Mary L. Adams
Karen Paull

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager
Maureen Hamilton, Senior Water Resources Engineer
Joel G. Pablo, Executive Assistant / Board Clerk

District Counsel present: David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Comments from the Public: No Comments

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of March 1, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes**
The Board Clerk confirmed with the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee that the committee members have received and reviewed the revised draft meeting minutes for March 1, 2021. The clerk responded and answered questions from the committee. Chair Riley accepted the revised minutes for consideration and adoption.

A motion was made by Director Paull and second by Director Adams, to approve the meeting minutes of the Water Supply Planning Committee on March 1, 2021. The motion passes unanimously on a vote of 3-Ayes (Riley, Adams and Paull), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

Public Comment: None

Discussion Items

Note: Chair Riley moved Item No. 4 ahead of Item No. 2 at the request of Director Adams.

- 2. Ability of Pure Water Monterey to Provide Protective Well Levels in the Seaside Basin**
David J. Stoldt, General Manager (GM) and Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager presented, summarized the staff report and responded to questions from the committee. Stoldt stated Pure Water Monterey can provide water to meet water levels that could be made available at protective well levels, act as a water source and identified potential interested parties to purchase and store excess water.

Public Comment: None

- 3. Update on Seaside Well FO09 and Seaside Intrusion**

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager presented, summarized the staff note and answered questions from the committee. Lear provided a further update to the committee on Fort Ord Well No. 9 (FO09) and advised the committee on the districts next steps. The consultant (Feeney) plans to video-record the extent of the issue, report out and the district will work with the County Health Department. Lear’s analysis suggests that the district may not be able to reliably remedy the issue consistent with County Health Department standards and recommends for the well to be destroyed. As a result, the Marina Coast Water District and the Seaside Basin Watermaster both having a vested interest in the well may want the well to be replaced for monitoring purposes, Lear reported. Lear further added the district has no need for the well to be replaced and financial contributions (if any) towards a replacement well will need to need to be decided on.

Tamara Voss, Associate Hydrologist with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency reiterated Jonathan Lear’s findings, conclusions and assessments.

Public Comment: None

4. Long- Term Expectations for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Output

David J. Stoldt, General Manager (GM) and Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager presented, summarized the staff report and responded to questions from the committee. Discussion ensued pertaining to supply and demand, the need for long term build up for ASR for drought years and various scenarios based on historical data. Directory Riley requested from staff to produce a graph that conceptionally and clearly describes the information presented during the hearing.

Public Comment: None

5. Federal Legislation for COVID-19 Relief Programs for Water Agencies

David J. Stoldt, General Manager presented, summarized the staff report and responded to questions from the committee members. Stoldt informed the committee of how monies from both the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 would be allocated to states, counties, cities and individuals. Stoldt and committee members made mention of various efforts by local and state representatives for Special Districts to get a portion of those appropriations through the state. Stoldt described and made mention of a memo circulated by the California Special District’s Association attempting to garner support for special districts on an initiative whereby 5% of the pocketed money that would go to the state would be segregated for use by special districts. Stoldt responded to Director Riley and added that the MPWMD has endorsed and added their name to the signature page of the initiative consistent with the MPWMD Legislative Advocacy Committee recommendation and approval.

Public Comment: None

6. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

David J. Stoldt, General Manger provided an update on the Pure Water Monterey Project. As a result of a broken drilling rig, Deep Injection Wells 3 and 4 has temporary been off-line and for the month of March, 2021 – 313 Acre Feet has been injected.

Maureen Hamilton, Senior Water Resources Engineer responded to Stoldt comments and

informed the committee the rig is repaired, and drilling commenced through Easter weekend.

Public Comment: None

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

David J. Stoldt, General Manager responded to Director Riley on items to be placed on future agenda(s) of the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee to include:

- a. Further updates on the Seaside Fort Ord Wells
- b. Funding for Pure Water Monterey
- c. Watermaster Replenishment Assessments and Calculation of the Replenishment Rate

Adjournment

Chair George Riley adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.

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