



**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Water Supply Planning Committee of the**  
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**  
*January 20, 2016*

**Call to Order**           The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am in the MPWMD conference room.

**Committee members present:**   Robert S. Brower, Sr. - Committee Chair  
  Jeanne Byrne  
  David Pendergrass

**Committee members absent:**   None

**Staff members present:**         David Stoldt, General Manager  
  Larry Hampson, Planning & Engineering Division Manager  
  Joe Oliver, Water Resources Division Manager  
  Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

**District Counsel present**       David Laredo

**Comments from the Public:**   George Riley stated that there is a weakness in California-American Water's plan for 20 year replacement of slant wells for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project desalination facility, and an engineering response is needed.

**Action Items**

1.     **Consider Adoption of December 11, 2015 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
Minutes were not presented for action. Item deferred to the next meeting of the committee.
  
2.     **Consider Development of a Recommendation to the Board on Adoption of Resolution 2016-01 to Initiate the Proposed Basin Boundary Modification Request to Recognize the Adjudicated Seaside Groundwater Basin with the California Department of Water Resources under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act**  
On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Byrne, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution 2016-01, and direct the General Manager to proceed with filing an Initial Notification to the Department of Water Resources regarding the basin boundary modification request to recognize the adjudicated Seaside Basin in the DWR's Bulletin 118. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Byrne and Brower.

During the public comment period on this item, George Riley asked if subsequent jurisdictional boundary changes by LAFCO would exclude the Water Management District's participation in a groundwater management plan. Stoldt responded that the Water Management District would be involved regardless of LAFCO boundary changes.

**3. Update on Status of Los Padres Dam – Review and Comment on Draft Los Padres Dam Fish Passage Feasibility Assessment Study Plan**

Hampson presented the report on this item. The committee discussed the issue and recommended the following. The Water Management District should prepare a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) on preparation of a downstream volitional fish passage study. The Water Management District should take the lead role in coordination of a stakeholders group, but a list of participants will not be specified in the RFQ. The document will state, "Members of organizations with interest or expertise will be invited to participate in the group." One of the qualifications for responsive consultants is that the firm must name a person on the team that has experience working with the Department of Safety of Dams. The final scope of work will reflect National Marine Fisheries Service and Fish and Wildlife Service comments. The scope of work will be incorporated into a formal Request for Proposals.

George Riley addressed the committee during the public comment period on this item. He requested that the "stakeholder" group be identified as a "study" group.

**4. Consider Development of a Recommendation to the Board of Directors on an Agreement with the United States Geological Survey to Calibrate the Carmel River Basin Simulation Model**

On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Byrne, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize an expenditure of \$50,000 to contract with the United States Geological Survey for calibration of the Carmel River Basin Simulation Model. The motion was adopted on a vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Byrne and Brower. No comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item.

**Discussion Items**

**5. Report from Joe Oliver on Aquifer Storage and Recovery**

Oliver reported that 73 acre-feet of Carmel River water have been injected over the past 5 days. The maximum amount of water to be injected per year under both permits would be 6,326 acre-feet. However, at this time pipeline, storage, and treatment capacity are insufficient to operate at the maximum level.

**6. Report from David Stoldt on Drought Recovery Plan RFP**

Stoldt reported that the Water Management District received a Bureau of Reclamation (Bureau) grant for development of a Drought Contingency Plan for Northern Monterey County, which is critical for eligibility to receive future Bureau grants for the Pure Water Monterey Project. The Water Management District is coordinating with other agencies on development of both a Basin Management Study and Drought Contingency Plan. Staff will request funding of approximately \$180,000 to \$200,000 from the Board for completion of the Drought Contingency Plan, which will provide the local match to

the \$200,000 Bureau of Reclamation grant. No comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item.

**7. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project**

No report.

**8. Update on California American Water Desalination Project**

California American Water maintains that the project will be completed by May 2019. However, no dates are set for hearings on the EIR or other subsequent milestones. All water rights needed for Pure Water Monterey (PWM) have been noticed, and the protest period ends in mid-February. Staff from the Office of Ratepayer Advocates have stated that PWM may be preferable due to its certainty, even if the project costs are not equal to the costs of Cal-Am desal.

George Riley addressed the committee during the public comment period. He stated that community members have expressed concerns about PWM water quality. He questioned the cost of Cal-Am facilities associated with PWM, and requested that the Water Management District prepare a comparison of Cal-Am Desal and PWM project costs. He stated that if Cal-Am's desal project is delayed, the only water supply options are PWM and the two alternative desalination projects, DeepWater Desal and the People's Desalination Project.

**9. Update on Alternative Desalination Project**

No report.

**Suggestions from the Public on Water Supply Project Alternatives:** No Discussion

**Set Next Meeting Date:** The meeting was scheduled for March 3, 2016 at 9 am.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.