



FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
July 10, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:50 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Andy Clarke, Chair
Jeanne Byrne
Molly Evans

Committee members absent: None

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

District Council present: No

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Presentations

1. David Chandler – Update on MPUSD Landscape Water Conservation Projects

David Chandler, Energy Specialist, with the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD), addressed the committee. He reported on completion of landscape water conservation projects at Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School partially funded by a grant from the Water Management District. He stated that 21,000 square feet of area covered with turf, juniper and ice plant were converted to drought tolerant landscape. He submitted a document titled Broadway Water Conservation Garden that described progress at the school site. He requested that the Board of Directors approve additional funding to complete the planned water conservation projects.

Action Items

2. Consider Adoption of April 18, 2018 Committee Meeting Minutes
On a motion by Byrne and second of Evans, minutes of the April 18, 2018 committee meeting were adopted unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Clarke and Evans.

Discussion Items

3. **Discuss Rules & Regulations Clean-Up Ordinance**

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager, provided a brief summary of the rule changes to be included in an ordinance for review by the Board of Directors at the July 16, 2018 meeting. She explained that the ordinance would amend the District's rebate program so that multi-family housing in disadvantaged communities would qualify for rebates for more than 20 toilets. This would allow Ecology Action to install water saving toilets and other fixtures in the areas identified as disadvantaged communities. The ordinance would also allow rebates for vendors that lease washers installed in common laundry rooms. Other features of the proposed ordinance are listed here. (a) The General Manager could approve an exemption to requirements for installation of fire service lines. (b) Following an audit by a certified landscape auditor, improvements to the landscape must be completed before a permit would be issued. (c) Areas outside of the Monterey Peninsula Water Resource area irrigated by wells would not be subject to a landscape watering day schedule. (d) Estimates of past and future water use capacity would be developed based on Rule 24. No public comment was directed to the committee on this item.

4. **Discuss Commercial Water Use Factors**

General Manager, Dave Stoldt, explained that staff was developing a plan for simplification of the water use factors such as: (a) removing some of the categories such as "bistro" and "family grocery"; and (b) along with the list of project categories would be an expanded explanation of what constitutes a type I, II or III use. Details of a proposed use would determine if it would fall under the Type I, II, or III category.

5. **Discuss Conservation Offset Program**

No discussion.

6. **Update from General Manager Stoldt on July 9, 2018 Meeting with State Water Resources Control Board**

Stoldt reported that on Monday, July 9, 2018, a meeting to discuss Condition 2 of Order 2009-0060 was held at offices of the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Those in attendance were seven SWRCB representatives including the Chief Council, three representatives from the District, four representatives from California-American Water, the City Manager for the City of Pacific Grove, representatives from the City of Sand City and Seaside, two representatives from the Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA), and a representative from the Sierra Club. Representatives from the District described our water neutral permitting approach and water credit regulations, and reiterated that use of water customer billing records to determine water use capacity is infeasible because those records are confidential information. The Sierra Club expressed opposition to water credit transfers, and the CRSA opposed any use of water due to illegal diversions. Mr. Stoldt described the meeting as "positive" and noted a follow-up meeting was set for July 27, 2018.

Public Comment: Luke Coletti noted that he would describe the meeting differently, but he agreed that it was positive and that the process was on the right track. He stated there was also discussion about the Pacific Grove Local Water Project.

Set Next Meeting Date: Tentatively set for September 18, 2018 at 3:30 pm.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm.

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