



FINAL

MINUTES

**Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
July 6, 2020**

Call to Order: The WebEx virtual meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

Committee members present: George Riley, Chair
Molly Evans
Mary Adams

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Div. Mgr.
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from the Public:

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of May 4 and June 1, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**
Adams offered a motion that was seconded by Evans to adopt the minutes of May 4, 2020 and to adopt the minutes of June 1, 2020 with a correction to the last sentence of the motion listed under agenda item 1: "The motion was approved on a ~~unanimous~~ vote of 2 – 1 by....." The motion to adopt the minutes of May 4 and June 1, 2020 was approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Adams, Evans and Riley.
- 2. Consider Recommendation to the Board to Adopt an Addendum to the District's Prior ASR Environmental Impact Report for Construction of a Bypass Pipeline to Allow Simultaneous Pure Water Monterey Recovery and ASR Injection**
On a motion by Evans and second of Adams, the committee recommended that the item be presented to the Board of Directors for consideration. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Adams and Riley. No public comment was directed to the committee.

Discussion Items

- 3. Discussion of MPWSP Cost of Water Calculation**
General Manager Stoldt responded to questions from the committee. Chair Riley suggested that the Board could consider making a formal request to California American Water that the denominator used in development of the cost of water calculation be corrected or clarified.

Presentation

4. Review of Cease and Desist Order Milestones

Stoldt responded to questions from the committee. He stated that a request to the State Water Resources Control Board to delay implementation of enforcement action for missing Milestone 5 could come from other parties, not just Cal-Am. He also noted that the stay on physical construction of the desalination plant implemented by Monterey County Superior Court had been extended past the deadline of April 21, 2020 cited in the staff report.

Public Comment: Ian Crooks, California-American Water, stated that it may be difficult to work with the SWRCB on the milestones, and that the community should focus on the “cliff” at the end of 2021 that mandates reduction of withdrawals from the Carmel River to 3,376 acre-feet per year. He reported that the District and Cal-Am had scheduled monthly meetings beginning in July to coordinate on how to meet water supply needs until a project is developed.

5. Update on ASR Project

A summary of Ms. Hamilton’s presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the agency website. She reported on the progress of construction of the water treatment facility at the Santa Margarita site.

6. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

Stoldt presented a map that showed the location of ASR wells, Pure Water Monterey Wells and production wells in the Seaside Basin. The map is available for review on the District’s website.

Stoldt reported that the Pure Water Monterey Project was in operation. The first 1,000 acre-feet of water was being injected to create the operating reserve and it should be achieved by August 2020. He narrated a presentation that described improvements that were needed, including installation of an additional deep injection well that would increase production from 1,400 to 2,800 gallons per minute. The increased production level would meet the requirements for creation of a drought reserve and annual delivery requirements. The presentation also addressed how meeting production goals would affect the cost of water. The presentation can be viewed on the District’s website.

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

There was no discussion of this item.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.