



FINAL MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Tuesday, May 25, 2021

As a precaution to protect public health and safety, and pursuant to provisions of AB 361, this meeting was conducted via Zoom Video/Teleconference only.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm by Chair Riley. *This was a virtual meeting conducted via Zoom.*

Committee members present: George Riley, Chair
Karen Paull
Safwat Malek

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

District Counsel present: David Laredo with De Lay and Laredo

Legislative Consultant: John Arriaga, JEA & Associates
Laurie Johnson, JEA & Associates
Roger Gwinn, The Ferguson Group
Chris Kearney, The Ferguson Group
Stephanie Missert, The Ferguson Group
Rebecca Bliss, The Ferguson Group

Comments from the Public: No comments

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of February 22, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Paull and second by Riley to approve the committee meeting minutes of February 22, 2021. The motion passes on a vote of 2-Ayes (Paull and Riley), 0-Noes, 1-Abstain and 0-Absent.

Discussion Items

2. Report from JEA and Associates on Legislative Status and Bill Tracking

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided introductory remarks. An updated informational memorandum and updated legislative track was received by the District from JEA & Associates. *A copy of both materials is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the District website.*

Laurie Johnson with JEA and Associates provided a verbal progress report and overview of her memorandum touching upon AB 1500 (E. Garcia) and SB 45 (Portantino) sister-bills covering wildlife protection, drought preparation/prevention and safe drinking water, the Governor’s May budget revision and an overview of the Governor’s water package. She informed the committee of a letter sent to the State Budget Committees supporting the inclusion of a \$510 million in funding for the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM). John Arriaga provided an update to the committee on the District’s Condition II/Housing Issue. Arriaga informed the committee that he is working with Senator Laird’s office and CA Department of Housing and Community Development in moving forward and finding a solution on the matter. Laurie further added and informed the committee that the District will have an upcoming meeting with Josh Rosa, Deputy Director with the CA Department of Housing and Community Development to allow for potential movement and direction on Condition II/Housing Issue.

By Committee Consensus, the committee directed District staff and consultants to take the following actions on the following Assembly Bills (AB):

Support	AB 125 (Rivas); AB 252 (Rivas); AB 315 (Stone); AB 361 (Rivas); AB 1500 (Garcia)
Drop	AB 100 (Holden); AB 271 (Rivas); AB 304 (Quirk); AB 339 (Lee); AB 350 (Villapudua); AB 585 (Rivas); AB 621 (Rivas); AB 703 (Rubio); AB 747 (Mathis); AB 712 (Calderon); AB 781 (Daly); AB 821 (Cooper); AB 878 (Dahle); AB 885 (Quirk); AB 1001 (Garcia); AB 1037 (Grayson); AB 1408 (Petrie-Norris); AB 1553 (McDonnell)
Follow	AB 67 (Petrie-Norris); AB 303 (Rivas); AB 336 (Villapudua); AB 377 (Rivas); AB 473 (Chau); AB 754 (Mathis); AB 850 (Gallagher); AB 1058 (Garcia); AB 1164 (Flora); AB 1250 (Calderon)
Oppose and Revisit	AB 819 (Levine)
AB 1434 (Friedman)	Allowed Staff and JEA and Associates to send in coalition letters.

By Committee Consensus, the committee directed District staff and consultants to take the following actions on the following Senate Bills (SB):

Support	SB 45 (Portantino); SB 323 (Caballero); SB 427 (Eggman)
Drop	SB 1 (Atkins); SB 222 (Dodd); SB 223 (Dodd); SB 627 (Bates)
Follow	SB 83 (Allen); SB 273 (Hertzberg); SB 274 (Wieckowski); SB 351 (Caballero); SB 463 (Dahle); SB 520 (Wilk); SB 526 (Min); SB 552 (Hertzberg); SB 708 (Melendez)
Oppose	SB 403 (Gonzalez)

3. Report from the Ferguson Group on Federal Legislative and Regulatory Activities

Roger Gwinn with the Ferguson Group provided introductory remarks and provided an overview of the Federal Governments FY 2022 Appropriations Process; Chris Kearney provided a verbal progress report on the federal infrastructure package and Stephanie Missert provided a verbal report on the American Rescue Plan noting that monies as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic are being allocated to the Federal, State and Local Level. Missert mentioned Special Districts can receive and request monies from either the State or Local Level as a sub-recipient.

David J. Stoldt, Rebecca Bliss and Roger Gwinn reviewed and provided their recommendations on the Federal Tracker.

By Committee Consensus, the committee directed District staff and consultants to take the following actions on the following House of Representative (HR) Bills:

Support	HR 535; HR 1015; HR 1563
Follow	HR 616; HR 737; HR 866; HR 1848; HR 1915; HR 2241; HR 3023
Drop	HR 895; HR 1162; HR 1660; HR 2008; HR 2173

By Committee Consensus, the committee directed District staff and consultants to take the following actions on the following Senate Bills (SB):

Support	SB 91
Follow	SB 29; SB 914; SB 1057
Drop	SB 209; SB 487

4. Report from General Manager on Recent or Upcoming Legislative Actions

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided an overview of letters sent and attached as Exhibit 4-A showing recent actions and letters sent by the District.

5. Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

None

Other Items

6. Discuss and Set End of Year Meeting Date (Oct / Nov / Dec 2021)

Committee Members, District Staff and Consultants agreed to move the meeting time to an earlier time frame and directed the Board Clerk to find an available date that will work for all in the first two weeks of December 2021.

Adjournment: Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 6 p.m.

/s/ Joel G. Pablo

Joel G. Pablo, Clerk to the MWPMD Legislative Advocacy Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Legislative Advocacy Committee on Tuesday, December 7, 2021
Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's at their meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021