



**FINAL**

MINUTES

**Regular Meeting**

**Board of Directors**

**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

*March 16, 2020*

Board Vice Chair Byrne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room. Roll call vote ensued.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

*Directors Present:*

Jeanne Byrne, Vice Chair – Division 4

George Riley - Division 2

Mary Adams – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Rep.

*Directors Participating by Telephone:*

Alvin Edwards, Chair – Division 1

Molly Evans – Division 3

Gary D. Hoffmann, P.E. – Division 5

David Potter – Mayoral Representative

*General Manager present:* David J. Stoldt

*District Counsel present:* David Laredo

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

General Manager Stoldt reported the need to add an item to the agenda, which would be discussed after this meeting, to address action to be taken regarding permit processing relevant to the coronavirus. Additionally, a closed session meeting would also be conducted after the meeting to discuss employee wages and benefits should the need to address the coronavirus developed.

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

On a motion and second, the Board approved the additions to the agenda on a unanimous roll-call vote of 7 – 0, by Directors Riley, Adams, Byrne, Edwards, Evans, Hoffman and Potter.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The following comments were presented under Oral Communications. **(a) Nina Beety** spoke in opposition to the installation and use of AMI/Smart Water Meters that California American Water sought approval for in the current General Rate Case. She also expressed her concern that the District supports the use of Smart Water Meters and stated this was an urgent matter and an environmental health issue that needed to be addressed by the District. **(b) Rudy Fischer** asked if it was possible for the District and other agencies to begin a mandatory mediation to address getting past the Cease and Desist Order restrictions so that the

various water and housing needs could be discussed. (c) Peter Kaiser, resident of Pacific Grove expressed opposition to the installation of Smart Water Meters due to radiation exposure. Mr. Kaiser also stated he would like to see the District take action on water saving procedures such as removing the mud from Los Padres Dam, placing holding ponds back in Fort Ord and returning greywater to homes to allow for landscaping.

On a motion by Adams and second by Riley, the Consent Calendar was approved on a unanimous roll call vote of 7 – 0 except for items 3 and 6 that were pulled for separate consideration. The motion was approved by Riley, Adams, Byrne, Edwards, Evans, Hoffmann and Potter.

Adopted.

Adopted.

Evans offered a motion that was seconded by Riley to authorize staff to enter into a new contract with Right on Q, INC to complete the Tularcitos Aquifer Storage and Recovery Feasibility Analysis. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 6 – 1 by Edwards, Byrne, Riley, Evans, Adams and Potter. Director Hoffmann voted against the motion.

Adopted.

Adopted.

Riley offered a motion that was seconded by Adams to authorize the General Manager to enter into a contract for CEQA services related to Measure J Phase 2. The motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Adams, Riley, Edwards, Evans, Hoffman and Potter.

Adopted.

Adopted.

A summary of General Manager Stoldt’s presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the agency’s

## CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Consider Adoption of Minutes of the February 19, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Confirm Appointments to Ordinance No. 152 Oversight Panel**
3. **Consider Expenditure of Budgeted Funds for Preparation of Analysis of Tularcitos Groundwater Basin as Potential Future Aquifer Storage and Recovery Site**
4. **Consider Approval of Funds to Enter into Contract with Zim Industries to Rehabilitate ASR 1**
5. **Consider Authorization to Contract with RJA Management Services for Facilitation of Board Strategic Planning Session**
6. **Consider Authorizing General Manager to Enter into Contract for CEQA Services Related to Measure J Phase 2**
7. **Declaration of Surplus Assets**
8. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for January 2020**

## GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

9. **Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water**

website. He reported that for the month of February the Sand City Desalination Plant produced 27 acre-feet which was almost full capacity. Water demand for the first five months of the Water Year (October 2018 – February 2019) was 117 acre-feet over last year which could be attributed to increased irrigation due to low rainfall levels.

General Manager Stoldt reported that injection of water from the Pure Water Monterey project began February 19, 2020. The production wells were running at about two-thirds of total capacity but projects were proving to work out well. He noted that a report on the Santa Margarita Water Treatment Facility was in the March 16, 2020 meeting packet under Item 18.

Director Evans reported on her trip to Washington D.C. for the ACWA conference and how valuable it was. She learned what was happening at the Federal level for water projects in California and was pleased to hear about the push for recycled water at the Federal level. Director Adams concurred on the value of the meeting. She enjoyed meeting with Senator Feinstein's Chief Aide who was appreciative of the District's work. Director Byrne also enjoyed the conference and stated she was pleased with the attendance by the Board.

Adams offered a motion that was seconded by Potter to adopt the Fiscal Year 2019-20 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment. The motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Adams, Riley, Edwards, Evans, Hoffmann and Potter. No public comment was directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

Evans offered a motion that was seconded by Edwards to adopt the April through June 2020 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 6 – 1 by Byrne, Adams, Riley, Edwards, Evans and Potter. Director Hoffmann voted against the motion. No public comment was directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

Edwards offered a motion that was seconded by Hoffman to deny approval of grant funding for Hastings Reservation Ford Replacement on Finch Creek. The motion failed on a roll call vote of 3 – 4. Edwards, Evans and Hoffmann voted in favor of the motion. Byrne, Adams, Riley and Potter were opposed.

Adams offered a substitute motion that was seconded by Potter to approve the grant funding for Hastings Reservation

**Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision**

**10. Update on Development of Water Supply Projects**

**DIRECTORS' REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)**

**11. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**12. Consider Adoption of Fiscal Year 2019-20 Mid-Year Budget Adjustment**

**13. Consider Adoption of April through June 2020 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**14. Consider Approval for Grant Funding for Hastings Reservation Ford Replacement on Finch Creek**

Ford Replacement on Finch Creek. The motion was approved on a roll call vote of 4 -3. Byrne, Adams, Riley, and Potter voted in support of the motion, and Edwards, Evans and Hoffmann were opposed. No comments were directed to the Board during the public comment period on this item.

Potter offered a motion that was seconded by Evans to adopt Resolution No. 2020-03 Declaring the Week of March 16-22, 2020 to be Fix a Leak Week. The motion was approved unanimously on a roll call vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Adams, Riley, Edwards, Evans, Hoffmann and Potter. No comments were directed to the Board during the public comment period on this item.

There was no discussion of these items.

General Manager Stoldt reported that the District would like to close over-the-counter permit processing at the office effective Wednesday, March 18, 2020, however electronic submission would be available. He explained the action was taken as a way to address the coronavirus, and that other agencies were taking similar action. The length of closure would be for two weeks, however it would be contingent on Monterey County implementing a shelter in place order.

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session at approximately 7:53 pm.

15. **Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-03 Declaring the Week of March 16-22, 2020, to be Fix a Leak Week**


#### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS**

16. **Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
17. **Status Report on Measure J/Rule 19.8 Phase II Spending**
18. **Monthly Progress Report – Santa Margarita Water Treatment Facility**
19. **Letters Received**
20. **Committee Reports**
21. **Monthly Allocation Report**
22. **Water Conservation Program Report**
23. **Carmel River Fishery Report for March 2020**
24. **Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**

#### **DISCUSSION ITEM ADDED TO THE AGENDA**

25. **Permit Processing Window**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

  
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