



## FINAL MINUTES

### Legislative Advocacy Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *March 18, 2016*

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

**Committee members present:** David Potter, Chair  
Robert S. Brower, Sr.  
Andrew Clarke

**Staff members present:** David J. Stoldt, General Manager  
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

**District Counsel present:** David C. Laredo

**Consultant present:** John Arriaga, JEA and Associates

**Comments from the Public:** No comments.

#### Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of December 14, 2015 Committee Meeting**  
On a motion by Brower and second of Clarke, the minutes were approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Brower, Clarke and Potter.
- 2. Consider Retention of Federal Legislative Consultant**  
On a motion by Brower and second of Clarke, the committee recommended that staff distribute a request for proposals for retention of a legislative consultant, submit the proposals received for committee review, and then refer them to the Board of Directors for a final decision. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Brower, Clarke and Potter. No comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item.

#### Presentations

- 3. Report on Legislative Status and Tracking from John Arriaga**  
Arriaga reported that the deadline for introduction of new legislation was February 19, 2016. The Association of California Water Agencies was monitoring 220 bills. Arriaga had identified 22 bills of interest to the Water Management District, and following discussions with Stoldt, the list was reduced to 16. Arriaga and Stoldt reviewed the list of bills and responded to questions from the committee members. No comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item.

#### Discussion Items

- 4. Review Draft 2016-17 Legislative Advocacy Plan**  
Stoldt distributed the draft 2016-17 Legislative Advocacy Plan that was scheduled for Board review and adoption on April 18, 2016.

**5. Report on February 2016 Trip to Washington DC**

Stoldt distributed letters of support for the Pure Water Monterey Project received from Senator Diane Feinstein and Congressman Sam Farr. Receipt of these letters was in response to contacts made with legislators during the February 2016 trip to Washington DC. Stoldt noted that he also expects to receive a letter of support from Senator Barbara Boxer.

**6. Update on State Water Bond**

No discussion. Reviewed under agenda item 4.

**Other Items:** No other items were discussed.

**Set Next Meeting Date**

No follow-up meeting was scheduled.

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

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