



FINAL MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
March 21, 2019

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present:

Molly Evans, Chair
Gary Hoffmann
Mary Adams

Committee members absent:

None

Staff members present:

David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present:

David C. Laredo

Legislative Consultant:

John Arriaga, A&E Associates
Laurie Johnson, A&E Associates

Comments from the Public:

No comments.

Action Items

1. Adopt Minutes of March 22, 2018 Committee Meeting

On a motion by Adams and second by Evans, the minutes were approved on a vote of 2 – 1 by Adams and Evans, Hoffmann abstained.

2. Develop Recommendation to the Board on 2019-20 Legislative Advocacy Plan

Adams offered a motion that was seconded by Hoffmann to recommend that the Board of Directors approve the 2019-20 Legislative Advocacy Plan. The motion was approved on a vote of 3-0 by Adams, Hoffmann and Evans.

3. Adopt 2019 Committee Meeting Schedule

Hoffmann made a motion that was seconded by Adams to adopt the 2019 committee meeting schedule. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Hoffmann, Adams, and Evans

Discussion Items

4. Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking

There was consensus among the committee members that if the General Manager determines that the District should submit a letter of support or opposition for legislation, the Board should receive copies of the letter after it has been distributed.

Arriaga reviewed Exhibit 4-A, MPWMD Legislative Track. A description of some of the water related bills to be monitored follows. **SB200** (Monning) Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Act,

does not have an identified funding mechanism. **SB669** (Caballero) would establish the Safe Drinking Water Fund, which would be a trust funded by general funds. This legislation is supported by ACWA and CMUA. The District has also taken a position of support. **SB45** (Allen) would enact the Wildfire, Drought, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020. ACWA was working with the author to increase availability of funding for water infrastructure. Johnson will work with ACWA and the author to amend the legislation to benefit the District. **AB1432** (Dahle) would establish a standard per capita amount for indoor residential use. District staff will provide input on the legislation as it develops. **SB414** (Caballero) Small System Water Authority Act that would authorize creation of water authorities that could take over small non-compliant water systems. ACWA supports the legislation. Caballero's staff has requested that the District also offer support.

The committee asked about **AB223** (Stone) regarding regulation of microplastics in drinking water. Johnson reported that the legislation was approved by the legislature. The committee also inquired about **AB441** (Eggman) regarding beneficial use of stored groundwater, and asked if the rule would impede the District's ability to maintain a drought reserve. Stoldt stated that staff would review the proposed legislation.

5. Report from Ferguson Group on Federal Activities

No report.

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

Stoldt reviewed information provided in the staff report.

7. Discuss Future ACWA Washington DC Attendance

Stoldt recommended that each year attendance should be limited to three directors. Registration would be offered first to Legislative Advocacy Committee members. The committee requested that the proposed limit on attendance be submitted to the Board of Directors for consideration at the November of December 2019 Board meeting.

Other Items: No discussion.

Set Next Meeting Date – Scheduled for June 13, 2019

Adjournment – 5:30 pm.