



FINAL

MINUTES

**Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
November 2, 2020**

Call to Order: The WebEx virtual meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

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

Committee members absent: None

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

District Counsel present: David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Comments from the Public: Susan Schiavone asked two questions: 1) did the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) respond to the staff report on agenda item 2; and 2) could a resolution authorizing the addendum specify that use of the pipeline be restricted to the ASR and Pure Water Monterey projects. *Chair Riley replied that the Marina Coast Water District submitted a letter dated 11/2/20. The letter has been incorporated into the record of the meeting.*

Action Items

1. **Consider Adoption of September 2, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Evans and seconded by Adams, minutes of the September 2, 2020 meeting were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Adams and Riley.

2. **Consider Development of a Recommendation to the Board of Directors regarding Adoption of 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**
Evans offered a motion that was seconded by Adams to postpone consideration of this item to the December 2020 committee meeting. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Adams and Riley. General Manager Stoldt requested that questions about the project should be submitted to the District so they could be answered and presented to the Water Supply Planning Committee when they take up the issue again.

Public comment: **(a) Keith Van Der Maaten**, MCWD, referenced a memo from Roger Masuda, Counsel for MCWD, dated November 2, 2020, and stated that an alternative to the proposed pipeline would provide a greater benefit in terms of optimizing resources and

increasing water production from ASR and Pure Water Monterey. He recommended that the issue be continued to allow time for the MCWD to work with MPWMD staff to develop the best solution. **(b) Anna Thompson** asked that if the project was related to Pure Water Monterey, why was the pipeline to be owned by California American Water (Cal-Am) rather than being publicly owned. She noted that there could be better alternatives to the proposed pipeline. **(b) Melodie Chrislock** alleged that Cal-Am planned to complete the pipeline by April, so that the California Coastal Commission would take it under consideration and approve the desalination project in the April time period. She asked if it would be worthwhile for the District to obtain additional water rights as suggested by MCWD. **(c) Ian Crooks**, Cal-Am, stated it was imperative that the pipeline advance in order to maximize existing water supplies. The effort was not intended to address the potential desalination project.

The following statements were made in response to questions from the committee: **Tim O'Halloran**, Cal-Am, stated that the bid opening was scheduled for November 16, 2020 and the project could be in service by mid-April. **Ian Crooks**, Cal-Am, advised that if the MPWMD Board did not take up this issue until December 14, 2020 the risk profile for the project would increase. The timeline would be affected because there would be a delay in ordering the pipe used in construction.

Discussion Items

3. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

Stoldt reported that on September 1, 2020, Cal-Am began purchasing water from the project. Approximately 1,133 acre-feet of water had been placed in the operating reserve. He noted that deep injection well No. 1 was recently conditioned and had performed well. It was expected to inject 270 acre-feet of water per month. Deep injection well No. 2 would be shut down for conditioning. The two shallow vados zone wells were under construction and should be operating by the end of November. A pre-construction meeting was scheduled to discuss deep injection well Nos. 3 and 4. The bids for construction of deep injection well No. 4 were within the District's budgeted amount; \$3.2 million without the construction management component.

Public Comment: Susan Schiavone remarked that despite the naysayers, the Pure Water Monterey project was performing well.

4. Discuss Maximizing Storage in Seaside Basin

This item was placed on the agenda at the request of Director Riley, and he was asked to clarify his request. Stoldt summarized the topic as how to use water when there was a seasonal excess. The water could be banked for use later in the year, but a buyer for the water was needed.

5. Update on ASR Construction

Maureen Hamilton, Water Resources Engineer, narrated a presentation that showed progress made at the Santa Margarita water treatment facility construction site. The presentation was on file at the District office and could be viewed on the District's website. She reported that much progress had been made including installation of the tile room, the motor control center was wired, and gates and a sign were installed.

6. Review Amendments to ASR Operating Agreement

Stoldt advised the committee that Cal-Am prepared the red-lined version of the agreement that was included in the committee packet. He noted that the report was amended to include future ASR facilities namely deep injection well Nos. 3 and 4; and removal of a reference to a franchise agreement with Cal-Am that was never developed. The Operating Agreement

would be presented to the committee again, and then sent to the Board of Director for consideration.

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

The District should conduct a formal orientation session for new directors and invite sitting directors to attend as a refresher.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

U:\Arlene\2020\Committees\WaterSupplyPlanning\Minutes\FINAL20201102.docx