



FINAL MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
October 17, 2017

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:15 am in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Andrew Clarke, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Molly Evans

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

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. **Adopt Minutes of February 8, 2017 Committee Meetings**
On a motion by Evans and second of Brower, minutes of the February 8, 2017 committee meeting were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Brower and Clarke.

Discussion Items

2. **Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking**
Arriaga reviewed the list of bills presented in the committee packet. Water related bills to be followed are: **SB2** – provides 275 to 300 million for affordable housing, and **SB3** that provides 4 billion per year over a number of years for affordable housing and veterans housing. **SB5** – a park bond issue that would provide 1 billion for water supply and conservation issues. **SB231** – stormwater legislation that added sewer systems to list of projects that qualify for Proposition 218 funding.

Stoldt noted that **AB1668** and **SB606** were not supported by ACWA and were submitted to the Rules Committee for consideration in the next legislative session. The District joined a coalition of organizations that expressed opposition to that legislation. The District does not support **SB623** sponsored by Senator Bill Monning that would assess a fee on all rate payers' water bills to fund development of safe drinking water in disadvantaged communities. The only area in the Water Management District that would qualify for funding is a trailer park in Cachagua. The ratepayers in the District are already subject to high water rates and would not support an additional service charge. This bill was strongly opposed by ACWA. Arriaga reported that the bill is in the suspense file, and Senator Monning is expected to work through some issues regarding this bill in the next legislative session. Stoldt also reported on **AB401**

that was adopted in 2015 and is related to lifeline rates. He believes that the legislature will establish a tax on water to fund the lifeline program that will be administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). Arriaga reported that no action was taken on **AB554** regarding desalination, and that he would provide additional information regarding **AB642**, also relating to desalination. He also reported that **SB417**, related to responsibilities of the SWRCB, was a spot bill and no action was taken. Stoldt stated that **AB747** will need to be added to the list of bills to watch. It would establish a nitrogen tax on fertilizer to be used for water cleanup.

3. Status Update from the General Manager and John Arriaga on SB 623, AB1668/SB606, and Receive General Guidance from Committee for District Position

No discussion. Reviewed during discussion of agenda Item 2.

4. Review Legislative Outreach for Calendar Year

Stoldt reviewed the information outlined in the staff report and responded to questions. He will develop a legislative action plan from this report and present it to the Board of Directors at the November 13, 2017 Board meeting.

Other Items: No discussion.

Set Next Meeting Date – No date was set.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 am

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