

## **FINAL MINUTES**

# Ordinance No. 152 Citizen's Oversight Panel of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District July 8, 2021

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, the meeting was conducted with virtual participation via Zoom.

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm via Zoom by David J. Stoldt,

General Manager / Chair to the Panel.

**Roll Call** 

Committee Members Present: MPWMD Staff members present:

Susan Schiavonne David J. Stoldt, General Manager / Chair to the Panel Jason Campbell Suresh Prasad, Administrative Services Manager/CFO

David Laredo, Esq. with De Lay and Laredo

Bill Peake

Melodie Chrislock Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

Marli Melton

Mike Rachel **District Counsel Present:** 

Kevan Urguhart

John Tilley

Scott Dick (*Joined at 1:06 PM*)

**Committee Members Absent:** None

#### **Comments from the Public:**

Opened Public Comment; No Public Comment Received.

#### **Action Items**

1. Consider Adoption of the Committee Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2021

*No public comment were directed to the panel for Action Item No. 1.* 

A motion was made by Schiavonne and seconded by Melton to approve the draft committee meeting minutes of March 24, 2021. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 7-Ayes (Schiavonne, Campbell, Chrislock, Peake, Melton, Rachel and Urquhart), 0-Noes, 1-Abstain (Tilley) and 1-Absent (Dick).

#### **Discussion Items**

2. Review of Revenue and Expenditures of Water Supply Charge Related to Water Supply Activities

David J. Stoldt, General Manager/Panel Chair provided introductory remarks. Suresh Prasad, Administrative Services Manager/CFO reviewed Exhibits 2-A and 2-B that were submitted with the committee packet and answered questions from the committee. Prasad responded to questions from the Panel:

- a. *In response to Melton:* Prasad explained that the District reimbursement lines don't get caught up until after the close of the fiscal year and mentioned that panel will receive a full picture of the fiscal year or the last two months (May and June, 2021) at the next regularly scheduled meeting.
- b. *John Tilley* stated that the user fee should be set aside from the committee's discussions and must hone-in on the Water Supply Charge and retiring said charge.
- c. *In response to Schiavonne:* Prasad mentioned that water supply receipts are collected by the County Treasurer- Tax Collector's (TTC) office and reimbursed to the district. He explained that fluctuations do occur when a taxpayer fails to pay their bill on time and collection of and reimbursement total receipts may be reflected in the following fiscal year.
- d. *In response to Campbell:* Prasad explained due to and in response to the COVID-19 situation, the district purposely budged for \$3.3 million for the Water Supply Charge as opposed to \$3.4 million as done in prior years.

Stoldt and Prasad explained they will together on discussions had among the group and seek to produce further simplification over material presented at future meetings.

No public comment received on this matter.

### 3. Review Adopted Budget and Capital Improvement Plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022

Suresh Prasad, Administrative Services Manager/CFO reviewed Exhibits 3-A that were submitted with the committee packet and answered questions from the committee. David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided an overview of project expenses in relation to the water supply charge collected by the district. He explained the project expenditures exceed that of the \$3.4 million water supply charge collected by the district and are being funded by other sources.

No public comment received on this matter.

### 4. Discuss Performance of District User Fee to Date

Prasad reviewed Exhibits 4-A that were submitted with the committee packet and answered questions from the committee.

No public comment received on this matter.

#### **Other Items**

## 5. Water Supply Project Update

David J. Stoldt, General Manager made the following points and answered questions from the Panel:

- (a) Following the District's complaint to the CPUC, Cal-Am has agreed to negotiate a Water Purchase Agreement for Pure Monterey Water Expansion.
- (b) Pure Water Monterey, Base Project: Two New Deep Injection Wells being added and scheduled for completion in December, 2021 bringing the total to four deep injection wells.
- (c) Funding Sources for PWM Expansion will be funded through a combination of state revolving funds, Federal WIFIA loan and meeting any shortfalls through internal borrowing.
- (d) Cal-Am is working on and plans to file a complete application to the CA Coastal Commission by November, 2021.
- (e) Aquifer Storage and Recovery is nearing completion.
- (g) Provided an Update on the District's Application on a Boundary Adjustment, District Annexation and proposed activation of latent powers with LAFCO of Monterey County. He stated, a review for application completeness is underway and will be notified by LAFCO on the next hearing date. In addition, LAFCO staff has hired a consultant to conduct a review of



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all the published material as it relates to the District's application.

Adjourn: Chair Stoldt adjourned the meeting at 2:25 PM

/ s/ Joel G. Pablo

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

Approved by the MPWMD Ordinance No. 152 Oversight Panel on October 13, 2021 Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on October 18, 2021

