



FINAL MINUTES

Water Supply Planning Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *September 10, 2019*

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am.

Committee members present: Gary Hoffmann, P.E.
Alvin Edwards (Alternate)
George Riley

Committee members absent: Jeanne Byrne

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

District Counsel present David Laredo, DeLay and Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of July 9, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Edwards and second of Riley, the minutes were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Edwards, Riley and Hoffmann.

Discussion Items

- 2. Overview of Seaside Basin Adjudication**
General Manager Stoldt responded to questions from the committee. (1) He noted that a significant drought reserve could accrue in the Seaside Basin by managing withdrawals of Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project (ASR) water. (2) The Watermaster has asked the courts to provide an opinion on a plan by the City of Seaside to water its golf course with Pure Water Monterey Project water, and then claim that the water no longer pumped from two wells on the golf course would be counted as in-lieu recharge. The result would be that the City of Seaside would be able to wheel the water off site. (3) Instead of paying the Watermaster assessments for exceeding the Natural and/or Operating Safe Yield, producers are able to receive credit for funding a physical solution to basin overdraft. For example, California-American Water (Cal-Am) spent \$1.2 million on an alternate supply project. Under this scenario, the ratepayers fund that project, and Cal-Am is given credit against the assessment fees charged by the Watermaster. (4) A concern was raised by the

committee about payment of the assessments by any entity that would take over Cal-Am's operations. Staff responded that assessment requirements instituted in the Seaside Basin Adjudication decision will be lifted when a physical solution has been developed that would protect the basin against seawater intrusion.

3. Proposed Moratorium on Laguna Seca Subarea

General Manager Stoldt reviewed information provided in the staff report and responded to questions. The CPUC has set evidentiary hearings regarding this case for January 22 and 23, 2019.

4. Update on Los Padres Dam Alternatives Analysis

The report was presented by Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager. He stated that flow modeling and habitat assessment studies must be reviewed by the technical review committee (NOAA, Fish and Game, Cal-Am) before the information can be provided to AECOM for preparation of the final report. In addition, the results of a PIT tagging operation conducted by NOAA must also be incorporated into the final report. A technical memo is scheduled for completion by June 2020 which will be reviewed by the technical review committee. By November 2020 all the alternatives for Los Padres will be identified, and the final report is scheduled for completion by April 2021. The District serves as convener for the technical review committee.

5. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

Mr. Stoldt reported that construction is 94% complete, and the project should be producing water by the last week of October 2019. The ribbon cutting ceremony is set for October 4, 2019.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.