



FINAL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
September 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Directors Present:

Andrew Clarke – Chair, Division 2
Ralph Rubio – Vice Chair, Mayoral Representative
Brenda Lewis, Division 1
Molly Evans – Division 3
Jeanne Byrne – Division 4
Mary Adams – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Rep.

Directors Absent: Robert S. Brower, Sr. – Division 5

General Manager present: David J. Stoldt

District Counsel present: David Laredo

Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance by the assembly, Chair Clarke announced that due to a technical equipment failure, no video recording of the meeting would be available. An audio recording would be produced.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

No action taken.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

The following comments were directed to the Board during Oral Communications. **(a) Dan Turner** expressed opposition to the Public Utilities Commission approval of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, and objected to the high cost of water for the desalination project component. He alleged that the Commission's decision to approve the project was a result of political campaign contributions by California American Water (Cal-Am). Mr. Turner referenced a sequence of the comic strip Pearls Before Swine that is available for review on the District's website. **(b) Regina Mason**, resident of Seaside, and candidate for the Seaside City Council. She requested a meeting with a representative of the District, who could update her on the status of the Seaside Groundwater Basin and explain how water from the Basin could benefit Seaside residents. She expressed support for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project and hoped the new water that would be available to the community would reverse the out-migration of African Americans from Seaside and facilitate a

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resurgence of all cultures in the community fo Seaside. (c) **Alvin Edwards**, candidate for Division 1 of the MPWMD Board of Directors that includes the City of Seaside. He thanked Director Lewis for giving him the opportunity to vie for the Division 1 seat. He thanked Seaside City Manager Craig Malin for making time on the City Council meeting agenda for the presentation by David Stoldt on Measure J. (d) **Michael Baer**, resident of Monterey, stated that Cal-Am has incorrectly estimated the value of its local water distribution system facilities as \$1 billion. He advised that for the Felton buy-out, Cal-Am estimated its worth at \$47 million but settled for \$11 million. It the case of the City of Ojai, the Golden State Water System was originally valued at \$120 million but the final price was \$34 million. Mr. Baer stated that approval of Measure J and subsequent preparation of a feasibility study would provide accurate information on the value of Cal-Am’s local water distribution facilities.

On a motion by Rubio and second of Byrne, the Consent Calendar was adopted unanimously on a vote of 6 – 0 by Rubio, Byrne, Adams, Clarke, Evans and Lewis. Brower was absent.

Adopted.

No action

No action

No action

A summary of Mr. Stoldt’s comments are available for review on the District website or at the agency office. Mr. Stoldt announced dates on which he will be giving presentations on Measure J to city councils and community groups. He presented the water conservation advertisement published in local newspapers during Monterey Car Week. Mr. Stoldt reported that water production in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System was 335 acre-feet below the target set for August. He also reported that as of September 1, 2018, rainfall received was at 64% of long-term average; and river flow was at 48% of long-term average. Since June 25, 2018, District staff rescued 2,721 steelhead in the mainstem of the Carmel River; 81% of those fish were tagged. Staff also rescued 2,164 fish from tributaries to the Carmel River. All rescued fish were

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Consider Adoption of Minutes of the August 20, 2018 Regular Board Meetings**
2. **Receive and File Fourth Quarter Financial Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2017-2018 - *Deferred to October 15, 2018***
3. **Consider Approval of Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2017-18 Investment Report - *Deferred to October 15, 2018***
4. **Consider Approval of June 2018 Treasurer’s Report – *Deferred to October 15, 2018***

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

5. **Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision**

relocated to the mainstem of the river.

A summary of Mr. Stoldt's comments can be viewed on the District's website and at the agency office. He updated the Board on the status of the Pure Water Monterey Project, and development of California American Water Company's desalination plant.

No comments.

On a motion of Rubio and second by Evans, Resolution No. 2018-19 was adopted on a unanimous vote of 6 – 0 by Rubio, Evans, Adams, Byrne, Clarke and Lewis. Brower was absent. No comments were directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

On a motion by Lewis and second of Byrne, the October through December 2018 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget was unanimously adopted on a vote of 6 – 0 by Lewis, Byrne, Adams, Clarke, Evans and Rubio. Brower was absent.

Michael Baer addressed the Board during the public hearing on this item. He inquired as to the source of water for 300 AF of ASR production in October 2018. *General Manager Stoldt explained that this was carry-over from 2,345 acre-feet of water that was injected in 2017, and that 440 acre-feet of that water had not yet been used.*

Byrne offered a motion that was seconded by Adams to authorize a contract with Monterey Peninsula Engineering in the amount of \$482,425 for project construction. The motion was approved unanimously on a vote of 6 – 0 by Byrne, Adams, Clarke, Evans, Lewis and Rubio. Brower was absent. No comments were directed to the Board during the public comment period on this item.

6. Update on Development of Water Supply Projects

DIRECTORS' REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

7. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

PUBLIC HEARINGS

8. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2018-19 - Modifying Rule 160 – Regulatory Water Production Targets for California American Water System (*Exempt from environmental review per SWRCB Order Nos. 95-10 and 2016-0016, and the Seaside Basin Groundwater Basin adjudication decision, as amended and Section 15268 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, as a ministerial project; Exempt from Section 15307, Actions by Regulatory Agencies for Protection of Natural Resources.*)

9. Consider Adoption of October through December 2018 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget (*Notice of Exemption, CEQA, Article 19, Section 15301 (Class 1)*)

ACTION ITEMS

10. Receive Update on the ASR Backflush Basin Expansion Project and Consider Expenditure for Project Construction (*Addendum to the ASR EIR/EA Previously Approved Under CEQA Guideline Sections 15162 and 15164*)

On a motion by Rubio and second of Lewis, the Board approved the amendment to the agreement as presented, authorizing a 3.5% increase of the General Manager's 2017-18 annual base salary, effective August 20, 2018. The motion was carried on a vote of 6 – 0 by Rubio, Lewis, Adams, Byrne, Clarke and Evans. Brower was absent. No comments were directed to the Board during the public comment period on this item.

There was no discussion of these items.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

11. **Consider Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Employment of General Manager**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS

12. **Letters Received**
13. **Committee Report**
14. **Monthly Allocation Report**
15. **Water Conservation Program Report**
16. **Carmel River Fishery Report**
17. **Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**

ADJOURNMENT


Arlene M. Tavani, Deputy District Secretary