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MINUTES

**Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
September 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.
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
Heidi Quinn, De Lay & Laredo

Comments from the Public:

Action Items

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

3. **Update on Pure Water Monterey Project**
At the request of General Manager Stoldt, Committee Chair Riley agreed to move this item off of Discussion Items and bring it forward to the committee for action.

Riley made a motion to recommend that the Board of Directors approve pursuit of a fourth well as part of the overall strategy for the Pure Water Monterey project. The motion was seconded by Adams and approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Riley, Adams and Evans.

Stoldt explained that the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) project was originally designed with four pairs of wells: 4 shallow wells and 4 deep wells. It was eventually determined by Monterey One Water's (M1Water) consultant that only two well pairs would be needed. Due to problems with two of the wells, the consultants, District staff and California-American Water (Cal-Am) have recommended the need for a third or possibly fourth new deep injection well to achieve maximum productivity for the PWM project. It would provide redundancy and flexibility of operations. Stoldt presented a chart that showed the cost for construction of the third and fourth wells. Updated estimates should be provided to the District by September 11, 2020. Funding would not follow the past agreement in which the District paid 75% of

costs. Instead, the M1Water Board has agreed to pay for construction of the third deep injection well, if the District would fund construction of the fourth well. The District had previously budgeted \$3 million for the third well. The early estimate of the cost for the fourth well is \$3,700,000 but M1Water representatives have said they will take measures to keep the cost close to \$3 million, such as covering some of the project management costs. The District could carry the costs over two budget years.

The timing for further consideration of this item was critical as the bid package for the third well was scheduled for distribution on September 8; the District's Administrative Committee would meet on September 15; the Board of Directors could consider this item on September 21; and the amended bid packet that would include the fourth well was to be distributed on September 24, 2020. Also, the California Coastal Commission was scheduled to make a decision on Cal-Am's permit for a desalination project on September 17, 2020.

The committee expressed concern that Kennedy Jenks was the firm that originally recommended that only two well pairs were needed and now Kennedy Jenks and Todd Groundwater have completed design work and presented costs for construction of an additional two wells. Committee members also noted they felt pressure to approve the expenditure, since the wells were needed to obtain full productivity for PWM.

No public comment was directed to the committee on this item.

Discussion Items

2. Potential for Cal-Am Table 13 Water Right (Permit 21330) to Resolve Need for ASR Parallel Pipeline

General Manager Stoldt summarized the information presented in the staff note and responded to questions from the Board. Chris Cook, Director of Operations for California American Water, also responded to questions. Staff agreed to meet with representatives from Marina Coast Water District and Cal-Am to discuss the agency's concerns.

Public Comment: Roger Masuda, Counsel for Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), addressed the committee. He stated that he disagreed with many of the points made by District staff and in the written staff report submitted on this item. He requested that staff from the District, Cal-Am and MCWD meet to discuss the points of disagreement in detail.

3. ~~Update on Pure Water Monterey Project (PWM)~~ *Moved up on the agenda to be considered as an Action Item following Item 1*

4. Update on ASR Project

Jon Lear narrated a PowerPoint presentation that described progress on construction of the water treatment facility at the Santa Margarita site that included: installation of a roof, windows, bay doors and the motor control center. The presentation can be viewed on the District's website.

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

No discussion.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.