



MINUTES  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Board of Directors**  
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**  
*September 21, 2020*

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, the meeting was conducted with virtual participation via WebEx.

**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

*Directors Present via WebEx:*

Alvin Edwards, – Chair, Division 1  
Jeanne Byrne – Vice Chair, Division 4  
George Riley, Division 2  
Molly Evans, Division 3  
Gary D. Hoffmann, P.E. – Division 5  
Mary Adams – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Rep.  
David Potter – Mayoral Representative

*Directors Absent: None*

*General Manager present: David J. Stoldt*

*District Counsel present: David Laredo*

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

No changes.

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA**

The following comments were directed to the Board during Oral Communications. Michael Baer suggested that the District implement a laundry to landscape greywater irrigation program as has been developed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District. *Stoldt responded that the District has a laundry to landscape program in place.*

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Byrne made a motion that was seconded by Potter to approve the Consent Calendar except for items 4 and 7 that were pulled for separate consideration. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Potter, Adams, Edwards, Evans, Hoffmann and Riley.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Approved.

- 1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the August 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Consider Approval of Contract with TMD Creative for Public Outreach Services**

Approved contract through the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020-21 in the amount of \$40,000.

Approved extension of cooperative agreement in the amount of \$14,430.

Adams offered a motion that was seconded by Potter to authorize the Assistant Fisheries Biologist position and set the salary range at 26. The motion was adopted on a vote of 6 – 1 by Adams, Potter, Byrne, Edwards, Evans and Riley. Hoffmann was opposed.

Michael Baer addressed the Board during the public comment period on this item. He expressed support for the staff recommendation.

Approved.

Approved.

On a motion by Potter that was seconded by Adams the Treasurer’s Report for June 2020 was adopted on a vote of 6 – 1 by Potter, Adams, Byrne, Edwards, Evans and Riley. Hoffmann was opposed.

Adopted.

Approved.

A summary of Stoldt’s presentation can be viewed on the District’s website. He reported that in the eleventh month of the water year, water production in the Monterey Peninsula Water Resources System was 659 acre-feet below the target set in the adjudication decision. In the month of August, no recordable rainfall was received. The fish rescue season had ended, and over the current water year staff rescued 8,500 steelhead fish from the main stem of the Carmel River and 4,500 from the tributaries.

Stoldt reported that California American Water (Cal-Am) withdrew its application with the California Coastal Commission for a Coastal Development Permit for its proposed desalination project. He responded to the concern that water rationing was an impending threat to the community. Stoldt presented a chart titled Supplies Required to “Get Off the River” that can be viewed on the District’s website. He explained that if Cal-Am pumped

3. **Consider Extension of Cooperative Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for Streamflow Gaging in Water Year 2021**
4. **Consider New Assistant Fisheries Biologist Position for Operation of the Carmel River Resistance Board Weir and Other Fisheries Related Work**
5. **Authorize District Staff to File for Extension of Water Rights Permits 202808 A and C**
6. **Consider Amended Quarterly Water Budget for September to Accommodate the Availability of Pure Water Monterey as a New Source**
7. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for June 2020**
8. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for July 2020**
9. **Consider Approval of Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Investment Report**

**GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT**

10. **Status Report on California-American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision**
11. **Update on Development of Water Supply Projects**

only the 3,376 acre-feet allowed from the Carmel River, combined with other sources of supply the total annual production could be 9,744 acre-feet. The average annual customer demand was 9,825 acre-feet. The 80 acre-feet shortfall could be provided by other sources, including carry-over credits and an additional 1,200 acre-feet of ASR storage. He noted that the deadline for Cal-Am to meet the next milestone was the end September.

Public Comment: John Tilley, member of the Ordinance No. 152 Oversight Panel, stated that to assume full production from unproven water sources and overreliance on adequate rainfall was not a good basis for a sustainable water supply project.

Counsel Laredo reported that the Board discussed the draft evaluation and continued the discussion to a special closed session on Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 5:30 pm. to conduct an interactive dialogue with the General Manager on the performance evaluation. No other action was taken.

Chair Edwards thanked the General Manager and Counsel for the letter they submitted to the Public Utilities Commission regarding the Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (WRAM). He also thanked the General Manager, the Board and staff on all efforts made to provide input to the California Coastal Commission re Cal-Am's application No. 9-19-0918 and Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 related to issuance of a Coastal Development Permit for the desalination facility associated with the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project.

Stoldt reported on efforts taken to protect the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility and the safety of fish held there from the danger posed by the Carmel and River fires. Hampson narrated a presentation describing completion of the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility upgrade. The presentations are available for review on the District's website.

Byrne offered a motion that was seconded by Evans to approve the staff recommendation to (a) adopt the Findings of Approval for Application #2020501CAW; (b) authorize an amendment to MPWMD Permit #M15-03-L3-A for the Ryan Ranch and Bishop Units to connect to the Main CAW System; and (c) file a Notice of Exemption with the Monterey County Clerk. In addition, the Evidence for

**REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL ON  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2020, 4:30 PM CLOSED  
SESSIONS**

**Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
(CA Gov Code Sec. 54957) - General  
Manager**

**DIRECTORS REPORTS (INCLUDING AB  
1234 REPORTSS ON TRIPS,  
CONVERENCE ATTENDANCE AND  
MEETINGS)**

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

**PRESENTATION**

**13. Presentation on Sleepy Hollow  
Steelhead Rearing Facility Upgrades  
by Larry Hampson**

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**14. Consider Approval of Application to  
Amend California American Water  
Company System Permits for the  
Ryan Ranch and Bishop Units to  
Change the Source of Supply and  
Authorize Permanent Connection to  
the Main California American Water**

Finding of Approval No. 1 should be corrected to remove the reference to “Item 12” on the September 21, 2020 agenda and replace it with “Item 14.” The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Evans, Adams, Edwards, Hoffmann, Potter and Riley.

Representatives from Cal-Am responded to questions. No public comment was presented to the Board.

Adams offered a motion that was seconded by Byrne to adopt Resolution No. 2020-30 Modifying Rule 160. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 7 – 0 by Adams, Byrne, Edwards, Evans, Hoffmann, Potter and Riley. No public comment was directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

On a motion by Byrne, seconded by Evans the Board adopted the October through December 2020 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget on a unanimous vote of 7 – 0 by Byrne, Evans, Adams, Edwards, Hoffmann, Potter and Riley. No public comment was directed to the Board during the public hearing on this item.

Byrne offered a motion that was seconded by Edwards to adopt the staff recommendation to approve funding for Deep Injection Well-4 in an amount of \$3,700,000 and a 10% contingency. The motion was approved on a vote of 6 – 1 by Byrne, Edwards, Adams, Evans, Potter and Riley. Hoffmann was opposed.

Representatives from Monterey One Water responded to questions.

Public Comment: Susan Schiavone expressed support for the staff recommendation.

On a motion by Edwards and seconded by Potter, the item was deferred to the October 19, 2020 Board meeting on a unanimous vote of 7 – 0 by Edwards, Potter, Adams, Byrne, Evans, Hoffmann, and Riley.

There was no discussion of these items.

## **System to Receive Deliveries of Native Seaside Basin Groundwater from the Coastal Subarea**

- 15. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2020-13 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.)**
- 16. Consider Adoption of October through December 2020 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget**

### **ACTION ITEMS**

- 17. Consider Funding and Remediation Plan for Pure Water Monterey Baseline Project (Phase 1) Injection Facilities**

- 18. Discuss Baseline for the Water Supply Charge and Consider Policy for Sunset Based on User Fee Performance**

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS**

- 19. Monthly Progress Report – Santa Margarita Water Treatment Facility**

20. **Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
21. **Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
22. **Letters Received**
23. **Committee Reports**
24. **Monthly Allocation Report**
25. **Water Conservation Program Report**
26. **Carmel River Fishery Report for September 2020**
27. **Semi-Annual Financial Report on the CAWD/PBCSD Wastewater Reclamation Project**
28. **Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**

The meeting was adjourned at 9 pm.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Arlene M. Tavani*

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