



**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Water Demand Committee of the**  
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**  
**December 3, 2020**

**Call to Order**

The virtual meeting was called to order at 3 pm via WebEx.

**Committee members present:** Alvin Edwards, Chair  
George Riley

**Committee members absent:** Gary Hoffmann

**Staff members present:** David Stoldt, General Manager  
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager  
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

**District Counsel present:** David Laredo

**Comments from the Public:** No comments were directed to the committee.

**Action Items**

1. **Consider Adoption of November 5, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
On a motion by Riley, seconded by Edwards, minutes of the November 5, 2020 committee meeting were approved on a roll-call vote of 2 – 0 by Riley and Edwards. Hoffmann was absent.
  
2. **Consider Recommendation to Board to Fund Rebates in the California American Water System between January 1, 2021 and the Availability of Funding from the California American Water General Rate Case**  
On a motion by Riley, seconded by Edwards, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve interim funding in the amount of \$200,000 for the rebate program. The motion was approved on a roll-call vote of 2 – 0 by Riley and Edwards. Hoffmann was absent.

**Discussion Items**

3. **Update on Water for Near-Term Housing Needs Initiative**  
Stoldt presented a graphic that outlined the timeline for completion of this initiative. The graphic can be viewed on the District's website. Stoldt stated that he met with primary consultants on the Senate Housing Committee and the Legislative Consultant to Nancy Skinner, the author of SB330 the Housing Crisis Act of 2019. They recommended that the District request that Senator John Laird and Assemblymember Mark Stone author a letter of support which could be presented to others for their concurrence. The District planned to prepare a draft application to the SWRCB requesting limited relief from Condition 2 of the Cease and Desist Order, and the ability to allocate 75 acre-feet of saved water. The draft application would be submitted to potential supporters, including cities within the District, for review along with a sample letter of support. After the application is submitted to the SWRCB, letters of support should follow.

Public comment: Ande Flower, Principal Planner for the City of Monterey, expressed gratitude

to the District for exhibiting leadership and solidarity with the City, as it could not plan ahead to construct affordable housing without the District's support.

**4. Update on Action to be Taken Regarding Reduction in Diversion Limits Instituted by the State Water Resources Control Board**

Stoldt reported that the District would notify the jurisdictions and the local press that no action would be taken by the District to invoke rationing or conservation rates in the 2020-2021 Water Year. At the December 14, 2020 Board meeting, the Board would review a letter for submission to the SWRCB chronicling the District's view that none of the applicants including the District were at fault for the missed milestone.

Public Comment: Mark Kelley asked if Mr. Stoldt's chart titled Supplies Required to Get off the River assumes that either the Pure Water Monterey Expansion project or Cal-Am's proposed desalination project should be approved within the next three years. *Stoldt responded that the District's position is that both projects would provide water for 30 years, but one of the projects is less expensive and environmentally superior to the other project.*

**5. Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas**

The Water Supply Planning committee should review concerns about the possibility of seawater intrusion in the Seaside Basin.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 3:35 pm.

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