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**MINUTES**

**Water Demand Committee of the  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District  
July 2, 2020**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

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

**Committee members absent:** None

**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.

**Action Items**

- 1. Consider Adoption of June 4, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
On a motion by Riley and second of Hoffmann, minutes of the June 4, 2020 committee meeting were adopted on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Riley, Hoffmann and Edward.

**Discussion Items**

- 2. Discuss Responses from Jurisdictions on Near-Term Needs for Housing and Review Next Steps**

General Manager Stoldt narrated a presentation that summarized information outlined in the staff report. The presentation can be viewed on the District's website. He stated that the Technical Advisory committee (TAC) reviewed a similar presentation in a meeting conducted earlier in the day and expressed no objections to the allocation plan outlined. District staff would follow-up with the TAC members to receive their comments, and to consider any housing numbers that Del Rey Oaks, Pacific Grove or Monterey County may ultimately submit. Note that the TAC meeting was also attended by Steve Westhoff of the State Water Resources Control Board.

Stoldt responded to questions. During the discussion he reported that the City of Pacific Grove may not be in agreement with the allocation proposal, as the City had requested that the District not consider the 30 acre-feet of its water allocation that had not been utilized. If the District were to be granted the ability to allocate 75 acre-feet of saved water, the Board would be responsible to determine if a percentage of the water would be immediately available or if all of it would be allocated. The Board should maintain flexibility. District staff would call a meeting of the Policy Advisory Committee soon to present the plan. It was important to build a coalition of support

before submitting the plan to the California Department of Housing and Community Development and the State Water Resources Control Board. A concern was expressed about indemnifying the District against challenges to allocating water from the reserve. Mr. Stoldt reported that Counsel and staff were working on development of an indemnification agreement with the City of Monterey related to the Garden Road project. Regarding the proposed allocation of 75 acre-feet of saved water District-wide, indemnification would likely not be needed because a negotiated agreement with the State to allow the allocation of water would be obtained. Stoldt noted that negotiations with the State would take into consideration an extension of the Cease and Desist Order and the scheduled water supply reductions. Counsel Laredo added that the proposed allocation of saved water was de minimis when compared to the total amount of water available to the District, and it should not be deducted from the water available to the community.

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

The committee requested that staff report on efforts to locate a site for a new CIMIS station.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 pm.

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