



**FINAL MINUTES**  
**Water Demand Committee of the**  
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**  
**June 4, 2020**

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:05 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 May 7, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
On a motion by Riley and seconded by Hoffmann, the minutes of the May 7, 2020 meeting were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Riley, Hoffmann, and Edwards.

**Discussion Items**

- 2. Update on Water for Regional Housing Needs Request to District TAC (Technical Advisory committee)**  
Locke reviewed the results of responses received from the jurisdictions as to their immediate short-term water needs for housing. At the time of the presentation, the requested information had not been submitted for the City of Del Rey Oaks and the unincorporated area of Monterey County. Stoldt summarized actions the District has taken to identify a source of water that might be used by the jurisdictions for their housing needs. He explained that the State Water Resources Control Board has warned that the plan for allocation of water from the District's reserve allocation to a project on Garden Road that includes low income housing would be in violation of Condition 2 of the Cease and Desist Order (CDO). District staff plans to utilize SB 330, the Housing Crises Act of 2019, and argue that health and safety issues require that water be allocated for housing. If that is successful, the District would allocate water to the jurisdictions specifically for housing. Staff will develop a plan for distributing water to the jurisdictions and review it with the Technical Advisory Committee and Water Demand Committees in July and August. The goal is to work with state housing agencies and the SWRCB to develop a plan to allocate a limited amount of water in a manner that would not undermine the CDO. Staff will contact the jurisdictions to determine if plans for teacher housing and parks were included in their estimates of future water needs. It may also be appropriate to determine what government project needs should be included. Public Comment: (a) **Kim Cole**, Community Development Director for the City of Monterey, expressed support for the plan outlined by staff. She stated that the City of Monterey's highest

priority was housing and that water was needed to meet state mandated regional housing goals. (b) **Ande Flower**, Principal Planner for the City of Monterey, thanked District staff for their outreach to the SWRCB and efforts towards development of a solution in meeting housing needs. She noted that the City planned to bring projects to the Board such as teacher housing, and affordable housing in the downtown area.

**3. Discuss Methods for Implementation of Enhanced Water Conservation Measures for Non California American Water Pumpers in the Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer**

General Manager Stoldt reported that staff was reviewing the District's rules to determine what benefits would be available to non-Cal-Am pumpers. The committee members suggested that staff should work with the Carmel Valley Association to hear any proposals they may have for water conservation measures. Staff noted that there have been conversations with large water users to determine if storage tanks could be constructed to store water during high flow periods. Staff also noted that approximately 5% to 10% of well owners report their water use annually by the land use method. Well owners are not charged a fee by the District for the amount of water pumped.

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

No discussion.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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