

FINAL MINUTES Water Demand Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District March 5, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

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

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of January 16, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Riley and second of Hoffmann, the minutes were adopted on a vote of 2-1 by Riley and Edwards. Hoffmann abstained.

2. Discuss Request from City of Monterey re Allocation for 2000 and 2600 Garden Road, Monterey

On a motion by Riley and second of Hoffmann, the committee voted unanimously to delay consideration of this issue until the April 2, 2020 committee meeting when additional information could be provided, including updated estimates of water needed for the affordable units, and input from the other jurisdictions regarding any construction-ready project that could benefit from the reserve allocation. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Riley, Hoffmann and Edwards.

Public Comment: Kim Cole, Community Development Director for the City of Monterey, stated that if the City received the requested water, the 20% of affordable units could be incorporated into the projects. Without that water, only the market-rate units could be constructed. The City would meet its RHNA goals only if the affordable units were included. She advised that the projects have been through the City's approval process and need only architectural review, which could not be completed until a decision was made on inclusion of the affordable housing units. A one-month delay would be acceptable to allow time for the District to make a determination on distribution of water for the project. If the decision were delayed further, the projects would move forward without the affordable housing units.

Discussion Items

3. Follow-up on HEART Program

Staff explained that \$60,000 of grant funds remained for distribution to disadvantaged communities. However, the State of California will no longer authorize use of the funds for direct-install projects such as installation of low-flow devices at Rippling River. The City of Monterey has proposed a stormwater project in a disadvantaged community that would qualify for grant funding. Chair Edwards requested that the issue be brought forward for consideration by the Board of Directors.

4. Discuss Timeline for Board Consideration of Update to Report: Supply and Demand for Water on the Monterey Peninsula

General Manager Stoldt provided information on this item. A final report would be provided at the April 2, 2020 meeting. At that time the committee could make a recommendation as to when the report should be submitted to the Board of Directors for either acceptance or approval.

5. Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

Topics suggested by committee members. (a) Discuss how water would be allocated when it becomes available. Mr. Stoldt explained that the topic should be deferred until a water supply project is under construction. (b) Discuss methods for implementation of enhanced water conservation measures for non-Cal-Am water users along the Carmel River.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 pm.

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