



**Final Minutes
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Thursday, May 5, 2022**

Pursuant to AB 361 (Rivas), the meeting was conducted with virtual participation via Zoom.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Chair Anderson.

Committee members present: Amy Anderson
(By Roll-Call) Karen Paull

Committee members absent: Clyde Roberson, Chair

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

District Counsel present: David Laredo with De Lay and Laredo

Comments from the Public

The following comments were directed to the Board:

- (a) John Tilley: Stated he is happy to see the General Manager feeling better.

No further comments were directed to the committee.

Action Items

- Committee Member Anderson assumed the duties as Chair of the Water Demand Committee in Roberson's absence.

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from March 3, 2022

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk directed attention to the draft meeting minutes and clarified that the meeting on March 3, 2022 convened at 9:02 a.m. and not at 10:02 a.m.

No comments were directed to the Committee on Item No. 1.

A motion was made by Paull with a second by Anderson to approve the committee meeting minutes from March 3, 2022 with one editorial change. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 2-Ayes (Anderson and Paull), 0-Noes, and 1-Absent (Roberson).

2. Adopt 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule

The Committee received the 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule.

No comments were directed to the Committee on Item No. 2.

A motion was made by Paull with a second by Anderson to adopt the 2022 Committee Meeting Schedule. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 2-Ayes (Anderson and Paull), 0-Noes, and 1-Absent (Roberson).

3. Consider Recommendation to the Board to Allow Ordinance No. 87 CHOMP Allocation to be Applied to Ryan Ranch Campus Expansion

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided background information and an overview of his staff report on consider allowing an Ordinance No. 87 (*an urgency ordinance*) CHOMP Allocation to be applied to the Ryan Ranch Campus Extension. Stoldt provided historical context and stated that the Ryan Ranch campus water availability has been subjected to a moratorium on new connections and increases previously invoked by the District. Stoldt and Laredo noted that Ordinance No. 87 which was adopted by the Board in 1997 established a community benefit allocation for the planned expansion of the Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, but that specific allocation has not been fully utilized. Laredo explained Urgency Ordinance No. 87 has a sunset provision a year from the date the board adopted said ordinance. He further explained that the District has not since its adoption reviewed Ordinance No. 87 to determine to do one of the following actions: keep the ordinance in effect; to be amended; or rescinded. He noted he will need to do additional analysis to determine if Ordinance is in effect and will work with staff on the best path forward. Stoldt pointed out that staff would need to determine how much of the unused portion of the 18.28 Acre Feet remains for CHOMP and noted their proposed Cancer Center building needs only 4.2 Acre Feet. By committee consensus, staff was provided with general direction to determine if there is still and how much an allocation remains for CHOMP, determine the best legal path forward if an allocation exists and have the Board/Committee consider those options at a future meeting.

No comments were directed to the committee.

Discussion Items

4. Discuss and Provide Direction to Staff on SB-1157 (Hertzberg)

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager and David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided background information, an overview and detailed verbal analysis of the staff report, exhibits and answered committee questions on SB-1157 (Herzberg).

The following comments were directed to the Committee:

- (a) Melodie Chrislock: Stated she is disturbed by the proposed legislation and and inquired if staff has worked Laird and Stone to potentially gut and amend the bill.
- (b) Susan Schiavone: Believes this is punitive and asked about enforcement measures to be taken to ensure individuals comply with the proposed bill. In addition, she believes this is unfair and does not take account to different types of users.
- (c) John Tilley: Urged the District to embrace the lowest number to encourage individuals to conserve.

No further comments were directed to the Committee.

Additional Material as mentioned during the meeting on Item No. 4 is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the District website.

5. Update on District’s Water for Housing Initiative

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided an overview of his staff report and presented via MS PowerPoint entitled, “Update on District’s Water for Housing Initiative” and answered committee questions. *A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office and be can viewed on the District website.*

The following comments were directed to the committee:

- (a) John Tilley: Believes in the Regional for Housing Needs Allocations numbers and the rationale for those numbers in relation costs/housing. Tilley asked the committee to consider the supply needs of the community; he urged the committee to receive and evaluate actual numbers and not theoretical numbers for Pure Water Monterey and its Expansion.
- (b) Melodie Chrislock: Responded to Tilley’s comments and reported that the numbers for Pure Water Monterey exceeds the numbers than the original design plans.

No further comments were directed to the committee.

Stoldt responded to public comments made and stated that the Pure Water Monterey base project is more than capable of producing. Stoldt noted that the base project produced: (a) 362 Acre Feet (AF) in April 2022; (b) In last 12 months, has produced 4300 AF; and (c) highlighted that the base project actually had to scale back injections due existing permits to continually do 4300 AF in a Calendar Year.

6. Discuss Timing for Drought Outreach (Verbal Report)

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager presented via MS PowerPoint entitled “Discuss Timing for Drought Outreach” and answered committee questions. *A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office and be can viewed on the District website.*

Locke provided background information on the Governor’s Executive Order N-7-22 and a decision to be made by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on May 25, 2022 to consider moving from Stage 1 to Stage 2. Locke mentioned the District is always in Stage 1: Water Waste Enforcement and the District is preparing to implement a plan moving forward with CalAm to move into Stage 2. In addition, she provided an overview of what each Stage enumerated 1 through 4 of the Water Conservation and Rationing plans would entail and the anticipated outreach schedule at the State and Local level. Locke noted that in addition to implementing Stage 2; the District has always enforced water waste restrictions as noted in the Governor’s Executive Order and touched upon the ban on non-functional turf irrigation at commercial, industrial and institutional sites. Stoldt and Locke informed the committee of their intention to bring forth before the Board of Directors a resolution in support of the SWRCB Drought-Related Emergency Water Conservation Regulations and Triggering Stage 2 Water Conservation should the SWRCB moves to formally move into Stage 2.

No comments were directed to the committee on Item No. 6.

Adjournment

Chair/Committee Member Anderson adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

/ s/ Joel G. Pablo

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

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