



FINAL MINUTES

Water Demand Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Thursday, May 6, 2021

Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm via Zoom by Chair Anderson.

Committee members present: *(By Roll-Call)*

Amy Anderson, Chair
Alvin Edwards
Clyde Roberson

Committee members absent:

None

Staff members present:

David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Division Manager
Joel G. Pablo, Executive Assistant / Board Clerk

District Counsel present:

David Laredo, Esq. with De Lay and Laredo

Comments from the Public:

No comments were directed to the committee.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2021 and March 4, 2021

Public Comment: *None*

A motion was made by Edwards and second by Roberson to approve the committee meeting minutes from February 4, 2021 and March 4, 2021. The motion passes unanimously on a roll-call vote on a vote of 3-Ayes (Anderson, Edwards and Roberson), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

Discussion Items

2. Update on District's Water for Housing Initiative

Dave Stoldt, General Manager provided an update the committee on the District's Water for Housing Initiative and answered committee questions. Stoldt said the district received word from the CA State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB)- Office of the Chief Counsel about 10 days ago that any material and correspondence related to the Cease and Desist Order & Cal-Am has not been placed online due to their ongoing efforts to meet ADA requirements. The SWRCB has not replied to and has not responded to the district's application. Stoldt announced that the district has received letters of support submitted by Monterey Bay Area Economic Partnership, League of Women Voters, LandWatch Monterey County, Coalition of Peninsula Housing, a number of incorporated cities and letters drafted by city mayors.

Public Comment: *None*

3. Discuss Need for Dry Year/Drought Response

Dave Stoldt, General Manager provided an update to the committee on the Need for Dry Year/Drought Response. Stoldt informed the board that on May 1 of each calendar year, the district must make a declaration and look at available supplies relative to scheduled demand and ascertain if the district needs to take measures on the conservation and rationing plan. Stoldt highlighted that while the rest of the country is declaring a west-wide *drought* the use of the term is only applied when there are two (2) consecutive dry or critically dry years. The District will springboard public outreach efforts to make the community aware of the Central Coasts dry year. *A copy of the publication displayed during the meeting is available upon request at the district office and can be found on the district's webpage.* Stoldt briefly described the next steps to include a: (a) public information campaign, (b) Conservation Rates or Penalty Rates, and (c) rationing. Stoldt explained his rationale for not declaring a drought based on past historical data/events.

Director Edwards requests for the General Manager to report back to the Board of Directors on the Conservation Rationing Plan and the Various Stages: 1, 2 and 3.

Public Comment: (a) Melodie Chrislock: Pointed out that since the last droughts rate-payers are paying more despite conservation efforts by customers. She asked the committee to consider recent reduction of property irrigation and the potential fall-out as a result, such as fires.

4. Discuss Planned Updates to Rules and Regulations

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager provided an update to the committee on Rules and Regulations and presented via MS PowerPoint. *A copy of the slide-deck is available upon request at the district office and can be found on the district's webpage.* Locke provided the board with a list of Ordinances, Rules and Regulations to be reviewed and revisited by the Water Demand Committee.

Public Comment: None

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

- Director Edwards requests for District Counsel/General Manager to send a letter to the State Water Resources Control Board concerning the 1000 AF for withdrawals at the Carmel River. Edwards would like for the committee to review the draft letter.

Adjournment

Chair Anderson adjourns the meeting at 3:52 PM

Joel G. Pablo

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

Reviewed and Approved by the MPWMD Water Demand Committee on June 3, 2021
Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on June 21, 2021