



FINAL MINUTES
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
May 7, 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 April 2, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes
On a motion by Riley and second by Hoffmann, minutes of the April 2, 2020 committee meeting were adopted on a vote of 3– 0 by Riley, Hoffmann and Edwards.

2. Consider Denial of Request from City of Monterey re Allocation for 2000 and 2600 Garden Road, Monterey
On a motion by Hoffmann and second by Edwards, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board of Directors deny the City’s request at this time and direct staff to interact with SWRCB on Peninsula-wide housing needs and the CDO pursuant to the TAC process. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Hoffmann, Edward and Riley.

Public Comment: **(a) Brad Slama**, the project developer, stated that a decision must be made now because the low-income units at 2000 Garden Road could only be constructed if there was a promise that water from the District reserve could be utilized. Timing for a decision was not so critical for the project at 2600 Garden Rd. because construction of the low-income units could be phased. **(b) Ande Flower**, Principal Planner for the City of Monterey, stated that the City is hoping that a negotiated settlement can be reached with the State Water Resources Control Board regarding Condition No. 2 in a public hearing set for May 19, 2020.

3. Consider Recommendation to the Board re Disposition of District Reserve Allocation
On a motion by Hoffmann and second by Riley, the committee recommended that the allocation should be retained by the Board for use at its discretion. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Hoffmann, Riley and Edwards. Chair Edwards requested that the Board consider the

options developed by staff and make a decision on this issue at the May 18, 2020 Board meeting. No public comments were directed to the committee.

4. Consider Recommendation to the Board to Adopt Final Report “Supply and Demand for Water on the Monterey Peninsula.”

Riley offered a motion that was seconded by Edwards to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the final report. The motion was approved on a vote of 2 – 1 by Riley and Edwards. Hoffmann was opposed. No public comment was presented to the committee.

Discussion Items

5. Update on Water for Regional Housing Needs per District TAC (Technical Advisory committee) Request to Jurisdiction

Stephanie Locke provided an update to the Committee. Staff has made repeated requests to the jurisdictions to provide a list of shovel ready projects that could be developed within the next 3 to 4 years. Only the cities of Monterey and Pacific Grove have responded. The committee requested that a plan for allocating water conservation savings for development of housing should be presented to the committee in June. The District could move ahead on negotiating with the state housing agencies and the State Water Resources Control Board before receiving information from the jurisdictions. No public comment was presented to the committee.

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

Staff reviewed information presented in the staff report and responded to questions from the committee. No public comment was presented to the committee.

5. Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

The committee members suggested the following topics for future discussion. (a) An update on the response from Monterey One Water on the recent letter from the MPWMD Board. (b) How will the COVID pandemic effect estimates of increased water use that could result from economic bounce-back when a water supply is available. (c) Is there any water use data that compares water use before and during the shelter-in-place order, which could help in budgeting for FY 2020-2021.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.