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Water Demand Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District November 5, 2020

Call to Order

The virtual meeting was called to order at 3:02 pm via WebEx.

Committee members present:

Alvin Edwards, Chair
George Riley

Committee members absent:

Gary Hoffmann

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 August 6, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Riley and second of Edwards, minutes of the August 6, 2020 committee meeting were adopted on a vote of 2 – 0 by Edwards and Riley. Hoffmann was absent.

Discussion Items

2. Discuss Amendments to Rules re Extension of Water Use Credits for Armed Forces of the United States

Stephanie Locke summarized the information presented in the staff report. David Stoldt explained that a draft ordinance addressing the extension of water credits for local armed forces installations could be broadened to respond to another request by the military, that the Presidio of Monterey and Naval Postgraduate School be considered separate entities that could receive an allocation of water from any new water source, as do the cities, County of Monterey and Monterey Peninsula Airport District. Stoldt proposed that one response would be to expand the definition of Jurisdiction in Rule 11 of the Rules and Regulations to include the Presidio of Monterey and Naval Postgraduate School. Staff would need to decide how to apply water credit on one military installation that would serve all branches of the military, such as a medical clinic. Staff estimated that the first reading of an ordinance could be brought forward to the Board in January 2021.

3. Discuss Amendments to Rules re Extension of Water Use Credits

Locke described the proposal: within the last year of the 10-year period in which water credit expires, the property owner could request a one-year extension and the General Manager would have the authority to grant the extension. Stoldt stated that this rule change could likely be accomplished through a Negative Declaration. Stoldt advised the committee that staff would be

submitting, sometime in the future, a proposal for modifying the capacity fee charge in order to reduce the overall cost for development of a project.

4. Update on Water for Near-Term Housing Needs Initiative

Stoldt reported that meetings were being scheduled with representatives from the Senate and Assembly housing committees and the Executive Director of Housing and Community Development. If those meetings resulted in a positive outcome, staff could request letters of support from local organizations that have expressed an interest in advocating for the establishment of a water allocation for development of housing.

5. Update on Activities Related to Non-Cal-Am Pumpers on the Carmel River

Stoldt summarized the findings in the staff report. He noted staff suspects that water use on some sites is well above what would be normal for the use on the property. Also, some well owners that have been granted the right to pump a specific amount of water routinely exceed the right. The committee members offered three suggestions: 1) investigate properties with extensive water use; 2) utilize enforcement measures when a property is out of compliance; and 3) well owners that do not self-report should be charged for staff time spent visiting the site to check the meter.

6. Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

Provide an update on any action to be taken by California American Water or the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the missed CDO milestone.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 pm.

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