



**Final Minutes
Water Demand Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Friday, September 9, 2022**

*As a precaution to protect public health and safety, and pursuant to provisions of AB 361 (Rivas),
the meeting was conducted via Zoom Video/Teleconference.*

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chair Roberson.

Committee members present:

(By Roll-Call)

Clyde Roberson, Chair
Amy Anderson
Karen Paull *(Joined at 10:05 a.m.)*

Committee members absent:

None

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

Chair Roberson opened public comment; *No comments were directed to the committee.*

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from July 7, 2022

Chair Roberson introduced the item. Chair Roberson opened public comment. *No comments were directed to the committee.*

A motion was made by Roberson with a second by Anderson to approve the committee meeting minutes from July 7, 2022. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 3-Ayes (Roberson, Anderson, and Paull), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

2. Consider Grant Funding for Recirculating Fire Suppression Training Device

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager briefed the committee on her proposal to allow the District to provide a grant funding opportunity in an amount not-to-exceed \$25,000 for Recirculating Fire Suppression Training Device for Monterey Peninsula College (MPC). She mentioned she was recently contacted by Mr. Greenlee, the Fire Protection Technology Coordinator for MPC and President of the Monterey County Fire Training Officer's Association regarding their need to purchase the training equipment device. She recommended approval of the grant conditioned on MPC and the Association to obtain secured funding from other agencies and

for said purchase to occur during the current fiscal year. *In response to Paull*, Mr. Panholzer, Fire Chief for the City of Monterey voiced his support on the matter. He mentioned the device will provide: (a) increased training opportunities for future firefighters; and (b) support the District's water conservation efforts by reducing the amount of water used during training. *In response to Anderson*, Greenlee stated the training equipment devices are fairly new devices that come with an unlimited 1-year warranty and 4-year warranty against catastrophic failures. He mentioned his group is looking at obtaining additional funding through Marina Coast Water District and local fire agencies.

Chair Roberson opened public comment; the following comments were directed to the committee:

- a.) Carlos Vega, Division Fire Chief with Marina Fire Department: Voiced his support for grant funding. He stated his community is cognizant of its water use. He mentioned that this device will provide firefighting training opportunities for his community and other communities within the County.

No further comments were directed to the committee.

A motion was made by Anderson with a second by Paull, the Water Demand Committee recommended the Board consider a commitment of a grant of up to \$25,000 for the Pump Pod purchase by Monterey Peninsula College and the Monterey County Fire Training Officer's Association, conditioned on other funding sources being secured and the purchase occurring within the current District fiscal year. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 3-Ayes (Roberson, Anderson and Paull), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

3. Consider Rebate for Smart Toilet Leak Detectors

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager provided an overview of her staff note and recommended approval of the matter. She mentioned prior to the pandemic she was approached by Portola Plaza Hotel staff who sought the District's assistance for a toilet-leak detection system called the Sensor Industries Toilet Sensor. She mentioned the system sends out a notification to maintenance personnel who can respond to toilet leaks. Additionally, she noted that the Pebble Beach Company installed 350 leak detectors and reported notable water savings when rooms were unoccupied. She mentioned Cal-Am is in support of the rebate for smart toilet leak detector units and staff's recommendation. *In response to Paull*, Locke commented the District can notify smaller scale hotels of these new rebate incentives by U.S. Mail or by e-mail.

Chair Roberson opened public comment. No comments were directed to the committee.

A motion was made by Anderson with a second by Paull, the Water Demand Committee recommended the Board to approve a rebate for 25 percent of the cost of 20 or more smart toilet leak detector units installed in hotels up to a maximum of \$15,000. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 3-Ayes (Roberson, Anderson and Paull), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

3.1 Consider Recommendation to the Board to Adopt the MPWMD 2022 Water Supply and Demand Forecast

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided background information and answered board questions. He briefly covered the methodologies, analysis and conclusions derived from AMBAG's, Cal-Am's and the District's forecasts.

Chair Roberson opened public comment; the following comments were directed to the

committee:

- (a) John Tilley: Stated the report provided dismisses the District’s responsibility to provide water supplies to the community. He believes the intention of the District’s forecast was developed to support Measure J and banking on the idea that Pure Water Monterey water supplies to be sufficient.

No further comments were directed to the committee.

A motion was made by Roberson with a second by Anderson, the Water Demand Committee to recommend to the full board that an excerpted testimony be developed into a formal report titled “MPWMD 2022 Water Supply and Demand Forecast” and presented to the full Board for adoption at its September 19, 2022 meeting. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 3-Ayes (Roberson, Anderson and Paull), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

Discussion Items

4. **Discuss and Provide Direction Regarding Planned Amendments to Rule 142.1, Water Efficient Landscape Requirements**

Chair Roberson opened public comment:

Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau: Questioned staff’s recommendation removing the exception for orchards and vineyards and believes there should be further discussion on the matter and requests more information from staff why this is being pursued.

No further comments were directed to the Committee.

Locke, Water Demand Manager explained staff is not looking at creating new restrictions rather staff’s recommendation is to employ best management practices for new vineyards or new installations in order to promote water efficiency. Matter to be placed on a future Board meeting agenda. Locke mentioned she will reach out to Mr. Groot off-line on the matter.

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

None

Adjournment

Chair Roberson adjourned the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

/s/ Joel G. Pablo

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

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