

# FINAL MINUTES Water Supply Planning Committee of the

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District February 1, 2021

Call to Order:

The Zoom virtual meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

**Committee members present:** 

George Riley, Chair

Mary L. Adams Karen Paull

Committee members absent:

None

**Staff members present:** 

David J. Stoldt, General Manager

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager Maureen Hamilton, Senior Water Resources Engineer

Joel G. Pablo, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

**District Counsel present:** 

David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Comments from the Public: No comments were directed to the Board.

#### **Action Items**

## 1. Consider Adoption of January 4, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

On a motion by Director George Riley and second by Mary L. Adams, minutes of the January 4, 2021 were approved unanimously on a vote of 3 – 0 by Adams, Edwards and Riley.

#### **Discussion Items**

## 2. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

General Manager Stoldt updated and answered questions from the board on Pure Water Monterey Project. Stoldt reported PWM closed out the month of January, 2021 with a total of 297 acre feet injected with 172.6 acre feet injected from Deep Injection Well (DIW) No. 1 and 172.6 acre feet injected at DIW2 and informed the board of mobilization efforts taking place for the two (2) new deep injection wells.

Maureen Hamilton, Senior Water Resources Engineer responded to questions from the committee members and provided an update on well expansion. The project is on schedule and anticipates drilling to occur at the end of February or early March, 2021.

Public Comment: None

#### 3. Update on MPWSP Desalination Component

General Manager Stoldt provided an update and answered questions from the board on MPWSP Desalination Component. Stoldt reported Cal-Am will return back to the California Coastal Commission on the desal component mid-year 2021 based on his conversations with Ian Crooks. Monterey One Water will take up approval of the SEIR at their next Board of Directors meeting sometime in late March or early April, 2021. Stoldt provided an update on a Monterey County Superior Court Case relating to the County of Monterey's approval of the desal component and understands the courts order is for the County to prepare better CEQA findings.

District Counsel Laredo commented stating the applicant can proposed findings, however it is up to the County as to what findings are to be made.

Public Comment: None

## 4. Discussion of Recent Activities Related to Seaside Well Water Quality

Stoldt reported on the two monitoring wells (FO-09 and FO-10 from Exhibit 4-A) experiencing increasing chloride concentrations based on retesting done in January, 2021.

Jon Lear, Water Resources Manager explained that historically chloride levels have not been this high and could not make ascertain whether this is a direct result of seawater intrusion. In addition, Lear reported there is not a lot of monitoring wells between the Marina Area and the Seaside Basin to determine the origin of the intrusion. The chloride levels in the wells are not at levels of concern yet, however noted the water was at one point very fresh. As a result, monitoring of the wells will occur quarterly as opposed to annually.

Stoldt reported on information presented by Cal-Am on very trace amounts of perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) or perfluoroctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) detected in the production wells and are below the EPA standards. Stoldt noted this as a new and emerging concern and are production wells that run the water that go into the system for drinking. Stoldt responded to Director Riley and the confirm there is a requirement to reduce pumping as a tool to combat seawater intrusion and is determined by the watermaster.

Lear responded to committee member questions. Lear elaborated on the recording and monitoring data at different points of depths both at shallow measurement and deep measurement. In addition, provided background information and the methodologies used in measuring.

Public Comment: None



## Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

None

**Adjournment:** Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 4:28 pm.

Submitted by Joel G. Pablo, Clerk to the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee

Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on Monday, April 19, 2021

Approved by the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee on Monday, March 1, 2021

