



Final Minutes
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Monday, June 6, 2022

Pursuant to AB 361, this meeting was conducted using teleconferencing means.

Call to Order: Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

Committee members present: Alvin Edwards, Chair
Karen Paull
George Riley

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Maureen Hamilton, Senior Water Resources Engineer
Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo and Fran Farina
with De Lay & Laredo

Comments from the Public: Chair Edwards opened public comment.
No comments were directed to the committee.

Discussion Items

1. Discuss Supply and Demand Forecast

Introductory Remarks:

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided a high-level overview of his staff report and its sub-topics, provided background information and answered committee questions. He stated the Board adopted the Water Supply and Demand Study in May 2020 with further amendments made in September 2021 to reflect the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments 2022 Regional Growth Forecast.

Topics Include the Following:

A. California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Phase 2 Proceeding (C.21-05-005)

Stoldt informed the committee that Phase 2 of the current application before the CPUC commences on July 20, 2022 with Cal-Am submitting their testimony on an updated supply and demand estimates that will provide information to the Commission, stakeholders and interested parties on long-term water supply needs of the Peninsula. He mentioned reply briefs to testimony submitted by Cal-Am are due 30 days thereafter and the District intends to examine Cal-Am's testimony. *In response to Riley*, Stoldt stated Phase 1 of the

application closes on June 20, 2022 and a proposed decision on Phase 1 is anticipated for the 3rd week of September 2022 or within 90 days as noted in the Commission’s scoping memo. Stoldt further responded and foresees the District’s Water Supply and Demand study will need to be updated. District Counsel Farina added water supply matters to be addressed in the proceeding will include discussion and analysis on: (1) new CA State Legislation passed in the last few years (e.g. Accessory Dwelling Units and single family allowed lot splits); and (2) update and analysis from water supply on operational capacity of the existing sources on water supply.

B. The Cal-Am Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP)

Stoldt provided background information on Cal-Ams 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan and directed attention to the Comparison of Demand Forecasts graph as found in the staff report. Discussion ensued on assumptions to be made by Cal-Am from its UWMP in its Phase 2 testimony, Cal-Ams vs. the District’s demand assumptions and answered committee questions.

C. Seaside Basin Replenishment

Stoldt provided an overview of his staff report and discussion ensued with committee members on: (1) Cal-Ams rights to 1,474 AFA and leaving 700 AFA of in-lieu recharge in the Seaside Basin for 25 years; (2) protective water levels being achieved in the Seaside Basin; (3) replenishment needs and (4) issues raised in the staff report.

D. AMBAG Regional Housing Number Allocation Needs

Stoldt shared with the committee a table previously presented at past MPWMD Board and committee meeting showing 750 AFA of water being required to meet the current draft 6th cycle AMBAG RHNA numbers and as found in the staff note. He shared even those local jurisdictions whose legislative body support and implement recent State statutes expanding housing opportunities may find that they are unable to meet the housing number allocation needs for their locality. Stoldt made remarks on the 2012 Cal-Am MPWSP Application on Legal Lots of Records and the District’s Adopted Water Supply and Demand Study. He stated Cal-Am’s MPWSP Application and the District’s Water Supply and Demand Study include two-thirds of the water required for the current draft 6th Cycle AMBA RHNA needs.

Chair Edwards opened public comment. No comments were directed to the Committee.

2. Update on Pure Water Monterey Performance to Date

David J. Stoldt, General Manager reported during the fiscal year a total of 3,408.8771 Acre Feet (AF) has been injected with 166.5726 AF to the operating reserve and 3,242.3045 AF of water delivered to California American Water through the end of May 2022. He stated Pure Water Monterey will need to deliver 257.6955 AF in June 2022 to meet the minimum performance guarantee of 3,500 AF.

Chair Edwards opened public comment. No comments were directed to the Committee.

3. Update on Pure Water Monterey Expansion

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided an update on Pure Water Monterey Expansion and answered committee questions. He mentioned further progress can only be had once Phase 1 of the CPUC approval process has been completed and the Amended and Restated Purchasing Agreement has been fully executed. Stoldt mentioned due to longer procurement lead times; construction delays are to be anticipated and believes completion of the expansion may take 24 – 26 months following CPUC approval.

Chair Edwards opened public comment. No comments were directed to the Committee.

4. Status of Discussion Regarding ASR-1 Well (Verbal Report)

David J. Stoldt, General Manager informed the Committee that two confidential meet and confer meetings occurred on May 27, 2022 and June 2, 2022 with Monterey One Water (M1W), Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, California American Water and Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster. He mentioned that M1W and the District do not believe that they are in breach of an agreement with California American Water and discussed a few remedial / alternative solutions to resolve the matter.

Chair Edwards opened public comment. No comments were directed to the Committee.

5. Update on District’s Water for Housing Initiative (Verbal Report)

David J. Stoldt, General Manager informed the committee of two meetings had:

1. On May 12, 2022: Stoldt and Hans Uslar, City Manager with the City of Monterey met with representatives with the California Housing and Community Development Department to present their case on the initiative.
2. On May 20, 2022: Stoldt and Uslar met and agreed to have Senator Laird take the lead on the initiative due to his close working relationship with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

In response to Edwards, Stoldt noted the City of Monterey’s request for a District resolution calling for the SWRCB to lift the Cease-and-Desist Order (CDO) is not the avenue or the approach the District intends to pursue. Instead, Stoldt suggested it would be preferable to obtain a letter from the SWRCB granting an exemption from Condition 2 of the CDO to allow for at least 75 to 80 AF of water for housing. Stoldt informed Edwards a response letter to Mayor Roberson’s letter dated March 17, 2022 will be drafted and sent over to the Roberson with the City of Monterey. A letter from Chair Paull to Twoney, Executive Director of the Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments was briefly discussed regarding Water Supply to Meet AMBAG’s 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation and Stoldt noted language found in the letter may be used to address and reply to Mayor Roberson’s letter.

Chair Edwards opened public comment. No comments were directed to the Committee.

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

Committee Member Riley: Requested a report on the District’s engagement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

/ s/ Joel G. Pablo

Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk
MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee

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