

FINAL MINUTES Water Supply Planning Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *Monday, May 3, 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, Esq. De Lay & Laredo
Comments from the Public:	No Comments

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of April 5, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes Public Comment: None

A motion was made by Adams and second by Paull, to approve the committee meeting minutes of April 5, 2021. The motion passes unanimously on a vote of <u>3-Ayes (Riley, Adams and Paull)</u>, <u>0-Noes</u>, and <u>0-Absent</u>.

Discussion Items

2. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

David J. Stoldt, General Manager (GM) and Maureen Hamilton, Senior Water Resources Engineer provided an update on Pure Water Monterey Project and responded to committee member questions. Stoldt reported PWM ended the month of April, 2021 with 308 Acre Feet (AF) injected. Hamilton informed the committee that Deep Injection Well (DIW) 3 has been constructed and installation of and pump-testing for DIW3 will more than likely occur on the same day. She reported the current target date for completing DIW3 is November, 2021 and DIW 4 is February, 2022. Stoldt stated that he has routine bi-weekly calls with Monterey One Water on Pure Water Monterey and reports operations are running smoothly. Stoldt informed the committee Cal-Am will prepare an Advice Letter filing for a new rate within the coming weeks.

Public Comment: (1) Melodie Chrislock with Public Water Now asked how much a Cal-Am gets charged monthly and sought clarification on new rates set by water companies. Stoldt responded and informed Chrislock that the typical monthly bill is approximately \$700,000. He provided context as to why water companies set adjusted water rates and

discussed tracking mechanisms employed by the district to ensure what sold is on-par with water being delivered to customers via Cal-Am.

3. Discuss Issues Related to Seaside Groundwater Basin Replenishment Assessments GM Stoldt provided an overview of his staff report and exhibits as it relates to issues related to the Seaside Groundwater Basin Replenishment Assessments and responded to committee questions. Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager responded to Paull explaining that the court decision provides the context as to how the blended costs are to be calculated. Stoldt responded to Paull and discussion ensued on the weighting of various proxy projects in the calculation of replenishment assessments. Stoldt responded to committee comments and stated the district can suggest to the Watermaster that calculations to be calculated differently and would need to be considered by their board. In addition, he explained that Aquifer and Storage Recovery are meant to provide protective water levels in response to a five- or sixyear drought and not to be used as replenishments. The committee seeks further clarification on this topic and Director Adams suggested that if a Workshop were to be conducted that the District should invite Robert S. Jaques, Technical Program Manager who does a lot of the calculations.

Public Comment: None

4. Discuss Funding Concepts for Pure Water Monterey Expansion

David J. Stoldt, General Manager (GM) summarized the staff note and responded to questions from the committee. An overview of the five (5) financing concepts and discussion ensued on pertaining to potential financing options with Cal-Am, MCWD, the Watermaster and the District itself.

Public Comment: None

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

- Director Riley: Discuss Funding Concepts for Pure Water Monterey Expansion
- Director Adams: Presentation on Monterey Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Planning Work within the Corral De Tierra Management Area

Adjournment

Chair George Riley adjourned the meeting at 5:15 PM.

/s/ Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk to the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee Approved by the Committee on August 2, 2021 Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's on Monday, August, 16, 2021

