



Final Minutes
Water Supply Planning Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Monday, October 3, 2022

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

Call to Order: Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.

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

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District 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.

Adam Pinterits, Government and Community Affairs Directors for the Monterey County Association of Realtors: Read an excerpt of the Water Supply Planning Committee Charge, Section 1: Primary Function and expressed opposition to Agenda Item No. 3.

No further comments were directed to the Committee

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of the June 6, 2022 and August 1, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes

Chair Edwards opened public comment; no comments were directed to the committee.

A motion was made by Paull with a second by Riley to approve the June 6, 2022 and August 1, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion passed on a vote of 3-Ayes (Edwards, Paull and Riley), 0-Noes and 0-Absent.

2. Consider Approval of Resolution No. 2022-28 to Apply for and Enter into Grant Agreements for Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Round 2 Grant, and Authorize a Grant Administration Services Contract

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided introductory remarks.

Maureen Hamilton, *District Engineer* recommended committee approval of draft Resolution No. 2022 – 28. Hamilton mentioned the District is the lead agency in applying for Proposition 1: IRWM funds for the Monterey Peninsula Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). She mentioned as part of the IRWM Implementation Round 2 grant funds process, the RWMG issued a call for projects in Summer 2022 and competitively ranked those projects locally in August 2022. Lastly, she announced on September 21, 2022 the group voted to apply for \$500,000 for the City of Monterey Olivier Street Stormwater Diversion Project (AKA Lighthouse Tunnel Diversion Project) and over \$840,000 for the Monterey Tunnel Stormwater Diversion Project for the Carmel River FREE project.

In response to Director Riley, Hamilton reported that the IRWM and RWMG comprise of the same membership and the groups have grown in membership since its inception. *In response to Director Paull*, Stoldt noted that this will be the 1st stormwater diversion in the City of Monterey and briefly described the demarcation lines between the Carmel Area Wastewater District and Monterey One Water. *In response to Director Edwards*, Hamilton informed him that all RWMG stakeholders have been informed on the IRWM Round 2 grant fund process.

No comments were directed to the committee.

A motion was made by Riley and seconded by Paull to recommend to the Full Board to:

1. Adopt Resolution 2022-28 (Exhibit 2-A) authorizing the General Manager to apply for and enter into a grant agreement with the DWR for a Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Round 2 Grant; and
2. Authorize the General Manager to enter into sub-grant agreements with project proponents; and
3. Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement for grant administration services not to exceed \$148,896 and to be reimbursed by the grant.

The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 3-Ayes (Riley, Edwards and Paull), 0-Noes and 0-Abstained.

3. Consider Recommendation to the Board to Adopt a Position Opposing CalAm’s Desalination Plant (Verbal Report)

David J. Stoldt, *General Manager* provided introductory remarks. He mentioned on June 2020 the Board adopted a position on a vote of 4 – 3 opposing CalAms desalination project and sent a letter to the CA Coastal Commission to that effect. Stoldt mentioned a legal question has come up as to whether the District has legal authority to approve a desalination plant. District Counsel Laredo opined that the District’s enabling legislation provides under Section 363 that “no person, owner, or operator shall establish, extend, expand or create a water distribution system unless and until the approval of the board is first obtained in writing” thus believes the District Board has a role in issuing an amendment to CalAms Water Distribution Permit. Riley commented that he does not see an issue or an inconsistency in supporting one water supply project and opposing another. Paull emphasized that committee discussion is on opposing CalAm’s Desalination Plant and not desalination in general.

Chair Edwards opened public comment:

- (a) Paul Bruno, Chairman of the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster: Urged the board to take a stand of neutrality on or support the Desal plant.

- (b) John Tilley: Voiced support for CalAm’s desal plant and urged the board to review a recent letter from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency concerning the issue of source waters for Pure Water Monterey.
- (c) Adam Pinterits, Government and Community Affairs Directors for the Monterey County Association of Realtors: Stated the community needs both Pure Water Monterey and desalination to meet Regional Housing Needs Allocation numbers.
- (d) Rick Aldinger: Expressed support for CalAm’s desal project and briefly covered letters from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency on the topic of source waters and another letter from the State Department of Water Resources on CA drought conditions.

No further comments were directed to the committee.

A motion was made by Director Riley and seconded by Edwards directing staff to draft a resolution to bring forth before the MPWMD Board of Director’s a resolution of non-support of the CalAm Desal project based on findings to be determined by District Counsel and the General Manager and based off of District Law. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 2-Ayes (Riley and Edwards), 0-Absent, 1-Abstain (Paull).

4. Consider Distribution of Funds for Local Project Grant Funding

Maureen Hamilton, *District Engineer* provided an overview of her staff report and recommended approval of the matter.

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

A motion was made by Riley with a second by Paull to recommend to the Full Board to:

1. Approve the City of Monterey grant application to MPWMD for Olivier Street Stormwater Diversion Project development costs, and
2. Authorize the General Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the City of Monterey for Olivier Street Stormwater Diversion Project development costs in the amount of \$25,000.

The motion passed on a vote of 3-Ayes (Edwards, Paull and Riley), 0-Noes and 0-Absent).

Discussion Items

David J. Stoldt, *General Manager* recognized Maureen Hamilton for receiving a Certificate of Excellence, *Federal Facility Excellence in Site Reuse Award* from the Federal Facilities Restoration and Reuse Office.

5. Update on ASR Well No. 1 and Injection Wells

David J. Stoldt, *General Manager* stated the District will have its last meet and confer meeting on October 17, 2022 and will report to the Board in Closed Session on the same day. He mentioned both Jon Lear, Water Resources Manager and Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer have come up with a solution to the current physical limitations of the system.

Chair Edwards opened the public comment period. No comments were directed to the committee on this matter.

6. Update on Pure Water Monterey Expansion

- Phase 1 CPUC Decision on the Amended and Restated Water Purchasing Agreement

Stoldt reported that a draft proposed decision on Phase 1 of the Amended and Restated Water Purchasing Agreement was released on September 30, 2022. Laredo mentioned comments on the proposed decision are due on October 20th and replies are due on October 25th, 2022.

- Letter to the CPUC from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

David J. Stoldt, *General Manager* touched upon letters sent by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Pebble Beach Company and the Monterey County Hospitality Association and were designed to influence the California Public Utilities Commission.

Chair Edwards opened public comments. No comments were directed to the committee on this matter.

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

/ s/ Joel G. Pablo

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

Approved by the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee on December 14, 2022
Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's on January 23, 2023