



MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
May 22, 2000

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency was Called to Order by Vice Chair Canepa at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 22, 2000, in the Board Room of the Administrative Offices at 5 Harris Court, Building D, in Ryan Ranch.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Theresa Canepa, Vice Chair	Monterey
Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Jack D. Barlich	Del Rey Oaks
Judy Pennycook	Monterey County
Peggy Shirrel	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Morris Fisher	Pacific Grove
David Pendergrass	Sand City
Nancy Amos [Alternate]	Seaside
Dewey J. Baird	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

VACANT AS OF 5/12/00	Castroville Service Area 14
Marion Bryson/Tom Moore [Alternate]	Marina Coast Water District
Janet Barnes	Salinas
Darryl Choates, Chair	Seaside

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Israel	General Manager
Robert Wellington	Legal Counsel
Tom Buell [to 7:25 p.m.]	Director of Finance
Bob Jaques	Director of Engineering Planning and Technology
Dan Mizerski	Director of Wastewater Facilities
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Deborah Fortune	Executive Assistant
Kay Bardin	Finance Manager
Marie Ono	Administrative Support Specialist I
Mark Malanka	Operations and Maintenance Program Coordinator
Robin Hayes	Laboratory Analyst I
Bob Holden	Recycled Water Project Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

Les Turnbeaugh – City of Monterey

AUDIENCE:

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4. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Proposed Increase to Connection Fees

[At 7:01 p.m., Vice Chair Canepa opened the Public Hearing.]

Mr. Buell reported that a wastewater capacity study was completed by The Keese Company, which specializes in such studies for wastewater and water agencies. As a result of the study, there were three recommendations:

- 1) Convert from Fixture Units (FUs) to Equivalent Dwelling Units (EDUs)
- 2) Use the System Buy-In Method
- 3) Revise Terminology from "Connection Fee" to "Capacity Charge"

Adoption of a new capacity charge ordinance at the June 26 meeting would become effective on July 1, 2000.

The proposed recommendations were discussed with the MRWPCA's committees as follows:

- 1) Rate Committee -- December 1999, March and April 2000.
- 2) Technical Advisory Committee -- February 2000
- 3) Notice of Public Workshop -- May 10, 2000 -- published in the Monterey County Herald, Salinas Californian, Builders' Exchange Construction Weekly
- 4) Notice of Public Hearing -- May 22, 2000 -- published in the Monterey County Herald, Salinas Californian, Builders' Exchange Construction Weekly

To an inquiry by Mr. Fisher, Mr. Buell responded that in comparison within the State of California, MRWPCA is far below the average rates charged for Connection Fee. This comparison information will be part of the presentation at the Budget Workshop on Monday, June 12.

To an inquiry by Mrs. Shirrel, Mr. Buell reported that as opposed to monthly User Fees (\$9.30/mo) which have not been raised for nine years, the MRWPCA Connection Fee was raised from \$60 to \$1,760 in the early 1990's, and before that, sometime in the mid-1980's it was raised to \$1,700.

[At 7:12 p.m., Vice Chair Canepa opened Public Comments on the proposed Connection Fee changes.]

Mr. William Woodworth noted it bothers him there were so few in attendance at the Public Workshop on May 10. He acknowledged receipt of the requested Pacific Grove monthly "city charge" information from Mr. Buell.

Mr. Woodworth commented that he was sure the 50% "city charge" rate in Pacific Grove was going to be raised by MRWPCA if the Connection Fee is increased. He noted the storm drain system that's in bad shape in his city, and someone will have to pay for the spills, and that Monterey and the Presidio are a part of that problem. He insists there are regulations not being followed in the Clean Water Act that affect the wastewater agency.

Vice Chair Canepa reiterated several times that this public hearing is regarding "Connection Fees" for development and connection to the regional sewer system, not monthly residential rates. The surcharge amounts are those percentages set and added to the monthly sewer bills by member entities, in turn, collected by MRWPCA and returned to those individual entities.

Mr. Buell confirmed to Vice Chair Canepa that this was an information-gathering hearing and no vote was required. This issue will be presented at the June 12 Budget Workshop, and Board approval on June 26.

[At 7:15 p.m., Vice Chair Canepa closed the Public Hearing.]

5. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Pendergrass, seconded by Mr. Barlich, with abstention on 5-A by Mrs. Amos, the Board approved the Consent Agenda, as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting – April 24, 2000
- B. Receive Financial Statements – March 2000
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through April 2000 vs. 1999
- D. Receive Check Register – April 2000
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina – April 2000
- F. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 1999/00 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund
- G. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 1999/00 Revenues from Connection Fees
- H. Receive Information on Storm Water Issues
- I. Receive Update on Residential Dwelling-Unit Aggregate as of March 31, 2000

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

[At 7:016 p.m., Vice Chair Canepa opened Public Comments.]

Mr. William Woodworth indicated that MRWPCA is comprised of a group of multiple 'sewage agencies' serving as a sanitary district, and Pacific Grove is not receiving any benefits from the way the system was developed and built. He noted that he received a response letter from Mr. Buell and he'll see it gets wide publication. MRWPCA's Recycled Water Storage Committee should include collection and recycle of storm water, because it affects the damage and erosion to the Sanctuary.

[At 7:20 p.m., Vice Chair Canepa closed Public Comments.]

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Approve Committee Minutes/Report – May 11, 2000

➤ **Including the Following Agenda Item(s) and Recommendation(s):**

a. Resolution of FEMA Ocean Outfall Repair Audit

➤ **Informational update – The entire \$1,118,771 of FEMA funds spent on the project are now declared eligible, thus no reimbursement of funds to FEMA is necessary.**

b. FY 2000/01 Budget – Status Update

➤ **Informational update on the proposed FY 2000/01 Budget**

[Note: The Budget Workshop will be held on Monday, June 12, 2000, at 7 p.m.]

c. Consider Additional Salary Survey Implementation Recommendations

➤ **Approve the recommended three-year implementation of the specific employee salary “reductions,” effective with the first pay period of Fiscal Year 2001.**

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Barlich, seconded by Mrs. Shirrel, the Board unanimously approved the Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes/Report from May 11, 2000.

B. RECYCLED WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE

1. Approve Committee Minutes/Report – April 13, 2000

➤ **Which Include the Following Agenda Item(s) and Recommendation(s):**

a. **Closed Session**

➤ **Informational only; no action taken.**

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Barlich, seconded by Mrs. Shirrel, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes/Report of May 11, 2000.

8. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

A. **Fort Ord Issues Update**

There were no comments or questions directed to Mr. Buell.

B. **Reclamation Project Status Report Update**

There were no questions directed to Mr. Israel.

C. **Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives Update**

There were no questions directed to Mr. Israel.

9. **STAFF REPORTS**

A. **General Manager/Legal Counsel**

Mr. Israel reported that at the request of Chair Choates, he made a presentation on the Urban Recycled Water Project to the Seaside City Council on Thursday, May 18.

Mr. Israel noted that Patricia Hopper has resigned from the Board. Because Pat served on the Source Control Committee, if any Boardmember would like to step in to serve on that committee, Chair Choates would like to hear from you.

B. **Department Head(s)**

There were no comments or further reports from the four Department Heads.

[At 7:25 p.m., Mr. Buell left the meeting.]

C. **Presentation(s)**

1. **Update on Little Hoover Commission Report on Special Districts**

[Distributed were copies of the Little Hoover Commission report, "Special Districts: Relics of the Past or Resources for the Future?"

Mr. Israel reported that there are 3,800 Special Districts in California with reserves totaling \$19.4 Billion. There are three general recommendations in the report: (1) Increase in public involvement and scrutiny, (2) Fortify LAFCOs to encourage more consolidations, and (3) More public review of Special District reserves. If proposed legislation is enacted, steps will be mandated to make Special Districts more visible and accountable.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

There were no comments.

12. CLOSED SESSION

At 7:39 p.m., Mr. Wellington confirmed to Vice Chair Canepa there would be no Closed Session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Vice Chair Canepa adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. to the next two meetings in June at the Admin Offices, as follows:

Special Meeting – Budget Workshop, on Monday, June 12, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.; and the Regular Meeting, on June 26, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Keith E. Israel
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

Theresa Canepa
Vice Chair of the Board of Directors

Date Passed: June 26, 2000