



**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**March 26, 2001**

**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 Chair Canepa at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 26, 2001, 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, Chair	Monterey
Morris Fisher, Vice-Chair	Pacific Grove
Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Carlo Cortopassi	Castroville Service Area 14
Jack D. Barlich	Del Rey Oaks
Tom Moore	Marina Coast Water District
Judy Pennycook	Monterey County
Peggy Shirrel	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Janet Barnes	Salinas
Darryl Choates	Seaside
David Pendergrass	Sand City
Dewey J. Baird	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas
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**STAFF PRESENT:**

Keith Israel	General Manager
Robert Wellington	Legal Counsel
Tom Buell	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
Mark Malanka	Operations & Maintenance Program Coordinator

Don Irving  
Robin Hayes

Associate Engineer  
Laboratory Analyst II

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Les Turnbeaugh - City of Monterey  
Don Betts - City of Seaside  
Leo Havener - City of Salinas

**AUDIENCE:** 1

#### **4. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Moore requested that Item 4-H be pulled for discussion.

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Barlich, seconded by Mr. Moore, with Item 4-H pulled for further discussion, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda (A through G, I, and J), as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting – February 26, 2001**
- B. Receive Financial Statements – January 2001**
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through February 2001 vs. 2000**
- D. Receive Check Register –February 2001**
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina –February 2001**
- F. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2000/01 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund**
- G. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2000/01 Revenues from Connection Fees**
- H. [PULLED FOR FURTHER DISCUSSION AT THE REQUEST OF TOM MOORE.]**
- I. Approve Award of Bid to Install and Dismantle Temporary Scaffolding for the Digester #4 Cleaning and Coating Project**
- J. Authorize Filing of a Grant Application for Wastewater Peak Electricity Demand Reduction [per MRWPCA Resolution No. 2001-04]**

Following approval of the Consent Agenda, Chair Canepa called on Mr. Moore for discussion on Consent Agenda, Item No. 4-H, **Receive Board Committee Assignments for April 2001 through March 2002.**

Following an immediate motion by Mr. Moore and a second by Mrs. Barnes, there was discussion by the Board regarding the selection of Board committee members (per MRWPCA Resolution No. 91-09) by the newly elected chair each year.

Mrs. Canepa explained this year's committees remain the same for the coming year,

noting the importance for continuity because of the ongoing unresolved contract negotiations with MCWRA and MCWD, which spans over several years. It was noted that the Committee Preferences Survey selections were completed by all but the newest representative from Salinas who replaced Mrs. Barnes in January.

Ms. Barnes, Ms. Pennycook, and Mr. Baird spoke in agreement with Mr. Moore that other Board members should be given an opportunity to serve. Chair Canepa reiterated the reason all committees remain the same, except that Mrs. De La Rosa replaced Mrs. Barnes as the new representative from Salinas. She noted each member of the Board does serve on at least one committee.

Mr. Wellington clarified that the committee selection, as per Resolution No. 91-09, is at the discretion, in any given year, of the newly elected Board chair.

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Moore, and a second by Mrs. Barnes, with a Roll Call/Weighted Vote requested by Mr. Moore and confirmed appropriate according to the JPA by Mr. Wellington, for advisory consideration by Chair Canepa to amend the Board committee assignments, as follows:**

**Budget/Personnel Committee: Pendergrass (Chair), De La Rosa, Choates, Shirrel; and,**  
**Recycled Water Storage Committee: Pendergrass (Chair), Moore, Barlich, Canepa, Choates**

**The motion failed on a 10-to-9 Roll Call/Weighted Vote, as follows:**

**AYES: County of Monterey (1), Marina (2), Salinas (6)**  
**NOES: Boronda (1), Castroville (1), Del Rey Oaks (1), Monterey (3), Moss Landing (1), Pacific Grove (2), Sand City (1)**  
**ABSTENTION: Seaside (3)**

Because Salinas is sending greater volume of wastewater to the plant than Pacific Grove, Mr. Fisher volunteered to relinquish his seat assignment to Salinas on the Source Control Committee. Mrs. Barnes agreed to the change and confirmed to Chair Canepa that she would contact Mrs. De La Rosa regarding that change.

To a statement made by Mrs. Barnes, Chair Canepa agreed that committee assignments could change in the future, but indicated that the crucial negotiations issue MRWPCA has been working on for three-years with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency necessitates the continuity of a historical perspective from the committee members involved.

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Fisher, and a second by Mrs. Barnes, with at least two audible no votes, the Board received the proposed Board Committee**

**Assignments - April 2001 through March 2002, as amended to replace Mr. Fisher with Mrs. De La Rosa on the Source Control Committee.**

**[WEIGHTED VOTE ISSUE: Because the number of Board members assigned to a committee is also determined by the total number of weighted votes according to the size of their member entity, so as to not establish a quorum of the Board at any subcommittee meeting, if Salinas (6 votes) replaces Pacific Grove (3 votes), another committee member will need to be removed by this change.]**

## **5. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

[At 7:33 p.m., Chair Canepa opened Public Comments.]

Mr. Raymond Dandridge, a citizen of Seaside, stated that following his attendance at the February 26 Board meeting, he sent an e-mail to MRWPCA requesting an item be placed on the March agenda calling for annual rotation among the Board for the positions of chair and vice-chair, thus giving each member the opportunity to serve.

**[HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE: Per MRWPCA Resolution No. 91-08, chair and vice-chair positions are elected annually in the month of February upon recommendation by a Nominating Committee appointed in the month of January.]**

Mr. Choates agreed with Mr. Dandridge's request for the April agenda. Mrs. Pennycook stated that it should be assumed that everyone would have one-year terms. Mr. Barlich noted that an issue impacting the outcome is that some members are elected in their jurisdiction for two years, and others for four years.

## **6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS**

### **A. RECYCLED WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE**

#### **1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report - Thursday, March 22, 2001**

[Draft Minutes/Report were FAXed to the Board of Directors on Friday, March 23, 2001.]

**B. BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report - Thursday, March 22, 2001**

[Draft Minutes/Report were FAXed to the Board of Directors on Friday, March 23, 2001.]

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Barlich, seconded by Mrs. Shirrel, with no comments, the Board unanimously approved the March 22, 2001, Recycled Water Storage and Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes/Report, including the following recommendations.

- That staff be authorized to begin purchasing the necessary materials and equipment for the recycled water demonstration project at the Seaside golf course concurrent with scheduling two remaining presentations to Del Rey Oaks and FORA;
- That staff draft a letter of support, signed by Chair Canepa, for appointment of Marc Del Piero as EPA's Region 9 Regional Administrator; and,
- That the Board's designated Labor Negotiator, Keith Israel, brief the Board in Closed Session on Monday, March 26, 2001, regarding an issue affecting all bargaining groups.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Fort Ord Issues Update**

Mr. Buell noted there were two letters in correspondence of this agenda regarding the Fort Ord transfer to FORA. To an inquiry from Mrs. Shirrel, Mr. Israel explained the original PBC (Public Benefit Conveyance) has now shifted to an EDC (Economic Development Conveyance).

To an inquiry by Mr. Choates, it was confirmed that MRWPCA would be charging every customer outside of POM, as will MCWD. Mr. Buell confirmed that MCWD could directly bill all of its Marina customers for the collection system. Mr. Choates remarked that Marina has adopted a distribution system maintenance fee in excess of \$20, so, if someone lives in Seaside, they pay for treatment and \$1.40 for collection, but if they move to the areas in the former Fort Ord, they would pay a total in excess of \$30 for the combined sewer charges. Mr. Moore confirmed that to be correct. Mr. Choates commented that FORA should have awarded the sewer service contract to MRWPCA.

**B. Reclamation Project Status Report Update**

Mr. Israel noted the report was updated for March, and that the reclamation plant began operation last week.

To an inquiry from Chair Canepa, Mr. Israel confirmed that we are able to provide up to 90 percent of the water the farmers need, but well water is needed to supplement the recycled water.

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

There were no questions or comments for Mr. Israel on the updated goals. The next Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Friday, May 11, 2001, at the Doubletree in Monterey.

**D. Regional Storm Water Permitting Update**

There were no comments or questions on the updated progress report provided in the agenda packet.

**8. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS**

**A. General Manager/Legal Counsel**

There were no further comments.

**B. Department Head(s)**

There were no further comments.

**C. Presentation(s)**

**1. Educational Outreach Report for 2000 and 2001**

Mrs. Harris reported on the outreach methods utilized, which include: (1) Schools; (2) Tours, (3) Exhibits, (4) Job Shadowing, (5) Speeches.

The number of students reached in 2000 versus 1999 increased 86 percent (from 1,685 to 3,136). In 2000, school presentations were given in Salinas, Seaside, Watsonville, Carmel Valley, Castroville, Marina, Monterey, Pacific Grove and Pebble Beach. Also, outreach partnering commenced with the Carmel Area Wastewater District.

Tours of the reclamation facility were popular with students and adults alike. With more adults visiting in 2000 compared to 1999. Some foreign countries have even sent dignitaries and lay people to gain knowledge of the recycling water concept.

MRWPCA participated in many exhibits, including the Monterey County Fair in August 2000. Mrs. Harris noted the partnering relationships are being established with water softener vendors to promote the use of potassium to reduce the salt content of the reclaimed water.

For a number of years, MRWPCA has been an annual participant in the job-shadowing program with North Monterey County High School. In November

2000, the program was featured in the Californian. The many adult presentations include civic clubs, professional associations, and teacher workshops. Outreach quality is measured through performance surveys returned by teachers, and tour visitors. We also conduct parent surveys and gather information about grease disposal practices, water softener use and household waste disposal.

One-year goals for 2000 in public relations included the development of an (1) intern program (projects include brochure translation, classroom activity, speech marketing, and softener outreach), (2) expanded salt outreach program (new flyer, update articles, workshop, exhibit displays); and (3) promotion of partnerships (Monterey County Oil Recycling Program, Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, CAWD School Outreach, Softener Vendors, Water Awareness Committee, California Regional Environmental Education Community).

The next steps in educating the public will include outreach programs for Pacific Grove residential grease discharge, and Salinas industrial storm water. Salt reduction efforts will focus on the softener salt media day and point of sale displays.

Public Relations continues striving to educate the public on MRWPCA's motto of "Changing Wastewater to Safe Water."

Once again, Mr. Fisher expressed extreme thanks to Mrs. Harris and Mr. Israel for making an outstanding presentation to the council on the grease program proposals that will be implemented by MRWPCA in Pacific Grove. [Note: They voted on the proposal at the P.G. City Council meeting.]

Mrs. Shirrel commended Mrs. Harris on a terrific job that's needed in the community, and that perhaps MRWPCA should be a participant at the Moss Landing Marine Lab open house, and she would have them contact Karen.

## **9. OTHER ACTION ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD**

### **A. Consider Modifications to Existing Employee Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) (Resolution Nos. 2001-05, 06, and 07)**

[Item No. 9 taken up following Closed Session.]

## **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no comments or questions.

## **11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no further comments.

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Wellington confirmed only Item B, **Conference with Labor Negotiator**, would be taken up in Closed Session.

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Conference with Property Negotiator**

- 1. **Property:** Recycled Water
- Negotiating Party:** Monterey County Water Resources Agency
- Under Negotiation:** All Terms and Conditions

**B. Conference with Labor Negotiator:**

- 1. **MRWPCA Negotiator:** Keith Israel
- Employee Organization(s):** All Bargaining Groups

[At 8:15 p.m., Chair Canepa adjourned Closed Session and reconvened Open Session.]

Mr. Wellington announced that in Closed Session, the Board received information regarding proposed revisions to existing Memoranda of Understanding; that no action was taken in Closed Session, but that the Board would now consider the resolutions associated with Agenda Item No. 9.

**9. OTHER ACTION ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD**

**A. Consider Modifications to Existing Employee Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) (Resolution Nos. 2001-05, 06, and 07)**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion and a second, the Board unanimously approved MRWPCA Resolution Nos. 2001-05, 06, and 07, A Resolution Approving Health Insurance Revisions to the Existing Memorandum of Understanding between the MRWPCA and the General Employees Association (GEA), Mid-Management Employees Group (MMEG), and Management Employees Group (MEG), respectively.



**13. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Canepa adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. to the next regularly-scheduled meeting on Monday, April 30, 2001, at 7:00 p.m.

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Keith E. Israel  
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

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Theresa Ann Canepa  
Chair of the Board of Directors

Date Passed: April 30, 2001