



MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
January 28, 2002

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, January 28, 2002, 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 [Alternate]	Salinas
David Pendergrass	Sand City
Darryl Choates (at 7:09 p.m.)	Seaside
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
Robert Jaques	Director of Engineering Planning and Technology
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Dan Mizerski	Director of Wastewater Facilities

Erica Freitas	Administrative Support Specialist II
Kay Bardin	Finance Manager
Ed Oyama	Project Engineer
Jon Popper	Laboratory Supervisor
Ken Burtech	WWTP Operator II-LNS
David Wong	Field Maintenance SDWT
Mark Malanka	Operations & Maintenance Program Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT:

John Fair, City of Salinas
Steve Leiker, City of Pacific Grove
Tony Sammut, Owner, Fremont and Casanova Project
Brian Finegan, Attorney for Mr. Sammut
Gary Wiegand, Engineer for Mr. Sammut

AUDIENCE:

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Mrs. Barnes requested that Items B & D be pulled for discussion.

Mrs. Barnes had questions regarding the Balance Sheet on page 11 of the Agenda. Mrs. Bardin responded that differences between 2000 and 2001 Restricted Assets were due to changes in accounting for employees' Deferred Compensation contributions.

Mrs. Barnes had questions on the Budget Variance of \$500,000.00 shown on pg. 14 of the Agenda indicating that we would be over/under budget by the end of the fiscal year. Mrs. Bardin responded that due to the timing of expenditures, we are often under budget early in the fiscal year, but should be on target at year-end.

Mrs. Barnes had questions on the Check Register entries for Benesight (health care provider), starting on pg. 23 of the Agenda, regarding health care premiums. Mrs. Bardin responded that the November Check Register reflected two months' premiums to Benesight.

Mr. Fisher had follow-up questions on the payments to Benesight. Mr. Fisher expressed concern that the amount paid out to Benesight was higher than he expected and was possibly indicating a higher than expected employee usage. Mr. Moore would like to see a presentation to the Board next month on how much the Agency is spending on health insurance premiums, and other information related to health insurance costs.

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Mrs. Canepa noted that a presentation was not necessary, but rather, if the Board can submit their questions/concerns to Staff prior to the next Board meeting, Staff can prepare a short summary on the status of the Agency's health insurance program to address these issues. Mrs. Canepa reminded the Board that they could visit the Ryan Ranch Office and get more detailed information if needed.

Mrs. Barnes questioned what the citizens pay in Non-Sanitation District fees for Salinas, and what percentage comes back to the city.

Mr. Israel responded that each city decides what percent of our Agency service fee they want us to collect and remit to them for their collection system maintenance program. Salinas' City charge is 35%, and Pacific Groves is 100%.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Choates, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda (Items A through K), as follows:

- A. **Approve Minutes:**
 - Regular Meeting – November 26, 2001
 - Adjourned Regular Meeting - December 10, 2001
- B. **Receive Financial Statements - October and November 2001**
- C. **Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through November and December 2001 vs. 2000**
- D. **Receive Check Register – November and December 2001**
- E. **Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina – November and December 2001**
- F. **Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2001/02 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund**
- G. **Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2001/02 Revenues from Capacity Charges**
- H. **Receive Residential Dwelling Unit Aggregate as of December 31, 2001**
- I. **Establish a Nomination Committee for Election of Board Officers for 2002**
- J. **Approve Purchase of Two Radiator Assemblies for the Seaside Pump Station**
- K. **Award Bid for Scaffolding Rental for the Digester #3 Rehabilitation Project**

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

[At 7:14 p.m., with no comments received, Chair Canepa opened and closed Public Comments.]

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. SOURCE CONTROL COMMITTEE

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report - Thursday, January 24, 2002

Mr. Fisher recommended approval of the Pacific Grove Pilot Project for diversion of Urban Runoff.

On behalf of Mr. Sammut, Mr. Finegan requested that the matter of brine discharge from the Fremont and Casanova project be considered at a later date. This would allow the EMC Planning Group to meet with MRWPCA Staff, in an effort to find a mutually agreeable solution to the brine disposal issue.

Mr. Wellington responded that, if there was further discussion, the issue should be referred back to the Source Control Committee before coming back to the Board.

Mr. Moore stated he would like to make sure the next Source Control Committee meeting is not scheduled so close to the Board Meeting, so that the minutes can be included in the Regular Agenda packet. Mrs. Pennycook concurred with Mr. Moore's comment.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mrs. Canepa, seconded by Mrs. Shirrel, the Board unanimously approved the committee recommendation(s), as follows:

- **That the Board approve staff's recommendation to adopt standard criteria for acceptance of Urban Runoff**
- **That the Board approve staff's recommendation to accept the Pacific Grove Urban Runoff diversions to the MRWPCA sewage system**
- **That the Board direct staff to look into adding a separate reclamation system at the RTP for treating brine water or other sources**

FURTHER ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Choates and seconded, the Board unanimously approved to instruct MRWPCA Staff to meet again with EMC Planning Group to discuss further brine discharge from the Fremont and Casanova project.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Fort Ord Issues Update

There were no questions or comments.

B. Reclamation Project Status Report Update

There were no questions or comments.

C. Strategic Planning Goals and Objectives

Mr. Israel noted that the date for the next Strategic Planning Meeting was still being determined, but he thought it might be on Friday, May 10, 2002. He will update the Board on the exact date and time.

D. Allocation Plan Update

Mr. Jaques said staff is recommending that the current plan be extended to allow AMBAG time to prepare new population figures the Agency can use to prepare a new plan.

Mrs. Barnes stated she wanted to make sure the Agency would be using the 2000 Census figures instead of AMBAG's figures.

Mr. Jaques responded that AMBAG will be preparing new population and dwelling unit forecasts, which will take into account the 2000 Census data. He also said that AMBAG will provide ample opportunity for input from all affected entities, as it prepares its new forecasts.

Mrs. Pennycook stated she wants to see the same level of equity between Monterey County and the cities when using the AMBAG figures.

Mr. Barlich stated he wanted to make sure the Agency stays consistent when using figures.

Mr. Jaques said their concerns would be addressed when the new allocation plan is prepared.

E. Update on Contract Wastewater Service for Las Palmas Ranch

There were no questions or comments.

8. STAFF REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

A. General Manager/Legal Counsel

There were no further reports.

B. Department Head(s)

Mr. Fisher noted he was very impressed with the water recycling plant tours, and there are other City of Pacific Grove representation who would like to tour the facility.

Mr. Israel noted that Agency water recycling tour information for the previous month is located in the monthly Board Agenda in the Reclamation Project Status Report Update section. He commented that there may be a visitor from Spain coming to the plant later this week. He also invited all Board members to revisit the RTP for another tour.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments or questions.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Fisher noted that the City of Pacific Grove has kicked off a grease reduction program with the children. He stated that the program, with an article in the Monterey Herald, provides a very positive message. Mrs. Canepa agreed that getting the children involved was a great idea.

Mr. Choates questioned why the Agency was not invited/informed of the meeting on January 29, between Marina City Council and Marina Coast Water District, while Monterey County Water Resources Agency was mentioned in the Monterey County Herald article/invitation.

Mr. Moore responded that the Agency was never purposefully left out of anything, and was invited to attend the town hall meeting, which will be at 6:30 p.m. on January 29, 2002 at Vince DiMaggio Park in Marina.

11. CLOSED SESSION

A. Conference with Property Negotiator

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| 1. Property: | Recycled Water |
| Negotiating Party: | Monterey County Water Resources Agency |
| Under Negotiation: | All Terms and Conditions |
| 2. Property: | Recycled Water |
| Negotiating Party: | Marina Coast Water District |
| Under Negotiation: | All Terms and Conditions |

Mr. Wellington reported there was no need to hold a Closed Session.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m. to the next Regularly-Scheduled Meeting on Monday, February 25, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Keith E. Israel
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

Theresa Ann Canepa
Chair of the Board of Directors

Date Passed: February 25, 2002

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