



MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
July 29, 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 Shirrel at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 29, 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:

Peggy Shirrel, Chair	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Morrie 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
Theresa Canepa	Monterey
Judy Pennycook	Monterey County
Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas
David Pendergrass	Sand City
Darryl Choates	Seaside
Dewey J. Baird	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Israel	General Manager
Robert Wellington	Legal Counsel
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Dan Mizerski	Director of Wastewater Facilities

Deborah Fortune	Executive Assistant
Kay Bardin	Finance Director
Karen Harris	Community Relations Representative
Mark Malanka	Operations and Maintenance Program Coordinator
Ed Oyama	Special Projects Engineer
Richard Gilliam	Source Control Inspector

OTHERS PRESENT: Les Turnbeaugh - City of Monterey
Leo Havener - City of Salinas
Bjorn Lundergard - City of Seaside - Public Works Department

AUDIENCE: 1

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

[At 7:01 p.m., with no comments receive, Chair Shirrel opened and closed Public Comments.]

5. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Barlich, seconded by Mrs. Canepa, with no comments, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda (Items A through J), as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes: Regular Meeting - June 24, 2002
- B. Receive Financial Statements - May 2002
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through June 2002 vs. 2001
- D. Receive Check Register – June 2002
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina – June 2002
- 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 June 30, 2002
- I. Approve Settlement of Quicksilver Mercury Disposal Case
- J. Approve MRWPCA Resolution No. 2002-20, Authorizing Purchase of a John Deere 544 H Wheel Loader Without Formal Competitive Bidding Under Exception to Purchasing Resolution No. 87-19

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report - Thursday, July 18, 2002

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mr. Barlich, with no comments, the Board unanimously approved the July 18, 2002, Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes/Report, which included the following recommendation(s):

- That staff be directed to hire Johnson and Associates to perform a re-survey of the Community Relations Representative position, and evaluate the need for a re-structured position within the Operations Department, with staff reporting the findings back to the Budget/Personnel Committee.

B. RECYCLED WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report - Thursday, July 18, 2002

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Fisher, seconded by Mrs. Canepa, with no comments, the Board unanimously approved the July 18, 2002, Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes/Report, which had no recommendations.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Fort Ord Issues Update

In Mr. Buell's absence, Mr. Wellington stated that it was reported in May of a letter to and correspondence received back from FORA. That matter is still in the process of negotiations with the Army. The status is that the Army has requested our permission, which we've given, that they just directly deal with FORA. MRWPCA has come up with a fair compromise (agreed to by the Army) with regard to the EDU transfer issue, and that matter will be discussed the first week of August between FORA and the Army.

B. Reclamation Project Status Report Update

Mr. Israel noted there will be a presentation in August on achieving an all-time record of 13,300 acre feet of recycled water for the last fiscal year, an increase over 1,000 acre feet from 2001, having a lot to do with the dry weather, but also resulting from staff's efforts to increase the efficiencies. Thus, doing our part to help with seawater intrusion.

To an inquiry by Mr. Choates on the outfall water for golf course demonstration project, Mr. Israel reported that the amendment to our agreement with the County was approved late this spring, after the irrigation cycle had started. So, from a salt content (in the soil) point of view, it was decided that a full year of irrigation, with data collected before and after the cycle, would begin next spring, in cooperation with Marina Coast Water District.

C. Strategic Planning Goals (May 2002 through April 2003) and One-Year Objectives Update

Mr. Israel noted most of the goal deadlines are coming up and staff is beginning to work on the associated tasks. There were no comments, questions, or discussion.

D. Draft Minutes from the Technical Advisory Committee Meeting of July 18, 2002

Mr. Israel pointed out that these were drafted after the meeting. A follow up TAC meeting will be held at the end of August where these will be approved following comments and discussion from the committee.

To an inquiry from Chair Shirrel, Mr. Israel reported that list of attendees include the public works directors from the member entities and members of the planning departments. Although the last meeting was not well attended, typically 20 members will attend.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager/Legal Counsel

Mr. Wellington reported that a matter will soon be coming before the Board regarding MRWPCA's use and rate connection ordinance. That ordinance provides that construction of any new facility, expansion, or change in connections, requires that local jurisdictions, our member entities, either at the planning or building department stage, have a check-off list where MRWPCA is included in the loop for the final permitting process approval. Because the MRWPCA requirements have sometimes been disregarded, unlike other special districts requiring sign-off on plans, incentives will be developed to inspire cooperation and encourage compliance, and a plan to that effect will be presented to the Rate Committee for follow-up recommendations to the Board.

Mr. Choates noted every entity should have the same checklist. He noted not being informed of a backflow system when he opened a new business in his city.

Mr. Israel reminded Board members of the great opportunity to attend the CASA meeting scheduled in Monterey next week. The information packet for that meeting was included to the Board along with the agenda materials. The Board members are encouraged to attend. There's a three-hour session on water recycling issues on Friday morning, and in the afternoon, the Region 9 EPA administrator will be making a presentation on tightening up the rules on collection systems to lessen the likelihood of spills that will require permits issued to each of our member entities.

Mr. Israel noted that earlier in July, the Carmel Pine Cone featured an article on the Carmel Area Wastewater District which indicated they had substantially raised their

fees and cited the fact we hadn't raised our fees in 11 years.

B. Department Head(s)

There were no further reports.

Mr. Israel confirmed to Chair Shirrel that there were no presentations.

9. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no comments or questions.

10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

In an update on Pacific Grove, Mr. Fisher reported that, contrary to some unpopular belief, they are doing something about PG's sewage system. A vacuum truck was purchased for \$280,000; 6,050 linear feet of new sewer lines were installed; 22 new manholes were installed, and another 20 to 23 were upgraded. On top of that, PG's Grease Trap Program is in full force and completed. Complaints are still being received about tearing up the streets to install the new sewer lines. Another \$850,000 is expected to be spent for a new sewer line and manholes in the next year. PG will appropriate not less than \$500,000 every year for new sewer line construction. Before replacement, the lines are first photographed to be sure they are in need of repair. From 1986 to 2000, 18,000 linear feet of new sewer line was installed, along with a lot of new storm drains, too. This report was given to the local newspaper, but they refused to print it.

To an inquiry by Mr. Choates, Mr. Israel reported that no tours would be conducted as part of the CASA meeting in Monterey. However, as part of the CASA program, there will an announcement of awards for which MRWPCA submitted an entry for the innovative Grease Trap Public Outreach Program with Pacific Grove.

Mr. Choates apologized for being gone for a couple months due to his wife's cancer and subsequent recovery process.

Mr. Wellington announced there would be a Closed Session regarding a personnel matter.

[At 7:16 p.m., Chair Shirrel adjourned the Regular meeting to Closed Session.]

[At 7:18 p.m., Chair Shirrel convened the Closed Session.]

12. CLOSED SESSION

[At 7:40 p.m., Chair Shirrel adjourned the Closed Session and reconvened the Open Session.]

Mr. Wellington announced that in Closed Session the Board had received information on a personnel matter, and that no action was taken.

13. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m. to the next Regularly-Scheduled Meeting on Monday, August 26, 2002, at 7:00 p.m.

Keith E. Israel
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

Peggy Shirrel, Ph.D.
Chair of the Board of Directors

Date Passed: August 26, 2002