



**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**August 30, 2004**

**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 Pendergrass at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 30, 2004, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. D, Monterey, California.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Pendergrass, Chair	Sand City
Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Carlo Cortopassi	Castroville Service Area 14
Jack D. Barlich	Del Rey Oaks
Charles Scholl	Marina Coast Water District
Theresa Canepa	Monterey
W.B. "Butch" Lindley	Monterey County
Morrie Fisher	Pacific Grove
Darryl Choates	Seaside
Dewey J. Baird	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Peggy Shirrel	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Gloria De La Rosa, Vice- Chair	Salinas

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Keith Israel	General Manager
Robert Wellington	Legal Counsel
Jim Heitzman	Assistant General Manager
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
Robert Jaques	Director of Engineering Planning and Technology
Dan Mizerski	Director of Wastewater Facilities
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services

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Deborah Fortune	Executive Assistant
Betty Nebb	Administrative Support Specialist II
Ed Oyama	Lead Engineer
Dan Burns	Operations Manager
Richard Gilliam	Supervising WWTP Operator
Carol Simon	WWTP Operator III

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Les Turnbeaugh – City of Monterey  
Carl Niizawa – City of Salinas  
Mrs. Richard Gilliam

**AUDIENCE:** 0

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Canepa, seconded by Mr. Barlich, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items A through J, as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting – Regular Meeting, July 26, 2004
- B. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through July 2004 vs. 2003
- C. Receive Check Register – July 2004
- D. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina – July 2004
- E. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2004/05 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund
- F. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2004/05 Revenues from Capacity Charges
- G. Approve MRWPCA Resolution No. 2004-13, Approving Amendment to the Hartford Deferred Compensation Plan
- H. Approve Purchase of a Replacement for the Total Organic Carbon Analyzer
- I. Adopt MRWPCA Resolution No. 2004-14, Amending the Established Salary Classifications and Ranges Per the Johnson & Associates Salary Survey for the Management Employees Group (MEG) for Fiscal Year 2004/05

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- J. Adopt MRWPCA Resolution No. 2004-15, Amending the Established Salary Classifications and Ranges Per the Johnson & Associates Salary Survey for the General Employees Association (GEA) and Mid-Management Employees Group (MMEG) for Fiscal Year 2004/05

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

**A. RECYCLED WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Canepa, seconded by Mr. Barlich, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes/Report, for Thursday, August 19, 2004, which were informational only and included no recommendations.

**B. BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Barlich, seconded by Mrs. Canepa, the Board unanimously approved the Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes/Reports for Thursday, August 19, 2004, which included the following recommendations:

- That staff be authorized to negotiate and issue a design contract for the Screw Presses Project to HDR Engineering, Inc., at a cost not to exceed \$200,000.
- That the Board approve that the Budget/Personnel Committee meet at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, August 30, to review the staff proposal for the Salinas Industrial Pond Operation that is due to the City of Salinas by 5:00 p.m. on August 30.
- That staff be authorized to begin discussions and analysis of potential collection system operation for three of our member entities (Castroville CSA 14, Moss Landing CSD, and Boronda CSD).
- That the Board approve and authorize funding of \$15,000 for an expedited Salt Reduction Program.

**C. "SPECIAL" BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report – Monday, August 30, 2004**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Choates, seconded by Mrs. Canepa, the Board unanimously approved the Minutes/Report of the meeting of Monday, August 30, 2004.

- That the Board approve the proposal for the Salinas Industrial Pond operation that was submitted to the City of Salinas by 5:00 p.m. on August 30.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING**

**A. Staff Report on User Fee and Capacity Charge Increases**

Mr. Buell reported that staff did an excellent job notifying customers of the proposed rate increase effective September 1, 2004, with special thanks to Lindsay Synstebly and John Tiernan for coordination of the notification efforts.

To an inquiry by Mrs. Canepa, Mr. Buell confirmed the residential rate increase indicated on page 64 should have read \$9.30 to \$9.70 a month, and that this increase is the first in 12 years.

**B. Comments from the Public**

[At 7:15 p.m., with no comments received, Chair Pendergrass opened and closed Public Comments.]

**C. Adopt MRWPCA Ordinance No. 2004-03, An Ordinance Amending the MRWPCA Sewer User Fee Rate and Capacity Charges**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Canepa, seconded by Mr. Barlich, the Board on a Roll Call Vote, unanimously approved MRWPCA Ordinance No. 2004-03, An Ordinance Amending the MRWPCA Sewer User Fee Rate and Capacity Charges, by the following vote:

**AYES:** Cortez, Cortopassi, Lindley, Barlich, Scholl, Canepa,  
Fisher, Pendergrass, Choates  
**NOES:** None  
**ABSENT:** Shirrel, De La Rosa

Chair Pendergrass confirmed the motion passed.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Fort Ord Issues Status Summary**

No questions or comments.

**B. Reclamation Project Status Summary**

No questions or comments.

**C. Strategic Planning Goals (2002-2005) and One-Year Objectives (April 2004 through 2005) Update**

No questions or comments.

**9. MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY ACTIVITIES REPORT BY CURTIS WEEKS, GENERAL MANAGER**

[Copies of WRA's presentation were distributed to the Board.]

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Mr. Curtis Weeks acknowledged it's been a pleasure working with the MRWPCA staff on the joint recycling water project. The project is presently delivering about 13,000 acre feet of water a year -- water that's not coming out of the ground and helping stop sea water intrusion. This project is another piece in the area's overall portfolio of water supply. And, coupled with the agricultural wells, the project is the largest purveyor of water in Monterey County.

Mr. Weeks named topics to be summarized, as follows: (1) Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) – which has direct interface with the recycling projects, (2) Regional Activities – that MCWRA is also engaged in, and (3) Urban Water Supply – an area that's part of the MCWRA overall charter and an area they're starting to move into.

As an overview, Mr. Weeks summarized the SVWP description with three major elements:

1. Modifications to the Nacimiento Dam Spillway;
2. Construction of the Salinas River Diversion Facility (Rubber Dam); and,
3. Re-operation of San Antonio and Nacimiento Dams (store more water toward the end of the winter months, while still providing necessary flood storage)

MCWRA has a design team working with Boyle Engineers under contract for the design work, looking at the kind of facilities necessary to do a small amount of treatment to meet the food safety objectives and to also determine the best place for the facility. MCWRA is working with MRWPCA staff to look at additional larger storage in possibly an urban storage pond.

Photos were shown of the Salinas River Diversion location with a spillway simulation of an inflatable bladder and flap (Rubber Dam). To an inquiry by Mr. Fisher, Mr. Weeks noted the EIR was certified for the project in June 2002. For four years, MCWRA has been working on acquiring the NEPA document which is a full permit from the Corps of Engineers.

The scope of services on the required spillway modifications include the following major tasks:

- Permit coordination with DSOD and FERC
- Design criteria development, including seismic considerations
- Field survey(s)
- Hydraulic, geotechnical and material analyses of the spillway, bucket, and plunge pool
- Analysis of low-level outlets to maximize power generation

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- Structural, mechanical, and electrical designs, including instrumentation
- Preliminary design report evaluations at 30%, 60%, and 90% completion
- “Add-on work” – design and replace high-level gate operators
- Engineer’s estimate for construction costs, and
- Final construction project bid documents

Mr. Israel thanked Curtis for his presentation. He noted that the recent presentations by MRWPCA to the Board of Supervisors and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District resulted in excellent comments and follow-up as a result. MRWPCA looks forward to presenting a briefing to the MCWRA Board (October 2004).

Chair Pendergrass thanked Mr. Weeks for the informative presentation.

Mr. Weeks commented it was his pleasure and it’s his hope that we’ll get a chance to do this more often and continue to better understand and know about what each other is doing. It was confirmed with Mr. Israel that the end of September will be the MRWPCA presentation at MCWRA.

Chair Pendergrass commented that it’s good to have this interaction, that way we see each other. We’re in it all together and we work together, and things get done when we do that.

**10. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

**A. Recognize Richard Gilliam For Obtaining An Operator Grade IV Certificate**

Chair Pendergrass read a background biography on Richard and thanked him for his service to the Agency.

**B. Recognize Carol Simon for Obtaining an Operator Grade V Certificate**

Chair Pendergrass read a background biography on Carol and thanked her for her service to the Agency.

**11. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. General Manager/Assistant General Manager/Legal Counsel**

There were no further comments or reports.

**B. Department Head(s)**

There were no further comments or reports.

**12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

There were no further comments.

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**13. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Pendergrass adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. to the next Regularly-Scheduled Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. D, on Monday, September 27, 2004, at 7:00 p.m.

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Keith E. Israel  
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

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David Pendergrass  
Chair of the Board of Directors

Date Passed: September 27, 2004

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