



MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
August 29, 2005

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 29, 2005, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. D, Monterey, California.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Dave Pendergrass, Chair	Sand City
Carlo Cortopassi, Vice Chair	Castroville Service Area 14
Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Joe Russell	Del Rey Oaks
Butch Lindley	County of Monterey
Charles Scholl	Marina Coast Water District
Jeff Haferman	Monterey
Peggy Shirrel	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Roberto Ocampo	Salinas
Darryl Choates	Seaside
Dewey J. Baird	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Dan Cort	Pacific Grove
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STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Israel	General Manager
Rob Wellington	Legal Counsel
Jim Heitzman	Assistant General Manager
Bob Jaques	Director of Engineering, Technology & Planning
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant
Ed Oyama	Lead Engineer

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Bob Holden Recycled Water Engineer Coordinator
Leara Ventura Administrative Support Specialist II

OTHERS PRESENT: Les Turnbeaugh – City of Monterey
 Carl Niizawa – City of Salinas
 Bjorn Lundegard – City of Seaside

AUDIENCE: 1

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

[At 7:02 p.m., with no comments received, Chair Pendergrass opened and closed Public Comments.]

5. CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Choates, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items A through I as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes – Regular Meeting, July 25, 2005**
- B. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through June 2005 vs 2004**
- C. Receive Check Register – July 2005**
- D. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina – July 2005**
- 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 Award of the Engineering during Construction Contract for the Digester Mixing System Replacement Project – Phase 1**
- H. Approve Award of the Construction Contract to Pacific Infrastructures for the Digester Mixing System Replacement Project – Phase 1**
- I. Adopt Resolution No. 2005-11, A Resolution Adopting Public Agency Retirement System (PARS) Trust Retirement Enhancement Plan**

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. RECYCLED WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE

Mr. Russell indicated that the minutes reflected the committee action and stressed that an action for staff to prepare a letter to MCWD was very important.

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ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Choates, seconded by Mrs. Shirrel, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee minutes for Thursday, August 26, 2005, which included the following recommendations:

- That the Board approve staff recommendation to proceed with negotiations and execution of an agreement with RMC for Next Steps for the In-Plant Storage Basin at a not-to exceed amount of \$25,000.
- That the Board approve selection of CDM to provide services for the Ground Water Replenishment Project, and staff begin negotiations with CDM on a services contract for that purpose.
- That the Board direct staff to prepare a letter to the General Manager of Marina Coast Water District regarding the Urban Water Augmentation Project requesting full joint involvement with MRWPCA Board/Staff and reinstitution of the Joint Leadership Meetings.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Fort Ord Issues Status Summary

Chair Pendergrass asked about an update on the Fort Ord issues. Mr. Buell indicated in his report that a joint meeting was held on August 23rd to finalize a Memorandum of Agreement. Mr. Israel stated staff expects to provide agreement documents to the Budget/Personnel Committee and Board in September for review and approval. Mr. Baird stated that the Army is very pleased with the progress made.

B. Reclamation Project Status Summary

No questions or comments

C. Strategic Planning Goals (2005-2008)

No questions or comments.

8. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager/Assistant General Manager/Legal Counsel

Mr. Israel, referring to the Town Hall Meeting sponsored by MPWMD held on August 25th, explained there were eight presentations given that evening. He gave a presentation on the Ground Water Replenishment Project and Mr. Armstrong, MCWD, presented information about the Water Augmentation Project. Mr. Israel also announced he had been invited to give a presentation to the Seaside City Council on Thursday, September 1st.

Chair Pendergrass commented Mr. Israel gave an excellent presentation at the MPWMD Town Hall meeting regarding the Replenishment Project; Mr.

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Armstrong, MCWD, also gave a fine presentation and represented the joint project very well. Board members of MPWMD appreciated the number of individuals who were there to hear about all the different water projects being considered for the area and to ask questions. The majority of questions from the audience had to do with the presentations on the desalination projects.

B. Department Head(s)

Chair Pendergrass announced the next trip to Orange County would be on September 29 and 30 and Supervisor Dave Potter would be traveling with the group. Chair Pendergrass expressed hope that additional MRWPCA Board Members would be able to make the trip.

C. Presentation(s)

Mr. Israel introduced Mr. Holden, Recycled Water Coordinator, who had accompanied the group on the August trip to Orange County and presented photographs of the trip. Mr. Holden provided information about the photographs showing the processes used for treating wastewater to the level that is acceptable for replenishing the drinking water aquifer in Orange County. He continued by stating the trip included a tour at the West Basin Municipal Water District as well.

Mrs. Shirrel commented the photos show a great deal of progress has been made in the construction at West Basin since the November 2004 trip.

On a question from Mr. Cortopassi, Mr. Holden responded that Orange County has two ways they use the purified water. (1) They have a well injection process to slow sea water intrusion. (2) They pump water to percolation basins where it percolates through soil into the aquifer and then is pulled out and treated as drinking water. They have been doing this for thirty years.

Mr. Haferman asked if the Water Factory 21 Project had to go to a vote of the people for funding or acceptance of the project. Mr. Holden responded it did not. It was more than 30 years ago when they designed and built that facility.

Mr. Israel continued emphasizing that we have an opportunity to learn from Orange County with a long track record of great success; very similar to our agricultural project which has almost ten years of success. The Board's goal has always been to recycle as much water as possible, and we want to utilize the winter water that is available.

Discussion regarding desal versus recycled water continued with Mr. Israel stating that development of a recycled water project would be typically less expensive than desal and could be implemented quicker. Chair Pendergrass continued by stating MRWPCA is part of the regional solution for replenishing the water supply in our area.

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Mr. Lindley commented the key thing he learned on the recent trip to Orange County was the importance of the public relations effort. There have been numerous attempts at similar projects in California and elsewhere without the success of Water Factory 21. The lesson here is presenting the facts and being out in front with thorough education for the community to instill confidence in this process.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chair Pendergrass stated his appreciation to MRWPCA staff and especially to Ms. Harris, Community Relations, for efforts to provide a successful exhibit at the Monterey County Fair. He also complimented Ms. Harris for the attractive exhibit established for the MPWMD Town Hall meeting; MCWD also had a nice display.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Pendergrass adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, September 26, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

Keith E. Israel
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

Dave Pendergrass
Chair of the Board of Directors