



**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**October 31, 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, October 31, 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
Mayor Joe Russell	Del Rey Oaks
Director Charles Scholl	Marina Coast Water District
Councilmember Jeff Haferman	Monterey
Supervisor W. B. "Butch" Lindley	County of Monterey
Peggy Shirrel	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Councilmember Dan Cort	Pacific Grove
Councilmember Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas
Councilmember Darryl Choates	Seaside
Dewey J. Baird, Chief Utilities Branch	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Keith Israel	General Manager
Jim Heitzman	Assistant General Manager
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
Rob Wellington	Legal Counsel
Lonnie Fredrickson	Administrative Services Specialist II

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Jennifer Gonzalez	Associate Engineer
Tom Kouretas	Associate Engineer
Karen Harris	Community Relations Representative
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant
Ed Oyama	Lead Engineer
Bob Holden	Recycled Water Projects Coordinator
Gary Weier	Source Control Supervisor

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jessica Bender – “Wally the Water Drop”  
Mike Hebert - Culligan Water Conditioning Company  
Les Turnbeaugh – City of Monterey

**AUDIENCE:** 2

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

[At 7:04 p.m., with no comments received, Chair Pendergrass opened and closed Public Comments.]

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mrs. Shirrel asked that Item D be pulled from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Ms. De La Rosa, seconded by Mrs. Shirrel the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items A through C and E through J, as follows:**

- A. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting, September 26, 2005
- B. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through September 2005 vs. 2004
- C. Receive Check Register - September 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. Receive Residential Dwelling-Unit Aggregate as of September 30, 2005
- H. Approve Award of Construction Contract for Castroville Interceptor Cathodic Protection Project.

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- I. Adopt Resolution 2005-12 Authorizing Purchase of Flygt Submersible Pumps without Formal Competitive Bidding under Exception to Purchasing Resolution No. 87-19.
- J. Approve Award of the Construction Contract for the SVRP Copper Pipe Replacement Project to Anderson Pacific.

Mrs. Shirrel asked why the Community Flow Chart indicates an increase in flow. Mr. Heitzman advised that staff is investigating reasons for the increased weekend flow readings and that a substantial increase was a result of a flow meter repair.

In response to a question by Mr. Cort regarding flow rates, Mr. Israel said flows are often affected by agricultural production which means an increase in the spring, summer and fall and a decrease in the winter. He stated that, although conservation measures also affect flows, a flow meter problem is currently being investigated.

Mr. Lindley asked if a mechanism exists that will allow segregating the measures for agricultural, industrial and residential usage. He also asked how many flow meters there are in Salinas. Mr. Israel explained that, due to the intersection of many pipes, it is extremely difficult to segregate usage figures. He said that the Source Control Department monitors the commercial/industrial flows. Gary Weier, Source Control Supervisor, advised that the source of readout information is one main flow meter which runs into the Salinas Pump Station. He added that additional flow meters have been installed at locations that would accommodate such installation.

Mr. Lindley asked how business usage rates are set. Mr. Buell advised that most industrial user rates are set according to their annual water bills. Mr. Heitzman added that the strength of the sewage is measured as well.

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mrs. Shirrel, seconded by Mr. Lindley, the Board unanimously approved Item D of the Consent Agenda as follows:**

- D. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Castroville, Fort Ord, Marina, Monterey Peninsula, and Salinas September 2005.

[At 7:09 p.m., Chair Pendergrass asked the Board for permission to rearrange the Agenda to present Item C.2, Waste Water Treatment Video (under Staff Reports) to accommodate the producer's time constraints. No objections from Board Members.]

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**9. STAFF REPORTS**

**C. Presentation(s):**

**2. Waste Water Treatment Video**

Community Relations Representative Karen Harris presented a five-minute claymation production entitled "*Wally the Waterdrop*." The Board and audience applauded the efforts of the film producer, Jessica Bender, a resident of Seaside. Chair Pendergrass advised that Ms. Bender is a senior at Monterey High School; a member of the Youth Arts Collective in Monterey; and is seeking a career in animation. Chair Pendergrass presented Ms. Bender with a certificate of recognition for her work.

Ms. Bender thanked the Board and staff for the opportunity to work on the project. Several Board Members touted the quality of the production and encouraged distribution of the DVD to every elementary school in the County. In appreciation of Ms. Bender's talent, Mr. Choates asked staff to meet with Jessica and her parents regarding any scholarship opportunities that could be arranged in exchange for her work on this project.

Mr. Israel commented that staff condensed the original DVD and advised that the full version is available for anyone wishing to view it. He further stated that Jessica's unique talents should be utilized to promote other MRWPCA endeavors.

[Chair Pendergrass referenced the October issue of the *Pipeline* and called attention to the photographs of the Board's recognition of retirees. He then returned to Agenda Item 6, Community/Employee Recognition and emphasized the importance of recognizing people for their good work.]

**6. COMMUNITY/EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

**A. Presentation of CWEA Environmental Compliance Inspector Grade 1 Certificate to Elena Benedi**

Chair Pendergrass presented Elena Benedi with a Certificate of Recognition for her certification as CWEA Environmental Compliance Inspector, Grade I.

**B. Presentation of Certificate of Appreciation to Culligan Water Conditioning Company for their Support of MRWPCA Salt Reduction Program**

A Certificate of Appreciation for support of the MRWPCA Salt Reduction Program was presented by Chair Pendergrass to Mike Hebert, General Manager/President of Culligan Water Conditioning Company. Culligan consolidated operations throughout Monterey County by constructing a state-of-the-art processing plant in Salinas. Through their conservation efforts and brine hauling, they have eliminated 40,000 pounds of salt per month that would have otherwise entered the wastewater recycling system. Mr. Hebert commented that MRWPCA staff were great to work with and expressed appreciation for all of their support and help.

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

**A. Recycled Water Storage Committee**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Shirrel, seconded by Mr. Cort, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes for October 13, 2005, which included the following recommendation:

- That the Board approve formation of a Joint Leadership Committee between MRWPCA and MPWMD for the Groundwater Replenishment Project.

**B. Budget/Personnel Committee**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Shirrel, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Board unanimously approved the Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes for October 17, 2005, which included the following recommendations:

- That the Board approve recommendation for staff to receive informal bids/negotiate with interested contractors to complete the work on the Copper Pipe Replacement Project between November 2005 and February 2006 (subject to concurrence from MCWRA).
- That the Board approve recommendation for staff to develop a Compliance/Engineer job description and openly recruit at range 66 of our mid-management salary plan.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Fort Ord Update**

No comment.

**B. Reclamation Project Status Summary**

No comment.

**C. Strategic Planning Three Year Goals (2005-2008)**

No comment.

**D. Filter Loading Evaluation Project Status Summary**

No comment.

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**9. STAFF REPORTS**

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

Mr. Israel announced the passing of Woody Woodworth, a longtime resident of Monterey and regular attendee of Board meetings. Mr. Choates proposed closing the meeting on behalf of Woody Woodworth and suggested that a letter to that effect be sent to Mr. Woodworth's family. Chair Pendergrass concurred.

Mr. Israel also informed the Board that a TAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2005. A meeting notice has been distributed to staff members of the involved entities. The agenda is quite lengthy since the last meeting was held May 2004.

Mr. Israel further advised that the Board Members should have received a copy of the Draft Environmental Impact Review (EIR) from EMC Engineering as relates to an application for an increased Monterey County Use Permit. He said that the item would be brought back to the Board for action in January 2006.

Attorney Wellington provided an update on the CH2M Hill lawsuit and advised that, with the identification of a settlement figure, negotiations can begin.

**B. Department Head(s)**

There were no further comments or reports.

**C. Presentations**

**1. Report on Soviet Georgia Trip**

Chair Pendergrass introduced Bob Holden, Recycled Water Project Coordinator, who provided a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the trip that he and Bahman Sheikh made to the Republic of Georgia in July 2005. Mr. Holden advised that staff had been invited to provide the Republic with information about utilizing recycled water to grow grapes.

In response to a question by Mr. Cort, Mr. Holden answered that staff was invited to Georgia to discuss MRWPCA's experience using recycled water for agriculture. He said that the WateReuse Association, Parliament, and Caucus Meridian provided financial support toward the trip.

Mr. Cort asked about the outreach of the program. Mr. Israel advised that, as a participant in the WateReuse Association Board, he has encouraged expansion of water recycling outreach, both nationally and internationally. Mr. Israel said the information shared and the contacts gathered through these trips have proven to benefit all parties and added he is hopeful the initiatives will continue.

Mrs. Shirrel asked if representatives of the Region of Georgia would be visiting the MRWPCA. Mr. Holden said they expressed an interest and our staff has submitted abstract papers (with them as co-authors) to assist in identifying potential organizations to help fund such a trip. He indicated that some of the meetings in Georgia were with aid and relief organizations which may also be able to help bring them to the U.S.

#### **10. CORRESPONDENCE**

Chair Pendergrass made note of an email from the Australian tour group thanking us for making their Recycle Water Study Tour '05 a great success.

#### **11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Pendergrass advised that he is pleased with the new Board Room projector.

Mr. Cort said that he was enthused about his trip to Orange County. He said that he was surprised by the percentage of water in homes used for irrigation vs. that which is potable. He suggested that the MRWPCA look at requiring installation of gray water outlets in all new home construction. Mr. Lindley shared that he recently attended a General Plan meeting in Monterey where he experienced a much higher rate of acceptability than in the past for 'gray water.'

Chair Pendergrass advised that groundwater recharge should be pursued immediately. He said that dual plumbing currently exists in Fort Ord and Seaside Highlands. Mrs. Shirrel commented that storm water treatment/re-use is also in the works.

Mr. Cortopassi referenced the micro-filtration systems he viewed in Orange County and presented Mr. Ramirez with a synthetic material 'reed' with a minute hole. He continued saying that the preferred term for 'recycled water' should be 'purified water.'

Chair Pendergrass announced the next trip to Orange County is being planned for December 1 and 2 and that Ms. De La Rosa and Mr. Ramiro would be participating. Mr. Choates advised that the Seaside City Manager and Public Works Director have also expressed interest in attending.

Chair Pendergrass reminded the Board that the November 28 Board Meeting will begin at 6 p.m. and will be followed by the annual holiday dinner. He noted the schedule of Board/Committee meetings for the remainder of the year was distributed to each member.

Chair Pendergrass asked that the record show the meeting CLOSED in memory of Bill "Woody" Woodworth.

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**12. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Pendergrass adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, January 30, 2006, 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