



**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**May 22, 2006**

**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, May 22, 2006, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. D, Monterey, California.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Peggy Shirrel, Chair	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Joe Russell, Vice Chair	Del Rey Oaks
Carlo Cortopassi	Castroville Service Area 14
Kenneth Nishi	Marina Coast Water District
Jeff Haferman	Monterey
W.B. "Butch" Lindley	Monterey County
Dan Cort	Pacific Grove
Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas [Arrived 7:04 p.m.]
David Pendergrass	Sand City
Darryl Choates	Seaside
Dewey Baird	US Army

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
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**STAFF PRESENT:**

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

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Jean Premutati  
Kelly Cadiante  
Bob Holden  
Mark Malanka  
Betty Nebb

Human Resources Officer  
Accounting Supervisor  
Recycled Water Project Coordinator  
Field Maintenance and CSIP Supervisor  
Executive Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Carl Niizawa  
Bjorn Lundegard  
Marc Lucca

City of Salinas  
City of Seaside  
Marina Coast Water District

**AUDIENCE:**                      0

**4.     PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At 7:03 p.m., with no comments received, Chair Shirrel opened and closed Public Comments.

**5.     CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Nishi requested Item I be pulled from the Consent Agenda for discussion.

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Choates, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Board unanimously approved Consent Items A – H and J. Mr. Haferman abstained from voting due to his absence from the April 24, 2006 meeting.**

- A. Approve Minutes – Regular Meeting, April 24, 2006
- B. Receive Financial Statements – April 2006
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through April 2006 vs. 2005
- D. Receive Check Register – April 2006
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Salinas, Monterey Peninsula, Marina Plant, Fort Ord, and Castroville for April 2006
- F. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2005/06 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund
- G. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2005/06 Revenues from Capacity Charges
- H. Reject Bids Received for the Construction of the Biosolids Dewatering Replacement Project
- J. Adopt MRWPCA Resolution No. 2006-7, A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Forty (40) MDS Transnet 900 Radios for the Castroville Distribution System Without Formal Competitive Bidding

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Mr. Nishi recommended the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes of April 13, 2006 stand as originally written and suggested, because MCWD and MRWPCA are committed to working together, Board Member comments should continue to reflect a spirit of cooperation and support.

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Nishi, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Board approved by a 10-1 vote (Chair Shirrel voting ‘No’) Consent Agenda Item I as follows:**

- I. Approve Original Minutes – Recycled Water Storage Committee Meeting, April 13, 2006.

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

**A. Budget/Personnel Committee**

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report Monday, May 8, 2006.

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Pendergrass, seconded by Mr. Choates, the Board unanimously approved the Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes for May 8, 2006, with the following recommendation:**

- That the Board authorize staff to proceed with notification to users for the proposed rate increase and begin negotiations for a new Capital Projects bond issue.

**B. Recycled Water Storage Committee**

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report Thursday, May 11, 2006

**ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Cortopassi, seconded by Ms. De La Rosa, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes for May 11, 2006, with the following recommendations:**

- That the Board approve the contract with Raines, Melton and Carella, Inc. (RMC) to perform \$38,260 of Engineering Services related to the In-Plant Storage Project.
- That the Board approve the contract for Environmental Review of the Monterey portion of the Regional Urban Recycled Water Project with Denise Duffy & Associates (DDA) for an amount not to exceed \$63,734; this cost be presented for inclusion in the entire cost of the Regional Urban Recycled Water Project.
- That the Board approve preparation of a letter to NOAA Fisheries regarding the Salinas Valley Water Project.

**7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

**A. Professional and Human Resources Certification for Jean Premutati, Human Resources Officer**

Mr. Heitzman introduced Ms. Premutati and congratulated her for passing the Professional Human Resource Certification test. He advised that the very challenging test takes four and one-half hours to complete and applauded Ms. Premutati for being the only student in her class to pass. Chair Shirrel commended Ms. Premutati for advancing her career from Administrative Support Specialist to Human Resource Officer during her 15-year tenure with MRWPCA. Ms. Premutati thanked the Board for their support of training opportunities.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Fort Ord Update**

No questions or comments.

**B. Reclamation Project Status Summary**

Mr. Haferman asked why rain would cause a late start-up for the Tertiary Plant operations. Mr. Israel explained it is a function of the irrigation demand (i.e., if it rains, the growers do not need the additional water).

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

No questions or comments.

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

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

Mr. Israel called attention to a memo from Lois Humphreys of TRG & Associates, the firm responsible for developing public outreach for the Groundwater Replenishment Project. He advised Board Members would be contacted to schedule interviews with TRG. In preparation for the interview, he asked Board Members to think about other community leaders that TRG should interview (over the next three or four weeks). The purpose of the interviews would be to solicit input regarding concerns about the Replenishment Project.

Mr. Israel advised the AMBAG Forum went very well and featured ½-day tours including a tour of the MRWPCA Treatment Plant.

Mr. Baird asked if consideration could be given to extending the hours of the AMBAG Water Forum. He said volumes of information were compressed and it would have been beneficial to have more time for tours. Ms. Shirrel advised the Forum was extended to 3:30 p.m. the first year, however, by afternoon attendance dwindled. She indicated extending the hours could be discussed at next year's committee meeting.

Mr. Lindley asked if Orange County might have a video that could be used to educate people unable to go to Orange County. Mr. Israel said staff will contact Orange County regarding a video; he also said he anticipates MRWPCA will develop a video as part of the Outreach Program. Mr. Israel indicated the outreach goal is to present a balanced perspective including different points of view.

**B. Department Head(s)**

Nothing to report.

**10. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A. Condolence letter from Chair Shirrel to Assemblyman Simone Salinas**

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Russell referenced an article in the May edition of *CSDA News* about a campaign to keep medications out of water supplies. Mr. Israel explained endocrine disrupters fall within that category and work is being done locally on various programs to dispose of medications (i.e., drug stores actually taking back drugs; wrapping drugs and putting them with solid waste rather than disposing in the toilet, etc.).

Mrs. Shirrel commented that the Water Conference addressed concerns about sanitizing hand washes and antibacterial soaps accumulating in wastewater.

Mr. Cort asked if it would be possible to have someone knowledgeable talk to the Board about endocrine disrupters and drugs/compounds. Mr. Israel explained that, as part of the Replenishment Project, a blue ribbon panel is being organized through the National Water Research Institute (a research group in Orange County) which will include five to seven experts in different fields who are knowledgeable about water replenishment concerns.

Mr. Lindley commented it is ironic the livestock industry incorporates a number of regulations for monitoring medicine ingested by livestock, yet there are no restrictions for disposal of human prescriptions.

Mr. Israel indicated the WateReuse Association is attempting to dialogue with drug companies about developing biodegradable compounds or finding other solutions to the disposal problems. Mr. Cort said it would be interesting if drugs could be recycled at pharmacies. Mr. Cortopassi said his Rotary Club has a program where expired drugs are sent to overseas countries that can use them. Ms. De La Rosa indicated she believes a legislative process and incentives would be needed for pharmaceutical companies to take back unused drugs.

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Mrs. Shirrel reminded Board Members that the California Special District Conference will be held September 25-28, at Olympic Valley near Lake Tahoe. She also commented the conference will offer ethics classes, governance training, and some certifications.

[At 7:32 p.m., Chair Shirrel adjourned Open Session and announced Closed Session would begin after a brief break.]

**12. CLOSED SESSION**

**A. Conference with Labor Negotiator**

1. Agency Negotiator: General Manager
  - a. Employee Organizations: GEA, MMEG, MEG

**B. Conference with Legal Counsel**

1. Conference with Legal Counsel
  - a. Existing Litigation: MRWPCA vs. CH2M Hill

[The Board came out of Closed Session at 8:26 p.m., and Legal Counsel Wellington reported that the Board received information on the existing litigation and gave direction to the General Manager with regard to the negotiation matter; no other action was taken.]

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Shirrel adjourned the Regular Meeting at 8:27 p.m. to the Budget Workshop Meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, June 5, 2006, at 7:00 p.m.

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Keith E. Israel  
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

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