



**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

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Claude Hoover, Vice Chair  
Silvio Bernardi  
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Mark Gonzalez  
David Hart  
John Huerta  
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David Chardavoyne, General Manager  
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Jesse Avila, Deputy County Counsel

**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT WORKSHOP**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2015 @ 9:00 AM**

**AGRICULTURAL BUSINESS CONFERENCE CENTER  
1428 ABBOTT STREET, SALINAS**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM – 9:10 AM**

Directors Present: Ortiz, Hoover, Ekelund, Hart and Huerta (@ 9:33 AM)  
Directors Absent: Bernardi, Gonzalez, Scattini and Sullivan  
Supervisor Simón Salinas was also in attendance.

A quorum was established.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None.**

**4. SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA) BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

General Manager David Chardavoyne introduced Rob Johnson, Acting Assistant General Manager, who presented the SGMA information for the day's workshop. The question under consideration is determining the best vehicle for implementing SGMA through establishing a Groundwater Sustainability Agency (GSA) to develop a Plan. The options include:

- Doing nothing – the State will develop a plan;

- Forming a Joint Powers Authority of various interest groups;
- Allowing the Board of Supervisors to establish a new Agency; or,
- Selecting the Water Resources Agency as the GSA.

**5. REVIEW MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' ACTIONS RELATED TO SGMA**

Mr. Johnson reviewed prior actions taken by the Agency's Board of Directors and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors regarding SGMA.

**6. SEEK INPUT FROM STAKEHOLDERS/INTERESTED PARTIES**

- Gary Petersen – Respects the Agency's desire to become the GSA; but, believes collaboration is required.
- Steve Shimek – Monterey County should create a new Agency representing the public at large. Mr. Shimek is opposed to the WRA becoming the GSA.
- Bob Martin – Supports WRA as GSA with public support.
- Norm Groot – Inquired about steps necessary to establish GSA; but, believes the development of a comprehensive plan should be collaborative.
- Richard Boyer – Mutual water company systems should be included in the process and information provided as to how the process will affect mutual water systems.
- Mayor Ralph Rubio, City of Seaside – The plan should be comprehensive in nature and considered on an entire county basis...especially since basins are interconnected.

**7. DEVELOP NEXT STEPS**

Mr. Drake reviewed the hydrologic model fundamentals which incorporates water supply requirements and water rights limitations; and, provided a project summary including project benefits.

**8. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Mr. Drake reviewed the schedule for a focused EIR under CEQA regulations, as well as obtaining permits. Also included was an outline of preliminary environmental impacts to be considered.

**9. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

Initially, project costs were estimated at \$25 million; yet, the true cost is \$48 million, not including the spillway modification. The cost of the Spillway modification is estimated at \$15 million.

**10. ADJOURNMENT @ 10:37 AM.**

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SUBMITTED BY: Wini Chambliss  
APPROVED ON: October 26, 2015

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Wini Chambliss, Clerk to the Board