

MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Claude Hoover, Chair Mike Scattini, Vice Chair Silvio Bernardi Ken Ekelund Mark Gonzalez David Hart John Huerta Richard Ortiz

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STAFF:

David E. Chardavoyne, General Manager Robert Johnson, Deputy General Manager Brent Buche, Deputy General Manager Cathy Paladini, Finance Manager Wini Chambliss, Clerk to the Board Jesse Avila, Deputy County Counsel

Monday July 27, 2015 @ 1:00 P.M.

REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Hoover called the meeting to order @ 12:05 PM and a quorum was established.

Directors Present: Hoover, Scattini, Ekelund, Hart, Huerta (@ 1:05 PM) and Ortiz

Directors Absent: Bernardi, Gonzalez and Sullivan

- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS None.
- 3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION @ 12:08 PM
- 4. RECONVENE MEETING/RE-ESTABLISH QUORUM (@ 1:05 P.M.

(John Huerta joined the meeting @ 1:05 PM after Closed Session.)

Deputy County Counsel stated there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

- 5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- **6. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Eric Tynan, Castroville Water District; Steve Shimek, Monterey Coastkeepers and the Otter Project; Chris Drew of Sea Mist Farms; and, Nancy Isakson of Salinas Valley Water Coalition (Ms. Isakson and Mr. Drew read submitted letters for the record.)

7. PRESENTATIONS

A. Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program Update – Ms. Shaunna Juarez

Public Comments: Richard Boyer; Mike Jones of California America Water; John Baillie of Jack T. Baillie Co., Steve Shimek of Monterey Coastkeepers and Darlene Din.

B. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Process Update – Mr. David E. Chardavoyne

Public Comments: Steve Shimek

8. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Receive Report on Salinas Valley Water Conditions for the Third Quarter of Water Year 2014-2015
- B. Receive an update regarding the Water Resources Agency and the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) progress on the development of a transparent overhead cost allocation plan with review and recommendations provided by NBS, an Independent Financial Consulting firm.
- C. Approve reauthorization of FY14-15 Heavy Equipment Plan purchase of F550 chassis and spray rig using funds allocated in the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's FY 14-15 Adopted Budget; and, authorize the General Manager to purchase the equipment in accordance with the FY14-15 Heavy Equipment Plan and reauthorization.

Public Comments: None.

ACTION: On motion and second by Directors Huerta and Ortiz, approved the Consent Calendar.

VOTE: Unanimous by those Directors present.

9. ACTION ITEMS

A. Consider approving and recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve Budget Amendment No. 1 authorizing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget to include the Regional Desalination Settlement received from Cal-Am in the amount of \$764,557 and increase appropriations by \$712,415 in the following Agency Funds: 113, 114, 115, 122, 130 and 134 that were needed to support hydrology and water quality programs and increased legal expenses.

Cathy Paladini, Finance Manager, presented this item for consideration.

Public Comments: Nancy Isakson, Salinas Valley Water Coalition; Richard Boyer; and, Norm Groot, Monterey County Farm Bureau.

ACTION: On motion and second of Directors Ekelund and Hart, approved and recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve Budget Amendment No. 1 authorizing the Auditor-Controller to amend the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's FY 2015-16 Adopted Budget to include the Regional Desalination Settlement received from Cal-Am in the amount of \$764,557 and increase appropriations by \$712,415 in the following Agency Funds: 113, 114, 115, 122, 130 and 134 that were needed to support hydrology and water quality programs and increased legal expenses.

VOTE: **Unanimous by those Directors present.**

B. Consider approving a Professional Services Agreement with Obermeyer Hydro, Inc. in the amount of \$35,216 for modification to the Nacimiento Dam inflatable spillway gates and the Salinas River Diversion Facility inflatable gates; and, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Agreement.

Chris Moss, Senior Water Resources Engineer, presented this item for consideration.

Public Comments: None.

ACTION: On motion and second of Directors Huerta and Ortiz, approved a Professional Services Agreement with Obermeyer Hydro, Inc. in the amount of \$35,216 for modification to the Nacimiento Dam inflatable spillway gates and the Salinas River Diversion Facility inflatable gates; and, authorized the General Manager to execute the Agreement.

VOTE: Unanimous by those Directors present.

C. Consider approving and recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve \$250,000 an initial payment identified in the Federal Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) executed by this Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to complete the General Reevaluation Report/Environmental Impact Statement (GRR) for the Pajaro River Flood Risk Reduction Project; and request said funds be transferred directly to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

Manuel Quezada, Senior Water Resources Engineer, presented this item for consideration.

Public Comments: None.

ACTION:

On motion and second of Directors Hart and Ekelund, approved and recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve \$250,000 an initial payment identified in the Federal Cost Share Agreement (FCSA) executed by this Agency, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District to complete the General Reevaluation Report/Environmental Impact Statement (GRR) for the Pajaro River Flood Risk Reduction Project; and requested said funds be transferred directly to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps).

VOTE: **Unanimous by those Directors present.**

D. Consider receiving an update on Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Supplemental Well Status.

Mark Foxworthy, Associate Water Resources Engineer, presented this item for consideration.

Public Comments: None.

ACTION: On motion and second of Directors Ortiz and Huerta, received an update on Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Supplemental Well Status.

VOTE: Unanimous by those Directors present.

E. Consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Rain for Rent in the amount of \$10,000 to allow pumping of Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project Well 09D04 (New Well No. 2) to improve water quality; extending the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2016; and, authorizing the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

Mark Foxworthy, Associate Water Resources Engineer, presented this item for consideration.

Public Comments: None.

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ACTION: On motion and second of Directors Huerta and Ortiz, approved Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Rain for Rent in the amount of \$10,000 to allow pumping of Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project Well 09D04 (New Well No. 2) to improve water quality, extending the term of the Agreement through June 30, 2016; and, authorized the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

VOTE: Unanimous by those Directors present.

F. Consider receiving a report regarding the possible formation of an *ad hoc* committee to advise the appropriate Water Resources Agency Standing Committee(s) on the issues identified in the Salinas Valley Water Coalition letter dated June 29, 2015; and, provide direction to Staff.

David Chardavoyne, General Manager, presented this item for consideration.

Public Comments: Nancy Isakson, Norm Groot and John Baillie of Jack T. Baillie Company.

ACTION: On motion and second of Directors Ekelund and Hart, received a report regarding the possible formation of an *Ad Hoc* committee. The Board directed Staff to include this item on the next Planning Committee Agenda (August 19, 2015). Further, the Board directed Staff to discuss the Operations Manual at the next Reservoir Operations Committee. Both items should return to the Board of Directors at the next regular Board meeting (August 24, 2015).

VOTE: Unanimous by those Directors present.

10. KEY INFORMATION AND CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Planning Committee Meeting was moved to August 19, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

11. GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

David Chardavoyne provided an update on the following:

- a. Upcoming Interlake Tunnel Interviews;
- b. White Bass Issue;
- c. Meeting on July 23, 2015 with NOAA Fisheries regarding releases and Interlake Tunnel Project status;
- d. Meeting with State Water Control Board regarding 11043 water rights extension;
- e. July 2, 2015 Stakeholder meeting between WMD, PCA, MCWD, MCWRA and City of Salinas regarding status of Source Water Agreement;

- f. Water Recycling Agreement between PCA and MCWRA; and,
- g. Community Engagement Plan.

Public Comments: Nancy Isakson, Norm Groot Steve Shimek.

Ms. Isakson requested a copy of the minutes approving Version 7 of the Groundwater Sustainability Plan. She was uncertain whether it was a joint meeting of the Agency's Board of Supervisors and Directors or not.

- **12. COMMITTEE REPORTS** Committee Chairs had nothing to report.
- 13. INFORMATION ITEMS Directors had no questions or comments on information items.
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE Directors had no questions or comments on information items.
- 15. BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS Mr. Shimek was invited to a ranch for a first-hand view of the condition of the Salinas River around the Spreckels.

It was suggested that some of the South County growers who are being impacted be brought into the meetings with NOAA.

16. ADJOURNMENT @ 4:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY: Wini Chambliss APPROVED ON: September 28, 2015

Wini Chambliss, Clerk to the Board

