

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SALINAS RIVER BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN (BMP) COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Richard Ortiz, Chair
Claude Hoover
Deidre Sullivan

David Bunn, Public Member
Don Chapin, Public Member
Dennis Sites, Public Member

TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, November 2, 2016
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-4860

A G E N D A

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Comment**
(Limited to three (3) minutes per speaker on matters within the jurisdiction of the Agency not listed on this agenda. The public will have the opportunity to ask questions and make statements on agenda items as the Committee considers them.)
- 3. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on October 5, 2016.**
The Committee will consider approval of the Minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.
- 4. Consider receiving an update on the Well Permit Review process.**
Amy Woodrow, Water Resources Hydrologist will present the update.
- 5. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.**
The Committee will discuss and determine details for its next meeting.
- 6. Adjournment**

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MINUTES

1. **Call to Order @ 8:30 a.m.** by Committee Chair Richard Ortiz.

Members present: Directors Ortiz, Hoover, Sullivan, and Public Member Sites

Members absent: Public Members Bunn and Chapin

A quorum was established.

2. **Public Comment:** John Baillie

3. Approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on May 11, 2016.

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Hoover and Sullivan respectively, by unanimous vote approved the Minutes of the Salinas River Basin Management Planning Committee meeting held on May 11, 2016.

4. Consider receiving an update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act related activities; and, provide direction to Staff.

Robert Johnson, Deputy General Manager, presented this item to the Committee.

Public Comment: John Baillie, Tom Virsik

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Hoover and Ortiz respectively, by unanimous vote received the update on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act related activities.

5. Consider receiving an update on the appropriation for Salinas River and Lagoon via Senate Bill 1264.

Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist, presented this item to the Committee.

Public Comment: Abby Taylor-Silva

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Sites and Hoover respectively, by unanimous vote received the update on the appropriation for Salinas River and Lagoon via Senate Bill 1264.

6. Consider receiving an update on the allocation for the Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification Project via Senate Bill 831.
Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist, presented this item to the Committee.

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Hoover and Sites respectively, by unanimous vote received the update on the allocation for the Interlake tunnel and Spillway Modification Project via Senate bill 831.

5. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

The next meeting date is set for November 2, 2016 at 8:30 a.m. Items for discussion include a report on the well permit process including a table of new wells; a schedule of timelines for proposed projects including grant work; Biological Opinion requirements regarding the development of a Habitat Conservation Plan.

6. Adjournment at 9:45 a.m.

Submitted by: Alice Henault

Approved on:

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – BASIN MANAGEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE**

MEETING DATE:	November 2, 2016	AGENDA ITEM:
Consent () Action (X) Information ()		
DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:	November 2, 2016	

..Title

Consider receiving an update on the well permit review process.

..Report

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Receive an update on the well permit review process.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Agency Board of Directors (BOD) has been receiving monthly updates on the Agency’s well permit review activities related to implementation of policies PS-3.3 and PS-3.4 of the 2010 Monterey County General Plan (i.e. well impact evaluations domestic and high capacity wells). At the October 5, 2016 meeting of the Basin Management Plan (BMP) Committee a report on the well permit process was requested.

Well construction, destruction, and repair permits in Monterey County are issued by the Environmental Health Bureau (EHB). Through a Memorandum of Understanding, the Agency acts as a technical consultant to EHB, providing some level of review for most well permits. Since November 2011, the Agency has conducted well impact evaluations as specified in the 2010 Monterey County General Plan (General Plan).

As of October 26, 2016, the Agency has conducted well impact evaluations for 308 wells since the 2010 General Plan policies PS-3.3 and PS-3.4 were implemented in November 2011: 185 domestic and 123 high capacity wells. In addition to these well impact evaluations, the Agency has reviewed an additional 200 well permits during this time period for boreholes, well repairs, well destructions, or construction of other wells that are not subject to policy PS-3.3 or PS-3.4.

In 2012, the first full year during which the 2010 General Plan policies were implemented, the Agency reviewed 61 well permits. Beginning in 2013 the Agency reviewed 129 well permits, approximately 50% more than in the previous year. For the period from 2013 to 2016, the number of well permits reviewed annually has ranged from 97 to 129.

Since 2012, the number of well permits reviewed for the East Side and Forebay subareas has been increasing, while remaining relatively stable elsewhere in the County. No clear trend in the depth of proposed wells over time is apparent in any of the hydrologic subareas.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Environmental Health Bureau of the Monterey County Health Department administers well permits in Monterey County.

FINANCING:

The Agency receives a portion of the total well permit fee paid by each applicant. The Agency's portion of the fee covers review of permits (Fund 115), the well impact assessments required through implementation of the 2010 General Plan policies (Fund 113), and maintenance of the well log database and assignment of State Well Identification numbers (Fund 113).

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