

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
PLANNING COMMITTEE – SPECIAL MEETING**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

Deidre Sullivan, Chair  
Ken Ekelund

John Huerta

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**DATE:** Wednesday, February 18, 2015  
**PLACE:** Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
Board Room  
893 Blanco Circle  
Salinas, CA 93901  
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**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 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 15, 2014.**  
The Committee will consider approval of the minutes of the above-mentioned meetings.
- 4. CONSIDER RECEIVING A REPORT ON IMPLEMENTING DIRECTION PROVIDED BY THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGARDING A COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH TO CONDITIONS IN THE SALINAS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN; AND, PROVIDING DIRECTION TO STAFF.**  
David Chardavoyne, General Manager, will present this matter to the Committee.
- 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**

**Call to Order @ 10:05 a.m. by Committee Chair Deidre Sullivan.**

Members present: Directors Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund  
Members absent: John Huerta

A quorum was established.

**2. Public Comment**  
None.

**3. Approve the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on June 18, 2014 and August 13, 2014**

**Committee Action: Upon Motion made by Committee Member Ken Ekelund and seconded by Committee Chair, Deidre Sullivan the Committee approved the Minutes for June 18, 2014 and August 13, 2014.**

**4. Consider receiving a draft report regarding the strategic planning workshop scheduled for November 13, 2014; and providing direction to staff.**

David Chardavoyne, General Manager, presented materials related to the workshop. He noted that given the critical nature and the importance of a number of major issues at the Agency, a consultant was hired to facilitate the upcoming Strategic Planning Workshop on November 13, 2014. Management Partners, Inc. was hired as the consultant to facilitate the workshop. They interviewed Directors Deidre Sullivan, Claude Hoover and Richard Ortiz, the General Manager, the two Acting Assistant General Managers, and the Finance Manager in order to gain an understanding of the issues to be discussed at the workshop. The consultant then submitted a report that expanded the draft agenda for the

workshop and listed common interests for discussion and also provided pre-work for the Board of Directors.

The first portion of the workshop will be to review the plan for the day and how the public will be involved in the workshop. A portion of the session will be dedicated to an understanding of the financial context within which the agency operates. There will be a SWOT (strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats) exercise and a review of the Agency core purposes per the Agency Act. There will be a discussion of the multi-year goals and the criteria for determining priorities. The afternoon will be spent determining the priorities of the Agency. Also to be discussed is the accountability for the implementation of what has developed out of the strategic planning session. The Agency Quarterly Reports will tie back to the Strategic Planning Workshop.

The Committee Members liked the idea of a facilitator so that Agency staff can better participate in the workshop. An item of concern is the new Groundwater Sustainability Act and its effect on the Agency. David Chardavoyne noted that there will be a presentation made by County Counsel, Les Girard, at the Joint Board meeting on October 21<sup>st</sup> addressing its meaning and its effect on the Agency. If the Agency is appointed the Groundwater Sustainability Agency it would change the relationship with its constituents; the Agency becomes a regulator instead of the facilitator. Director Sullivan commented that it is important that the Directors and staff contain the discussion and promote the education of what the new Groundwater Sustainability Act means to the Agency and its constituents. She asked who was going to present the core values. Mr. Chardavoyne responded that there had been some discussion on that and that Staff and County Counsel was working on the details.

The Committee asked that the concept of ad valorem taxes be discussed at the workshop.

Director Deidre Sullivan noted that in the draft there are reading assignments for the participants. In order for the Board to be fully prepared she suggested that they read the important parts of the Agency Act prior to the workshop and that goal-related material be provided beforehand. Mr. Chardavoyne responded that Staff will provide targets in terms of goals to the facilitator. Staff is working on a comprehensive Groundwater Sustainability Plan and it will be presented to the Board at the workshop as a framework in terms of accomplishing the prevention of seawater intrusion. Materials will be available for the session.

With regard to the 39 projects list, the Committee would like the Board members to see the list, or summary, of the projects prior to the workshop in order to provide as much information prior to the meeting so everyone will be on the same page. In addition, the Committee asked that the Guiding Principles pre-work have the ability to be added to and ranked, and subsequently discussed at the workshop.

**Committee Action: Upon Motion made by Committee Member Ken Ekelund and seconded by Committee Chair, Deidre Sullivan the Committee received the draft**

**report regarding the Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for November 13, 2014 and provided direction to staff.**

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

The Committee determined there will be no Planning Committee meeting in November. No future agenda items were discussed.

Submitted by Alice Henault

Approved on

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – PLANNING COMMITTEE**

<b>MEETING DATE:</b>	February 18, 2015	<b>AGENDA ITEM:</b>	
<b>AGENDA TITLE:</b>	Consider receiving a report on implementing direction provided by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors, Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors and Monterey County Board of Supervisors regarding a comprehensive approach to conditions in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin; and, providing direction to Staff.		
Consent ( )		Action ( X )	
Information ( )			
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	David E. Chardavoyne	<b>PREPARED BY:</b>	David E. Chardavoyne
<b>PHONE:</b>	(831) 755-4860	<b>PHONE:</b>	(831) 755-4860
<b>DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:</b>		February 23, 2015	

**RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:**

Receive a report on implementing direction provided by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors, Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors and Monterey County Board of Supervisors regarding a comprehensive approach to conditions in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin; and, providing direction to Staff.

**SUMMARY:**

The report discusses past and present groundwater sustainability initiatives and the process underway to establish a Groundwater Sustainability Agency. The Water Resources Agency has been directed to integrate the Agency’s Groundwater Management Strategy to account for capital projects; groundwater monitoring protocols; permitting; public outreach and engagement; and, a sustainable financing strategy to implement the whole program.

**DISCUSSION:**

Projects already constructed to increase groundwater supplies and/or reduce pumping include:

- Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs (1957/1967);
- Monterey County Water Recycling Projects (CSIP/SVRP – 1998); and,
- Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP – 2010).

These projects provide the foundation for establishing sustainability in the Salinas Valley.

Agency Staff has developed a Proposed Comprehensive Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin Sustainability Framework. The Groundwater Management Strategy consists of a series of Projects to build off established foundation, including:

- Interlake Connection and Regional Water Conservation Project;
- Source Water Development and Water Recycling Project;
- Salinas River Management Program; and,

- Water Rights Permit #11043 Utilization.

The challenge is to integrate the Agency's Groundwater Management Strategy to account for capital projects; groundwater monitoring protocols; permitting; public outreach and engagement; and, a sustainable financing strategy to implement the whole program.

**OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:**

The Monterey County Counsel's office and the County Administrative Officer's office have been involved in the discussions regarding the Groundwater Management Strategy and how it relates to Monterey County.

**FINANCING:**

The extent to which the Groundwater Management Strategy will affect budget is unknown at this time. Financing of or from any activities related to the Groundwater Management Strategy is unknown at this time.

<b>FINANCIAL IMPACT:</b>	<b>YES ( X )      UNKNOWN                      NO ( )</b>
<b>FUNDING SOURCE:</b>	To be determined.
<b>COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:</b>	
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b>	1. Executed Board Order from Joint Meeting of MCWRA BOD/MCWRA BOS/ MC BOS held on 2-10-15
<b>APPROVED:</b>	<hr/> <b>General Manager</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>Date</b></span>



**Monterey County  
Board of Supervisors of the  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency**

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**Board Order**

Upon motion of Director Potter, seconded by Director Parker and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency hereby:

- a. Received a report and approving Action Plan as recommended by your Ad Hoc Committee for next steps on the Water Resources Agency's Strategic Plan including: the Interlake Tunnel Project; Sustainable Groundwater Management Act; Water Rights Permit 11043; Salinas River maintenance; drainage channel options; other water supply projects; and, other flood control projects;
- b. Directed Monterey County Water Resources Agency staff, with the assistance of county staff, to begin the preparation of a comprehensive approach to conditions in the Salinas's Valley Groundwater Basin. The approach should integrate the agencies groundwater management strategy to account for capital projects; groundwater monitoring protocols; permitting; public outreach and engagement and a sustainable financing strategy to implement the whole program. The approach should include the Interlake Tunnel Project, projects utilizing Water Rights Permit 11043; river channel maintenance; implementation of the Groundwater Sustainability Act and California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) Program compliance; expansion of Castroville Seawater Intrusion Program (CSIP); and the increased use of recycled water from the reclamation ditch, Blanco Drain; and industrial wash water;
- c. Directed staff to prepare a preliminary outline to include the components of a comprehensive approach; cost estimates, funding sources and options;
- d. Directed staff to seek public input and process the preliminary outline expeditiously through the Monterey County Water Resources Board of Directors and return to the Board of Supervisors for a report and further action along with any recommendations for the retention of outside consultant expertise as soon as feasible;
- e. Directed staff to report back with a status report no later than the end of March of 2015; and
- f. Directed the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and County to work cooperatively with the valley cities and other interested parties to expeditiously work towards agreement on the formation and governance for a Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the Salinas Basin.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 10th day of February 2015, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Directors Armenta, Phillips, Salinas, Parker and Potter

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 77 for the meeting on February 10, 2015.

Dated: February 12, 2015  
File ID: WRAG 15-001

Gail T. Borkowski, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

By Denise Hancock

Deputy