

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

Deidre Sullivan, Chair  
Ken Ekelund

John Huerta

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**DATE:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
**PLACE:** Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
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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 Chardavoine 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. Chardavoine 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. Chardavoine 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 February 18, 2015