

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

Richard Ortiz, Chair
Claude Hoover
Deidre Sullivan
Silvio Bernardi

Bob Antle, Public Member
David Bunn, Public Member
Don Chapin, Public Member

TIME: 11:00 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, May 14, 2014
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 BMP Committee meeting held on April 9, 2014.**
The Committee will consider approval of the Minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.
4. **Review outcomes of Special Board of Directors Workshop, and provide direction to Staff.**
Robert Johnson, Assistant General Manager, will present this item for consideration by 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**

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

Richard Ortiz, Chair
Claude Hoover
Deidre Sullivan
Silvio Bernardi

Bob Antle, Public Member
Don Chapin, Public Member
David Bunn, Public Member

TIME: 8:30 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, April 9, 2014
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-4860

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order @ 8:41 AM** by Committee Chair Richard Ortiz.

Members present: Director Richard Ortiz, Director Claude Hoover, Bob Antle and David Bunn

Members absent: Director Silvio Bernardi, Director Deidre Sullivan, Don Chapin

A quorum was established.

2. **Public Comment**

General Manager David Chardavoyne commented on the Joint meeting of the Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors held Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at which Agency staff received direction to file an application for water rights. That filing was authorized at 8 am this morning, and will take place on Thursday. The filing will be accompanied by a request to waive the fee.

3. **Approve the Minutes of the BMP Committee meeting held on March 12, 2014**

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members Claude Hoover and Richard Ortiz the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of the meeting held on February 12, 2014 by those members present.

4. **Consider receiving a report regarding efforts related to Water Rights Permit #11043**

Rob Johnson, Assistant General Manager, discussed progress made with the Permit since February 2014, the interaction between the RAC and the BMP Committee, as well as the strategy for moving forward.

With regard to the RAC, it was anticipated the last meeting would take place on March 27. However, there is a meeting scheduled for April 17. At their next meeting, the RAC is scheduled to develop a suite of projects that will be submitted to the BMP Committee for review. Members of the RAC will utilize the feasibility Matrix to develop this suite of projects. Mr. Johnson reviewed possible projects the RAC is considering. The issues they will address include: alternatives; groundwater storage alternatives; storage (surface) – which is not included in the permit, requiring a change in the permit; and, permit limitations (i.e., bypass flow requirements).

Committee Questions/Comments (*Staff responses are emboldened and italicized*):

1. Why was storage not included in the permit? ***It appears that storage was purposefully omitted. The usefulness of the Permit is limited without the storage element.***
2. Who are the members of the RAC? ***Richard Ortiz, Ken Ekelund, David Hart, Mike Scattini, Nancy Isakson, Darlene Din, Gary Petersen, Kevin Piercey, Margie Kay, Norm Groot, Abby Taylor-Silva, Mike Jones, Mike McCullough, Brian True, and Eric Tynan.***
3. If we develop a project that will stop seawater intrusion, they (SWRCB) will amend the Permit. ***Historically, that has been the process.***
4. Isn't it risky not to address the storage at the outset? ***It is risky to go to the State Board with a hypothetical and no definitive plan for their consideration.***

Mr. Johnson then discussed the process and timeline for revision to the Permit. He gave an example of the Salinas Valley Water Project when the SWRCB approved a change in place and use and added a point of re-diversion.

Mr. Johnson reminded the Committee about the milestones imposed by the SWRCB.

Committee Questions/Comments (*Staff responses are emboldened and italicized*):

1. Why wasn't Water Rights Permit #11043 water used for the Salinas Valley Water Project? ***That is unknown; but, it was not part of that process.***
2. If we are only using 20-30,000 acre feet by 2026, what happens to the other 100,000 acre feet of water? ***That is the value of developing a programmatic EIR wherein we discuss talking about chunks of water at a time.***

Mr. Johnson then provided the Committee with information regarding the Notice of Preparation (NOP), which is the initiation of an EIR process. At a minimum, the NOP shall contain sufficient information to make a meaningful response, including: description of project; location of project indicated on an included map; and probable environmental effects of the project. The deadline for release of the NOP is July 2014.

Committee Questions/Comments (*Staff responses are emboldened and italicized*):

1. Will the NOP be vetted through the RAC, the BMP and then the Board? ***It will probably go through the Board of Directors. The RAC's work product will be brought to this Committee for their review and input. The Board of Directors will make the final decision for submission to the Board of Supervisors.***
2. Does the RAC understand their charge will culminate with their recommendation to the BMP Committee? ***Yes, this has been reiterated at the last two or three RAC meetings.***
3. Has there been any feedback that agrees or disagrees with a separate point of view? ***Agency staff is not privy to any of that information and/or recommendations. Hopefully, any and all other recommendations will be submitted during the April 17th meeting.***
4. How long has the RAC been meeting on this? ***Since March 2013. Meetings were initially held once monthly; but, the Committee decided bi-monthly meetings were necessary.***

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Committee Action: On motion and second of Committee members David Bunn and Claude Hoover the committee accepted the report regarding pertinent reports related to Salinas River Basin Management

5. **Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.**
The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 @ 8:30 AM. Committee members asked if there was a need to meet sooner. Staff responded the regularly scheduled meeting would suffice.
6. **Adjournment @ 9:42 AM.**

Submitted by: Wini Chambliss

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

MEETING DATE:	May 14, 2014	AGENDA ITEM:	
AGENDA TITLE:	Consider reviewing the outcomes of the Special Board of Directors Workshop, and providing direction to Staff.		
Consent ()		Action (X)	
Information ()			
SUBMITTED BY:	Robert Johnson	PREPARED BY:	Robert Johnson
PHONE:	(831) 755-4860	PHONE:	(831) 755-4860
DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:		June 2, 2014	

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Review the outcomes of the Special Board of Directors Workshop and provide direction to Staff.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION:

A Special Board of Directors (BOD) Workshop was held on May 14, 2014 wherein an update on Water Rights Permit #11043 activities was provided.

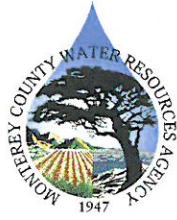
DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Agency Staff will present information related to activities centered on the continued progression of Water Rights Permit #11043 (Permit) milestones set forth in the Settlement Agreement (SA) regarding the Permit at the May 14, 2014 workshop (as of this writing, the workshop has not taken place). The Permit was scheduled for revocation by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in August 2013; however, through Staff and Counsel efforts, the SA was achieved and the Permit was protected, as long as the Agency adheres to a strict, aggressive set of milestones for water project implementation. The milestones end with a project being developed and delivering water by July 2026. The water allocated to the Permit will be used to continue the battle against seawater intrusion in the Salinas Valley.

The activities that will be discussed at the workshop include; 1) an update on the Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) recommendations, including a conceptual project suite to utilize Permit water; 2) other alternatives for BMP Committee consideration; 3) the beginning of the development of a financing plan; and, 4) possible next steps in the process.

Staff continues to develop a timeline and schedule for needed resources to complete the next set of milestones. It is very important the information from the workshop be taken forward to help with the request for resources from the County Board of Supervisors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:	YES ()	NO (X)
FUNDING SOURCE:		
COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:		
ATTACHMENTS:	1. May 14, 2014 Special BOD Workshop Agenda	
APPROVED:	<hr/> General Manager Date	



MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

893 BLANCO CIRCLE
SALINAS, CA 93901
(831) 755.4860
(831) 424.7935 FAX

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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

STAFF:

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

**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
WATER RIGHTS PERMIT #11043 ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP**

DATE: Wednesday, May 14, 2014
TIME: 9:00 – 11:00 A.M.
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Board Room
893 Blanco Circle
Salinas, CA 93901
(831) 755-4896

Wednesday, May 14, 2014
9:00 - 11:00 A.M.

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

WATER RIGHTS PERMIT #11043 ACTIVITIES WORKSHOP

AGENDA

Staff reports relative to the agenda items listed below will be available for public review at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014 at the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency), 893 Blanco Circle, Salinas. If additional documents are produced by the Agency and provided to a majority of the Board regarding any item on the agenda after staff reports have been distributed, they will be available at the Agency during normal business hours and posted on the Agency website at http://www.mcwra.co.monterey.ca.us/BOD/BOD/AgendaCurrent_n.htm. For additional information, please contact Wini Chambliss, Clerk to the Board, at (831) 755-4896.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
*(Limited to three minutes per speaker within Monterey County Water Resources Agency jurisdiction and **not listed** on the agenda. Members of the Public will have the opportunity to ask questions or make statements on agenda items as they are considered by the Board.)*
4. **PROGRESS REPORT ON WATER RIGHTS PERMIT #11043 ACTIVITIES**
 - A. Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Recommendations
 - B. Other Alternatives for BMP Committee Consideration
 - C. Discussion of Financing Plan Options
 - D. Next Steps
5. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**
6. **ADJOURNMENT**