

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

Ken Ekelund, Chair  
Mike Scattini

Deidre Sullivan

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.  
**DATE:** Wednesday, April 10, 2013  
**PLACE:** Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
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**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER @ 10:00 a.m. by Committee Chair Ken Ekelund.**

Members present: Directors Ken Ekelund, Deidre Sullivan  
Members absent: Mike Scattini

A quorum was established.

**2. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**3. APPROVE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR JANUARY 23, 2013**

Committee Chair Ekelund noted a correction to Item 4 of the Minutes: "Committee Action: Due to a lack of a quorum, this item was forwarded to the full board of Directors for consideration." He noted that indeed there was a quorum, however he was unable to vote on this item because of his involvement and participation in the IRWMP Group.

**COMMITTEE ACTION: No action was taken by the Committee to approve the Minutes because Committee Member Deidre Sullivan was unable to vote on this item and Committee Member Mike Scattini was absent. Ms. Sullivan was not yet a Committee Member at the time of the January 2013 meeting. The Minutes will be reviewed and acted upon at the next meeting.**

**4. CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE GREATER MONTEREY COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE THE UPDATE**

Robert Johnson, Acting Assistant General Manager/Chief of Water Resources Planning, presented this item for consideration by the Committee. He reviewed the history of the IRWM and then provided an update of current activities of the GMC IRWMP Regional Water Management Group. A new domain name for the web site has been secured, and new

web site is the following: <http://www.greatermontereyirwmp.org>. The website provides information provided in previous updates along with newly completed items developed by the Regional Water Management Group.

The Water Resources Project Coordination (WRPC) is continuing to develop. The WRPC is intended to provide a facilitated forum for individuals and groups to reconcile possible differences when submitting projects to the GMCIRWMP process. This effort focuses on a watershed, or portion of a watershed, and seeks to resolve conflicts through facilitation and science.

The first stakeholder meeting for this process was held on January 30, 2013 in Salinas. The stakeholders want to identify solutions to the water quality, quantity and flood control issues that face the region. The next steps will focus on four major concepts; 1) develop a Landscape Scale Strategy for the selected watershed, 2) identify data gaps, 3) incorporate Corporate/Social Responsibility (CSR) information in the overall strategy, and 4) develop a public outreach and education strategy.

**COMMITTEE ACTION: On motion by Committee Member Deidre Sullivan and seconded by Committee Member Ken Ekelund, the Committee received the update on the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan and recommended that the Agency Board of Directors receive the Update.**

**5. CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON WATER RIGHTS PERMIT #11043 ACTIVITIES, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE AGENCY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE THE UPDATE**

Robert Johnson presented this item for consideration by the Committee. He noted that on February 8, 2013, this issue was presented to the Agency Board of Supervisors and they approved opposing the revocation as well.

A Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) has been formed to assist the Agency in creating a community-developed solution. The first meeting was held on February 28, 2013. Questions and issues were raised at the meeting and staff is working on developing the information to help the Committee make informed decisions regarding the use of the water allocated in the water right permit.

A second RAC meeting was held on March 28, 2013. A summary of Agency water rights was presented. A draft Committee Purpose Statement was developed and should be accepted at the next meeting. Also to be developed is the official map for the permit application. The next meeting for the RAC is scheduled for April 25 in the Agency Board Room from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.

The SWRCB has proposed new hearing dates: August 13, 14, 15 or 28, 2013. No official announcement has been made. Staff is continuing to work with Downey Brand to develop testimonial materials for the proposed August dates.

**COMMITTEE ACTION: Upon motion made by Committee Member Deidre Sullivan and seconded by Committee Chair Ken Ekelund, the Committee received the update on the Water Rights permit #11043 activities and recommended that the Agency Board of Directors receive the Update.**



6. **CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE CAISO METER INSTALLATION PROJECT AT THE NACIMIENTO HYDROELECTRIC PLANT, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE AGENCY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE THE UPDATE**

Brent Buche Acting Assistant General Manager/Chief of Operations and Maintenance, presented this item for consideration by the Committee. He noted that in order to provide renewable energy on the competitive wholesale energy market a CAISO certified revenue meter is required. CAISO maintains and operates one of the largest, reliable and most modern power grids in the country.

Currently, a PG&E meter measures the amount of energy delivered through PG&E transmission lines. Revenue received by the Agency is based on pricing terms under the current contract and market conditions. The original 20-year PPA with PG&E expired in 2007 and several amendments have extended the end term date to July 31, 2012. The Agency entered into a Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA) Agreement (12-month maximum term) with PG&E with two extensions, ending June 30, 2013.

Many tasks have been completed but several unexpected delays were also encountered by staff. AT&T management was advised that the delays were unacceptable. In addition, AT&T had billed Agency for services not rendered. The Agency appealed and was given a \$2,200 credit until the system was operational. In March 2013 AT&T completed testing. AMPS-DMS is scheduled to install the meter and troubleshoot, if needed, on April 10, 2013. An appointment has been tentatively set for May 23, 2013 to test telemetry prior to certification.

**COMMITTEE ACTION: On motion by Committee Member Deidre Sullivan and seconded by Committee Chair Ken Ekelund, the Committee received the update on the CAISO meter installation project at the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Plant and recommended that the Agency's Board of Directors receive the update.**

7. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**

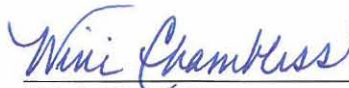
The next meeting date is set for Thursday, May 8, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The Committee would like an update on the Water Rights Permit #11043 process.

8. **ADJOURNMENT by Chair Ken Ekelund @ 10:45 a.m.**

**Submitted by:** Alice Henault

I certify that to the best of my ability these accurately reflect the proceedings of this meeting.

  
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Alice Henault

  
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Wini Chambliss  
Clerk of the Board