

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

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ken Ekelund, Chair
Mike Scattini
Deidre Sullivan

TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, April 10, 2013
PLACE: Monterey County Water Resources Agency
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 PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2013**
The Committee will consider approval of the minutes of the above-mentioned meeting.
4. **CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE GREATER MONTEREY COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE AGENCY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE THE UPDATE**
Robert Johnson, Assistant General Manager/Chief of Water Resources Planning, will present this item for consideration by the Committee.
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 will present this item for consideration by the Committee.

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

Manuel Quezada, Senior Water Resources Engineer, will present this item for consideration by the Committee.

7. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee will discuss and determine details for its next meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
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Ken Ekelund, Chair
Mike Scattini

Fred Ledesma

TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, January 23, 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, Mike Scattini
Members absent: Fred Ledesma

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVE PLANNING COMMITTEE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 16, 2012

COMMITTEE ACTION: On motion by Committee Member Mike Scattini and seconded by Committee Member Ken Ekelund, the Committee approved the November 16, 2012 Planning Committee Minutes.

4. CONSIDER ADOPTING THE GREATER MONTEREY COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

COMMITTEE ACTION: Due to the lack of a quorum, this item was forwarded to the full Board of Directors for consideration.

5. CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD'S REVOCATION OF THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY WATER RIGHTS PERMIT #11043 PROCESS

Robert Johnson presented this item for consideration by the Committee. He noted that the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Permit No. 11043 was issued on November 20, 1957 for municipal use. Water was to be moved north through two projects, the East Side Canal and the Castroville Canal. Two dams and other major projects were constructed by the Agency to utilize local water within the Salinas Valley in order to halt seawater intrusion and balance the Salinas groundwater basin.

The permit has been extended about five times through the years in order to preserve the water right. In 1983, the most recent amended permit revised the diversion rate to 400 cfs; modified the quantity to 168,538 acre-feet annually, and included irrigation, municipal and industrial uses.

The hearing date of January 28, 2013 was postponed. The Agency was granted an extension, though a new hearing date has not been set. Agency staff will be requesting a resolution from the Board of Directors opposing the revocation. Staff will establish an ad-hoc committee with members selected by the Interim General Manager to discuss possible strategies for utilization of the water allocated by Water Rights Permit #11043.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Roger Moitoso of Arroyo Seco Vinyards provided additional historical background to the subject. He feels the permit is not an asset but a liability to the County and should be allowed to expire. In his opinion, this is a permit to sell surface water to the highest bidder i.e. the Monterey Peninsula.

The Committee commented that:

- They would like to see actual annual flows - not an average.
- The permit could be used to maintain and/or improve infrastructure.
- The permit needs to be better defined.
- It is better to hold on to the permit. Without a water rights permit there are no projects. Because of Propositions 13 and 218 it takes an extensive amount of time to get a new project going.
- Must form an ad-hoc committee immediately.

COMMITTEE ACTION: On motion by Committee Member Mike Scattini and seconded by Committee Member Ken Ekelund, the Committee received the update on the State Water Resources Control Board's revocation of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Water Rights Permit #11043 process and recommended forwarding to the full Board of Directors for consideration.

6. SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.

The next meeting date is set for Wednesday, February 13 2013 at 10:00 a.m. No future agenda items were discussed.

7. ADJOURNMENT by Chair Ken Ekelund at 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Alice Henault

Approved on _____

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MEETING DATE:	April 10, 2013	AGENDA ITEM:	
AGENDA TITLE:	CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE GREATER MONTEREY COUNTY INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN PROCESS, AND RECOMMENDING THAT THE AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE THE UPDATE		
Consent () Action () Information (X)			
SUBMITTED BY:	ROBERT JOHNSON	PREPARED BY:	Robert Johnson
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DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:		April 22, 2013	

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Receive an update on the Greater Monterey County Integrated Regional Water Management Plan (GMCIRWMP) process, and recommend that the Agency Board of Directors receive the update.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION:

The Agency Planning Committee (Committee) and the Board of Directors have taken multiple actions and received numerous updates on the GMCIRWMP process since 2005.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

This April update on the GMCIRWMP process covers three areas; the GMCIRWMP web site, the Water Resource Project Coordination (WRPC) process, and status of the adoption of the GMCIRWMP.

The GMCIRWMP web site contains information that has been presented in previous updates to the Board of Directors (BOD), as well as newly-completed items developed by the Regional Water Management Group (RWMG). The site is updated when new material becomes available, so be sure to check back for the most up-to-date information. The GMCIRWMP web site has been: <http://cewg.mlml.calstate.edu/irwmp>. A new domain name for the web site has been secured, and new web site is the following: <http://www.greatermontereyirwmp.org>.

Second, the WRPC is continuing to develop. As a reminder, 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 30th in Salinas. It was clear a majority of the stakeholders genuinely want to identify solutions to the water quality, quantity and flood control issues that face the region. It was also apparent that though there was common

ground, the range of voices in the room – from disadvantaged communities to growers, scientists, technical service providers and conservationists – had specific needs and hopes and unique and valuable ideas. Continuing this process to incorporate all perspectives will be essential for success in this watershed.

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. As these concepts mature, more information will be provided.

Lastly, the GMCIRWMP is approaching full adoption. At the January Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, the BOD passed a resolution to adopt the GMCIRWMP. At the April RWMG meeting, the RWMG will ‘officially’ adopt the Plan, incorporating all of the adoptive resolutions from the respective RWMG entities that have adopted the Plan.

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SUBMITTED BY:	ROBERT JOHNSON	PREPARED BY:	Robert Johnson
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DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:		April 22, 2013	

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Receive an update on the Water Rights Permit #11043 activities, and recommend that the Agency Board of Directors receive the update.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION:

At the January Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, the BOD directed staff to move ahead with opposing the proposed revocation of Water Rights Permit #11043 by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB).

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Staff and consultant activities related to opposing the revocation by the SWRCB of Agency Water Rights Permit #11043 continue. On February 8, 2013, staff presented this issue to the Agency Board of Supervisors (ABOS) and the ABOS approved opposing the revocation also.

A Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) has been formed to assist the Agency in creating a community-developed solution and had its first meeting on February 28, 2013. A number of 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. The RAC discussed the generation of a Committee Purpose Statement (a draft statement was developed, and should be accepted at the next meeting), the official map for the permit application (it cannot be located at the SWRCB offices), and a summary of Agency water rights was presented. The next meeting for the RAC is April 25 in the Agency Board Room.

The SWRCB has proposed a new hearing date – the hearing will be moved to August 28 – 30, 2013. Staff is awaiting an official announcement. Also, staff continues to work with Downey Brand to develop testimonial materials for the proposed August dates.

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Information (X)			
SUBMITTED BY:	Manuel L. Quezada	PREPARED BY:	Manuel L. Quezada
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DEADLINE FOR BOARD ACTION:		April 10, 2013	

RECOMMENDED BOARD ACTION:

Receive an update on the CAISO Meter Installation Project at the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Plant, and recommend that the Agency's Board of Directors receive the update.

PRIOR RELEVANT BOARD ACTION:

- March 26, 2012 – Board approved a professional services agreement with AMPS-DMS in the amount of \$95,000 for engineering and installation of a California Independent System Operator (CAISO) certified meter.
- March 26, 2012 – Board authorized Interim General Manager to enter into agreements with California Independent System Operator Corporation (CAISO).
- June 25, 2012 – Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Interim General Manager to enter into a temporary 18-day Extension Power Purchasing Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).
- June 25, 2012 – Board adopted a resolution authorizing the Interim General Manager to enter into a Public Utility Regulatory Policy Act (PURPA) Extension Agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E).

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Agency seeks to participate in California Independent System Operator (CAISO) power grid to provide renewable energy on the competitive wholesale energy market. CAISO maintains and operates one of the largest, reliable and most modern power grids in the country. Before the Agency can participate in the CAISO market, metering processes and procedures are required by CAISO. Metered entities and scheduling coordinators must obtain quality meter data used for the settlement of the market. Installation of a CAISO certified revenue meter is required.

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, several amendments extended the end term date to July 31, 2012. The Agency entered into a PURPA Agreement (12-month maximum term) with PG&E with two extensions, ending June 30, 2013.

CHRONOLOGY OF EVENTS

Below attempts to provide a brief overview of the various tasks and unexpected delays encountered by staff:

- April – September 2012, continued coordination with CAISO in developing several interconnection and operational agreements necessary to participate with CAISO and prior to meter installation. AMPS-DMS begins evaluation.
- May 2012 – Order and received telemetry equipment, establish IP address from AT&T.
- June – September 2012 – technical information submitted and system evaluated for compatibility with changes required by AT&T, PG&E, and CAISO engineers. Upgrades, such as communication conduits and control house electrical/communication modifications.
- September 2012 – Hydro-Electric Plant taken off-line due to damage from foreign object, completion of repairs TBD.
- October 2012 – Final executed CAISO agreements (MSA-CAISOME and QF-PGA)
- October 2012 – AT&T requires a High Voltage Protection (HVP) analysis be completed and report submitted for review.
- November 2012 - AT&T completes review and HVP equipment is ordered.
- December 2012 – March 2013 – AT&T schedules and cancels installation appointments. HVP equipment taken on-site is determined to be inadequate and re-ordered. System fails tests requiring troubleshooting from additional AT&T technicians. Staff had contacted AT&T management advising them delays were unacceptable. AT&T billed Agency for services not rendered, Agency appealed and was given a \$2,200 credit until system was operational.
- March 2013 – AT&T completes testing
- April 10th 2013 – AMPS-DMS scheduled to install meter and troubleshoot if needed.
- May 23rd 2013 – CAISO tentatively sets appointment to test telemetry prior to certification.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:	YES ()	NO (X)
FUNDING SOURCE:		
COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:		
ATTACHMENTS:		
APPROVED:	<hr/> Interim General Manager Date	