

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

Ken Ekelund, Chair
Richard Ortiz

Deidre Sullivan

TIME: 10:00 a.m.
DATE: Wednesday, August 14, 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, Richard Ortiz
Members absent: Deidre Sullivan

A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

3. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2013 AND APRIL 10, 2013

At the time the Minutes were taken for the January 23, 2013 meeting, neither Ms. Deidre Sullivan nor Mr. Richard Ortiz were members of the Committee. At the time the Minutes were taken for the April 10, 2013 meeting Ms. Sullivan was a member however Mr. Ortiz was not yet a member of the Committee. Because Ms. Sullivan was absent at this Committee meeting, the remaining members agreed to certify the Minutes for January 23, 2013 and for April 10, 2013.

COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee agreed to certify the Planning Committee Minutes for January 23, 2013 and April 10, 2013.

4. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE AGENCY'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECEIVE THE MONTEREY COUNTY FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PLAN 2012 ANNUAL REPORT AND RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACCEPT THE REPORT

Tom Moss, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist, presented this item for consideration by the Committee. He noted that The Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors adopted the Monterey County Floodplain Management Plan 2008 Update and the Monterey County Board of Supervisors adopted it on February 24, 2009.

The Monterey County Floodplain Management Plan 2008 Update (FMP) was developed in accordance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Community Rating System (CRS) guidelines, to identify the flooding sources affecting Monterey County Repetitive Loss Properties; to establish an implementation plan to reduce flooding and flood related hazards; and to ensure protection of the natural and beneficial functions of our floodplains. The necessity for regular review and evaluation is an explicit requirement to maintain the benefits of a CRS Class 5 which include annual savings of over \$500,000 for Monterey County flood insurance policy holders.

The FMP 2012 Annual Report provides an update of activities within the six primary FEMA-recommended flood mitigation categories and includes recommendations for continued implementation and enhancement of those activities, including: ALERT storm monitoring, sandbag inventory and sand stockpile maintenance, development review, public outreach, drainage system maintenance, and structural flood control projects.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Upon Motion made by Committee Member Richard Ortiz and seconded by Committee Chair Ken Ekelund, the Committee received the Monterey County Floodplain Management Plan 2012 Annual Report and recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept the Report.

5. 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 provided an update of current activities of the GMCIRWMP process. 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 (RWMG).

The Water Resources Project Coordination (WRPC) is continuing to progress. 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. A second meeting was held on June 4, 2013. This meeting continued to focus on regional challenges identified in the January meeting. The next steps will focus on developing a Landscape Scale Strategy for the selected Gavilan watershed; identify data gaps; incorporate Corporate/Social Responsibility information in the overall strategy; and develop a public outreach and education strategy.

At the January Board of Directors meeting, the Board passed a resolution to adopt the GMCIRWMP. The RWMG adopted the Plan at the April RWMG meeting, incorporating all of the adoptive resolutions from the respective RWMG entities that have adopted the Plan.

COMMITTEE ACTION: On motion by Committee Member Richard Ortiz and seconded by Committee Chair 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.

6. 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 a Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) was formed to assist the Agency in creating a community-developed solution. He provided the Committee with the RAC Purpose Statement which is the following:

- update and retain Water Rights Permit #11043; and,
- determine feasibility of utilizing water pursuant to this permit within the context of the original permit; and,
- identify the water available pursuant to Permit #11043 and work together to identify feasible projects that put those water resources to beneficial use.

Of the three statements, the first and third have been pretty much completed. The Settlement Agreement was signed on August 7, 2013. The Agreement reduced the face value of the Permit by 20%, identified minimal natural flows that need to be in place before any additional diversions occur, and a schedule of milestones to be followed, resulting in the utilization of the Permit's water allocation.

Staff is starting to determine a timeline and schedule for resources to make the first couple of milestones that focus on applying for a Petition for Extension, developing a Notice of Preparation to initiate the environmental process, and planning for the writing of an Environmental Impact Report.

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

7. CONSIDER RECEIVING AN UPDATE ON THE WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS PROCESSED THROUGH JULY 2013

Robert Johnson presented this item for consideration by the Committee. He noted that the Agency provides analytical and technical assistance to the County Environmental Health Department who regulates the Well Application Permit Process. The changes that came about since the adoption of the County General Plan have caused concerns and misinformation in the public.

In order to provide correct and up to date information to the public, Agency staff has developed the Well Impact Assessment Summary Table. This information will be provided to the Committee and Board of Directors on a regular basis. The information will also be posted on the Agency website. The Committee suggested that staff contact the news media such as The Monterey Herald and the Coast Weekly and provide them with the information as well.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Upon motion made by Committee Member Richard Ortiz and seconded by Committee Chair Ken Ekelund, the Committee received the update pm the well permit applications processed through July 2013.

8. **SET NEXT MEETING DATE AND DISCUSS FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS.**
The next meeting date is set for Thursday, September 11, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. The Committee would like an update on the Water Rights Permit #11043 process.

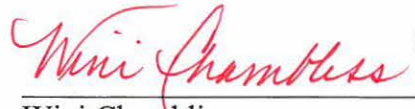
ADJOURNMENT by Chair Ken Ekelund @ 10:50 a.m.

Submitted by: Alice Henault

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



Alice Henault



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Clerk of the Board