



**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**March 28, 2005**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency was Called to Order by Chair Pendergrass at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 28, 2005, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Bldg. D, Monterey, California.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**3. ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

David Pendergrass, Chair	Sand City
Carlo Cortopassi, Vice Chair	Castroville Service Area 14
Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Joe Russell	Del Rey Oaks
Charles Scholl	Marina Coast Water District
Jeff Haferman	Monterey
Butch Lindley	County of Monterey
Peggy Shirrel	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Dan Cort	Pacific Grove
Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas
Darryl Choates	Seaside
Dewey J. Baird	U.S. Army - Ex-Officio

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

None

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Keith Israel	General Manager
Robert Wellington	Legal Counsel
Jim Heitzman	Assistant General Manager
Robert Jaques	Director of Engineering Planning and Technology
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant

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Ed Oyama	Lead Engineer
Dan Burns	WWTP Operations Manager
Gary Weier	Source Control Supervisor
Patrice Parsons	Laboratory Analyst
Greg Antosz	Environmental Services Manager

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Les Turnbeaugh – City of Monterey  
Carl Niizawa – Seaside County Sanitation District

**AUDIENCE:** 1

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

[At 7:04 p.m., with no comments received, Chair Pendergrass opened and closed Public Comments.]

Chair Pendergrass brought Item 9-C forward in order to present awards to two science fair winners:

- Lauren Clayton, 7<sup>th</sup> grader at Santa Catalina Lower School, for her project “How Clean is the Water Going to the Ocean?”
- Julie Lopez, 9<sup>th</sup> grader at Salinas High School, for her project “How Does Salinization Affect Artichoke Cynara Scolymus Plants in Different Types of Soil?”

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

Mr. Haferman asked for clarification about information on the Community Flow Chart that showed an upward spike on the chart for the Monterey Peninsula. Mr. Heitzman explained the flow meter was functioning incorrectly and sent the wrong signal – so a team was sent out to physically read the meter. He further noted that several prior months were unusually low due to the meter malfunction. The current readings reflect actual flow.

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Ms. Shirrel, seconded by Mr. Haferman. The Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items A through H as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting – Regular Meeting, February 28, 2005**
- B. Receive Financial Statements, January and February 2005**
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through February 2005 vs 2004**
- D. Receive Check Register – February 2005**
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina – February 2005**

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- F. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2004/05 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund**
- G. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2004/05 Revenues from Capacity Charges**
- H. Receive Board Committee Assignments for April 2005 through March 2006**

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS**

**A. BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Shirrel, seconded by Mr. Lindley, the Board unanimously approved the Budget/Personnel Committee minutes for Thursday, March 17, 2005, which included the following recommendations:

- That the Board approve Resolution No. 2005-02, Authorizing an Amendment to the Contract between CALPERS and MRWPCA to include Section 2003 (Two Years Additional Service Credit for eligible employees).

**B. RECYCLED WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Shirrel, seconded by Ms. De La Rosa, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee minutes for Thursday, March 17, 2005, which included the following recommendations:

- That the Board authorize acceptance of Next Steps Scope of Work from Bill Mills on the Proposed Groundwater Recharge Project and authorize his assistance to complete same, at a not to exceed amount of \$18,000.
- That the Board authorize contracting for the services of ENS Resources to develop Federal funding opportunities for the Groundwater Recharge Project at a cost of \$5,000/month for six months.

**7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Fort Ord Issues Status Summary**

No questions or comments.

**B. Reclamation Project Status Summary**

No questions or comments.

**C. Strategic Planning Goals (2002-2005) and One-Year Objectives (April 2004 through 2005) Update**

No questions or comments.

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**8. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

**A. Presentation of CWEA certificates for Grade 1, Laboratory Analyst awarded to the following:**

- i. Elena Benedi (unable to attend)**
- ii. Patrice Friedmann-Parsons**
- iii. Gary Weier**

Chair Pendergrass presented certifications and offered congratulations on behalf of the Board Members to each employee on their achievements.

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

**A. General Manager/Assistant General Manager/Legal Counsel**

Mr. Israel referred to the Strategic Planning Workshop scheduled for April 22<sup>nd</sup>. We prepare three-year goals and this year is the last of the 3-year goals (2002 – 2005). We will, therefore, be developing new 3-year goals and Marilyn Snider has suggested that we extend our meeting an hour until 1:00 pm to have enough time.

Mr. Israel noted the March 22<sup>nd</sup> newspaper article in the Herald regarding the recent presentation by MRWPCA and Bill Mills to the MPWMD Board meeting. The presentation provided information about the Groundwater Recharge Project and was very well received. Additional newspaper articles regarding planning for a regional water project were provided for the Members' information.

Mr. Israel announced a meeting has been proposed to discuss the disinfection of the Salinas River water with four to five experts coming together on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Israel commended MCWRA for the support they have provided in setting up this meeting so that we can develop a good understanding from the experts' perspective of how the water should be treated.

Mrs. Shirrel commented that Mr. Israel and Mr. Mills made a fantastic presentation and really brought to the fore the ability of MRWPCA and recycled water to be a major part of any kind of solution for the emergency water situation we have here on the Peninsula. She also noted that a hybrid solution that we have been talking about for at least 4 + years is now becoming a part of the plans. These are major breakthroughs and Keith, Jim and their staff and the Board Chair deserve lots of kudos for these accomplishments.

Mr. Israel stated that he was grateful that Mr. Mills had been able to join him for the presentation and because he had first-hand experience, he could explain the process so well. Mr. Israel was also very pleased with the newspaper article as it reported accurately a rather complex topic.

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Discussion followed regarding how MRWPCA would proceed with developing the hybrid project through committee discussions and meetings with MCWD and FORA.

Mrs. Shirrel announced the AMBAG conference on Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> will be on Desalination at the Monterey Beach Hotel and is of interest to all water agencies.

**B. Department Head(s)**  
No questions or comments.

**C. Presentations:**  
Chair Pendergrass introduced Bob Jaques, Director of Engineer Planning and Technology, who gave a power point presentation on the Seaside Golf Course Recycled Water Demonstration Project.

The project is just beginning its third year of evaluating how well MRWPCA recycled water works for the golf course by irrigating the 13<sup>th</sup> green and a nearby flower bed. To assess the response of the turf to the recycled water, comparison is made with the 14<sup>th</sup> green that continues to receive well water.

After the presentation, discussion followed regarding the fertilizing processes that are used to maintain the turf for the course with adjustments being made to each area of the course – also differing for each green depending on treatments needed. It was suggested that it may be important to compare the composition of the well water to the recycled water.

Mr. Choates announced that the management of the golf course has expressed they are very pleased with the project. Mr. Jaques added that the golf course management has been very encouraging and helpful in supporting the demonstration project.

**10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Mr. Haferman commented that he is excited about what this agency is doing and appreciated the opportunity to tour the plant and meet many staff members. Reading through the committee minutes, he appreciates the thorough information in the minutes and wanted to applaud the committee members for their hard work.

Chair Pendergrass reminded Board Members that a special Board meeting is scheduled for the Strategic Planning Workshop on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

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With no further business, Chair Pendergrass adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. to the next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, April 25, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

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Keith E. Israel  
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

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David Pendergrass  
Chair of the Board of Directors