



**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**April 25, 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 7:04 p.m. on Monday, April 25, 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
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services

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Dan Mizerski	Director of Wastewater Facilities
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant
Ed Oyama	Lead Engineer
Dan Burns	WWTP Operations Manager
Bob Holden	Reclamation Water Project Coordinator
Tom Kouretas	Engineer Technician

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Les Turnbeaugh – City of Monterey  
Carl Niizawa – Seaside County Sanitation District  
Bjorn Lundegard – City of Seaside  
Libby Downey – Councilmember for Monterey

**AUDIENCE:** 3

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mrs. Shirrel, seconded by Mr. Choates, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items A through K as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes - Regular Meeting – Regular Meeting, March 28, 2005**
- B. Receive Financial Statements, March 2005**
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through March 2005 vs 2004**
- D. Receive Check Register – March 2005**
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Fort Ord and Marina – March 2005**
- 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 Residential Dwelling-Unit Aggregate as of March 31, 2005**
- I. Adopt MRWPCA Resolution No. 2005-03, a Resolution Authorizing the Submission of an Application for a Planning Grant Pursuant to the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002**

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- J. Adopt MRWPCA Resolution No. 2005-04, a Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Hydrogen Peroxide without Competitive Bidding Under Exception to Purchasing Resolution No. 87-19**
- K. Approve Purchase of Two Replacement Trucks Used in the Field Maintenance and Utility Departments**

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

**A. RECYCLED WATER STORAGE COMMITTEE**

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Choates, seconded by Ms. De La Rosa, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee minutes for Thursday, April 14, 2005, which included the following recommendations:

- Information Only – No Action Taken

**B. BUDGET/PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

Mr. Cort asked about the actual cost of the upcoming audit. Mr. Tiernan responded that the cost for all the services for the audit will not exceed \$40,000.

Mr. Scholl asked for a correction on page 3 of the minutes – Mr. Russell had asked the question regarding the peer review. The correction will be noted the minutes.

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Ms. De La Rosa, seconded by Mr. Russell, the Board unanimously approved the Budget/Personnel Committee minutes with the correction noted above, for Thursday, April 18, 2005, which included the following recommendations:

- That the Board authorize Staff to contract with Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. (VTD) for annual audit services for FY 2004/05 at a cost not to exceed \$40,000.
- That the Board accept the proposed meeting schedule for Budget and Personnel Committee meetings for calendar year 2005.

Discussion followed regarding the committee meeting dates. Mr. Israel clarified that the dates for the Recycled Water Storage Committee were tentative dates, not yet approved by the committee; and there would be follow up at the next committee meeting with a schedule of the proposed meeting dates on the agenda.

**7. OTHER ACTION ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD**

Chair Pendergrass presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Dan Mizerski for his fourteen years of service to MRWPCA and announced that Dan would be leaving the Agency to join Cal-Am as a Network General Manager in their Sacramento Office. Chair Pendergrass announced regret that Dan was leaving, but expressed congratulations on behalf of the Board for his continuing success.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Fort Ord Issues Status Summary**

No questions or comments.

**B. Reclamation Project Status Summary**

No questions or comments.

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

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

Mr. Israel announced that MRWPCA has received the numbers for our safety modifications factor. Last year we were above and now we are below the average for the wastewater industry. As a result, there should be substantial savings in our workers comp premium. Jim and staff get a lot of credit for making that happen.

**B. Department Head(s)**

No questions or comments.

**C. Presentations:**

Mr. Heitzman introduced Tom Kouretas, one of MRWPCA's new engineers with a Masters in Mechanical Engineering, to make a presentation on Soil Salinity. Mr. Kouretas said he would be addressing salinity in our soil, particularly in the agricultural soil, and what we are doing at MRWPCA to monitor and mitigate this. A handout of the presentation was given to Board and audience members.

The brine discharge through our ocean outflow results in 12,000 pounds per month reduction in the salt level in our recycled water. Mr. Choates asked how much brine can be sent out through the outflow. Mr. Kouretas explained that there is really not a limited amount; the brine is diluted by 100 times. We can dilute it with reverse osmosis reject and this benefits us as we can solicit other companies to deliver their RO reject to us to be used as dilution for the brine.

Mr. Lindley asked if there were any other salts besides sodium that are of concern. Mr. Kouretas indicated that especially when it comes to strawberries, chlorides are also a concern.

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With no other discussion on the Salinity presentation, Chair Pendergrass introduced the topic of the recent Strategic Planning Workshop held on April 22 and introduced Mr. Israel to recap the new goals and objectives.

Mr. Israel explained that during the workshop the Board members were extremely diligent and as a result the workshop was successful in producing four main new goals for the next three years. He also commented that the Mission Statement and Vision Statement would probably be reviewed at the next workshop as we continue to take on more focused areas of work. A copy of the presentation has handed out to the Board and audience members.

The new three-year goals include:

- Maximize the use of recycled water
- Develop and begin to implement a plan to provide pump station capacity for Boronda, Salinas and North County growth
- Assure the safety and quality of recycled water
- Maintain and improve the human, physical and fiscal assets of the Agency

Mrs. Shirrel commented that she was especially pleased about the participation of the new Board Members for the new ideas they brought to the workshop and that it was a very successful workshop this year. Mr. Pendergrass agreed that this was one of the best workshops MRWPCA has ever had. The active participation and enthusiasm of all the members contributed to the success.

Mr. Cort stated that he enjoyed the process of the workshop and felt that everyone understands water is the new gold standard and if sewer water can be transferred into potable water, we are looking at a new world. The future of many of our communities can be saved by looking at a new way of providing water other than desal and aquifers and the traditional ways of finding water. This is intriguing and very exciting.

Mr. Israel indicated that within the presentation of goals provided by Marilyn Snider there was a duplicate of the goals in safety – the one that was missing is “educating the Board on endocrine disruptors in recycled water and related concerns.”

## **10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Pendergrass called everyone’s attention to the photographs of the newly landscaped area by the new Admin Building addition. Drought resistant plantings and a riverscape have been added to enhance the property.

Chair Pendergrass also commented on the articles in the Pipeline that featured our new Board Members: Joe Russell, Dan Cort and Jeff Haferman.

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Mr. Cortopassi also commented that MRWPCA Board was grateful for the new members who have joined the Board.

Mrs. Shirrel, Region Three Representative for Special Districts, reminded the members of the May 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Government Days in Sacramento. Cities, counties and special districts will have representation there to meet with eight or nine legislators, including the Governor and Simone Salinas. This is an opportunity to bring local issues to the legislators – special districts, cities and counties have much more weight now since passing Proposition 1A last year. For the first time ever the coalition has a seat on the Budget Committee for the state.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Pendergrass adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m. to the next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, May 23, 2005, at 7:00 p.m.

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Keith E. Israel  
General Manager/Secretary to the Board

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Carlo Cortopassi  
Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors