



MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
January 29, 2007

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 Shirrel at 7:03 p.m., on Monday, January 29, 2007, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, California.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Shirrel lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chair Peggy Shirrel	Moss Landing Sanitation District
Mayor Joe Russell, Vice Chair	Del Rey Oaks
Director Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Director David Lewis	Castroville Water District
Director Kenneth K. Nishi	Marina Coast Water District
Supervisor Louis Calcagno	Monterey County
Mayor Dan Cort	Pacific Grove
Mayor Pro Tem Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas
Mayor Dave Pendergrass	Sand City
Mayor Pro Tem Steve Bloomer	Seaside
Chief Dewey J. Baird, Utilities Branch	U.S. Army, Ex-Officio

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councilmember Jeff Haferman	Monterey
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STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Israel	General Manager
Rob Wellington	Legal Counsel
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
Bob Holden	Recycled Water Project Coordinator
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant
Lonnie Fredrickson	Administrative Support Specialist II
James Dix	WWTP Operations Manager
Ed Oyama	Lead Engineer
Richard Gilliam	Supervising WWTP Operator
Jason Sinkler	Supervising WWTP Operator
Tom Klotz	WWTP Operator III
Jaime Hernandez	WWTP Operator II

AUDIENCE:

Marc Lucca	Marina Coast Water District
Bjorn Lundquist	Seaside
Les Turnbeaugh	Monterey
Ryan Shaw	Communication Planners
Mrs. Beth Cort	
Mrs. Richard Gilliam	
Mrs. Tom Klotz	
Mrs. Jason Sinkler	

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Chair Shirrel introduced new Board members: Steve Bloomer, Mayor Pro Tem representing Seaside; and Supervisor Louis Calcagno, representing County of Monterey.

Mr. Calcagno advised that he had served on the MRWPCA Board fifteen years ago and has always been a supporter of the Agency. Mr. Bloomer said, as a new member of the Board, it was likely he would be asking many questions, but he was pleased to be joining the Board.

Chair Shirrel welcomed the new members to the Board and commented that service on the MRWPCA Board is unique as it requires members to think regionally, representing your entity with an attitude toward regional benefits for all. She advised MRWPCA staff is knowledgeable, excellent to work with and available to members to answer questions.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 7:06 p.m., with no comments from the public, Chair Shirrel opened and closed Public Comment.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Legal Counsel Wellington requested the November 27, 2006 Board Minutes be continued to the February meeting to allow for clarification of an item per a Board member request.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Cort to approve Consent, with exception of item 6A, seconded by Russell, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda items 6B through K.

- A. Approve Minutes – Regular Meeting, November 27, 2006
- B. Receive Financial Statements – November and December 2006
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through December 2006
- D. Receive Check Register – November and December 2006
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Castroville, Fort Ord, Marina, Monterey Peninsula, and Salinas for November and December 2006
- F. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2006/07 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund
- G. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2006/07 Revenues from Capacity Charges
- H. Receive Residential Dwelling-Unit Aggregate as of December 31, 2006
- I. Approve MRWPCA Resolution 2007-01, Authorizing Renewal of Agency Eligibility to Participate in the State and Federal Surplus Property Program
- J. Appointment of Nomination Committee for Election of Board Officers for 2007
- K. Receive Appointment of Members to Recycled Water Storage and Service Area Review Study Committees

7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION

Mr. Israel provided information about tenure and individual accomplishments for the following employees and with Chair Shirrel proudly presented them with their Certifications.

A. Presentation of State Water Resources Control Board Certificate of Competence to Jaime Hernandez for Grade III Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

B. Presentation of State Water Resources Control Board Certificate of Competence to Thomas Klotz for Grade V Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator

- C. **Presentation of State Water Resources Control Board Certificate of Competence to Jason Sinkler for Grade V Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**
- D. **Presentation of State Water Resources Control Board Certificate of Competence to Richard Gilliam for Grade V Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator**

General Manager Mr. Israel noted that with the addition of three employees being recognized today for achieving Grade 5 certifications, MRWPCA now has a total seven employees, or one half of the Agency's operational crew, at the top-level Grade 5 certification.

Chair Shirrel recessed the meeting to break for refreshments served in honor of the employees' achievements. She reconvened the meeting at 7:22 p.m.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. Recycled Water Storage Committee

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report Monday, January 15, 2007

Mr. Les Turnbeaugh asked to comment. He referenced page 110 of the agenda packet regarding minutes from the RWSC January 15 meeting. He specifically called attention to paragraphs four through six and asked the Board to pay close attention to Mr. Reichmuth's comments contained therein regarding the cost to Monterey for recycled water. In response to Mr. Cort's question, Mr. Turnbeaugh clarified that the position for the City of Monterey is that the same rate should apply as for Marina, Seaside, etc.

Mr. Nishi expressed agreement with the City of Monterey regarding pricing for recycled water adding that the same consideration should be given to Pacific Grove. He said the geographic distance to Monterey and Pacific Grove will cause costs to increase but believes the cities could assist in finding funding opportunities.

Action Taken: On a motion by Mr. Pendergrass, seconded by Mr. Cort, the Board, with exception from Mr. Nishi who voiced objection to the *Proposed Trip to Singapore under RWSC Agenda Item 8A, Consider Visitor Center Concept*, received and approved the RWSC Minutes for Monday, January 15, 2007, with the following recommendation:

- Information only – no action taken

B. Budget/Personnel Committee

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report Tuesday, January 16, 2007

Action Taken: On a motion by Mr. Russell, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously received and approved the BPC Minutes for Monday, January 15, 2007, with the following recommendation:

- That the Board approve additional funding of \$30,000 for the Facility Coating Management Project – Year 1 (FY 2006/07).

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Fort Ord Update

No changes or comments.

B. Reclamation Project Status Summary

No changes or comments.

C. Strategic Planning Goals (2005-2008) and One-Year Objectives Update

No changes or comments.

10. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager/Assist. General Manager/Legal Counsel

Mr. Israel advised he attended a program in San Jose on indirect potable water reuse. He advised the program was held by a group from Australia that had planned a replenishment project similar to the Orange County project. Unfortunately, their project was not successful. One of the key factors gleaned from their experience was the critical need to garner support from politicians and early saturation of public outreach. Mr. Israel indicated he would provide more details from the conference at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Israel advised the 2007 Strategic Planning Workshop is scheduled for Friday, March 30, 2007, at Embassy Suites. In response to a question from Mr. Bloomer regarding the workshop, Mr. Israel explained the one-half day format is used to develop new organizational goals and objectives and typically runs from 8:00 a.m. to approximately 12:30 p.m.

Mr. Israel called attention to additional reclamation charts illustrating historical RTP performance data and advised these will, on occasion, be included in the Agenda packet to provide perspective on the facility's performance over the years.

B. Department Head(s)

Mr. Tiernan announced the Agency has received the Government Finance Officers Association Award for excellence in finance reporting (CAFR). The certificate will be displayed in the Administration Office Lobby.

C. Presentation: Succession Planning/Certification Update

Mr. Tiernan provided a PowerPoint presentation entitled “*Growing Your Own*” on succession planning. The presentation included projections on retirement trends and employment gaps and the measures MRWPCA is undertaking to ensure continued development of staff to fill and maintain critical positions.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Shirrel referred to the two letters of appointment to the MRWPCA Board in the Agenda packet: 1) Monterey County Board of Supervisors appointment of Supervisor Lou Calcagno, and 2) Seaside City Council appointment of Mayor Pro Temp Steve Bloomer.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Cort asked Mr. Israel about the augmentation project timeline. Mr. Israel advised that MRWPCA, in conjunction with Marina Coast Water District, is near going out to bid for construction of the trunk line to Del Rey Oaks. He added the Monterey portion has been scoped but design has not been addressed because cost challenges must be remedied. Mr. Cort asked if the project scope has included running the line to Pacific Grove. Mr. Israel said previous studies (1992 and 1996) recommended Pacific Grove be postponed and suggested it may be more cost effective to negotiate getting water from the Pebble Beach Project for Pacific Grove. Mr. Cort asked that the Pacific Grove portion of the project be readdressed and Mr. Israel indicated that would be reconsidered and perhaps combined into the Monterey segment.

Chair Shirrel called attention to the Singapore visit notice contained in the packet and encouraged Board members to consider the trip. She noted the budget will provide funding for three Board members; others wishing to participate may do so at a personal cost of approximately \$2,000.

Chair Shirrel noted all Board members received a copy of 2006 Board member payments. Since this information was requested by a Board member, it has been provided to all.

Chair Shirrel announced the 2007 Nominating Committee members: Dan Cort, Jeff Haferman with Gloria De La Rosa serving as Chair. Additionally, she announced interim committee assignments to fill vacancies: Mr. Lewis has agreed to serve on the

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RWSC replacing Mr. Choates; and Mr. Haferman has been appointed to the Service Area Study Review Committee replacing Mr. Lindley.

Finally, Chair Shirrel announced that following this meeting she would be stepping down as a member of the Board due to family obligations. She said she has enjoyed her years on the Board, most especially working with MRWPCA staff. She thanked everyone for the opportunity to have served in this capacity. She reminded all members that the MRWPCA is a Regional Board emphasizing the need to put aside individual city needs to concentrate on regional solutions.

[At 7:45 p.m., Chair Shirrel, recessed to closed session.]

13. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION (Board Member Nishi excused.)

A. Negotiations with Marina Coast Water District

- i. Property: Water Rights
- ii. Negotiator(s): General Manager, Keith Israel
- iii. Negotiating Party: Marina Coast Water District
- iv. Terms: All Terms and Conditions

[At 8:30 p.m., the Board came back into Open Session and Legal Counsel Wellington announced the Board received information and gave direction to the General Manager and Legal Counsel. No other action was taken.]

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Chair Shirrel adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, February 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Keith E. Israel, General Manager
Secretary to the Board

Margaret Shirrel, Ph.D.
Chair of the Board of Directors