



MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
February 26, 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 Acting Chair Russell at 7:05 p.m., on Monday, February 26, 2007, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, California

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Acting Chair Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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
Vice Mayor Jeff Haferman	Monterey
Supervisor Louis Calcagno	Monterey County
Mayor Dan Cort	Pacific Grove
Councilmember Janet Barnes	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:

Mayor Pro Tem Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas
VACANT	Moss Landing County Sanitation District

STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Israel	General Manager
Rob Wellington	Legal Counsel
John Tiernan	Director of Administrative Services
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant
Lonnie Fredrickson	Administrative Support Specialist II
Kelly Cadiente	Accounting Supervisor
Karen Harris	Community Relations Specialist

AUDIENCE:

Gage Dayton	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Marc Lucca	Marina Coast Water District
Les Turnbeaugh	Monterey
Tim Reeves	Monterey
Carl Niizawa	Salinas
Ryan Shaw	Communication Planners

OTHERS: 4

Acting Chair Russell introduced Janet Barnes, Councilmember from Salinas, serving as new Alternate to the Board. He also introduced Gage Dayton, representing Moss Landing County Sanitation District and indicated Mr. Dayton would be seated at the March Board meeting after his appointment is approved by the Board of Supervisory, Monterey County.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 7:07 p.m. with no comments received from the public, Acting Chair Russell opened and closed Public Comments.

5. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS FOR 2007

A. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report

Mr. Cort advised the Nomination Committee members for 2007 are comprised of Jeff Haferman, City of Monterey; Gloria De La Rosa, Salinas; and Dan Cort, Mayor of Pacific Grove. The Committee nominated Joseph Russell for Chair and Kenneth Nishi for Vice Chair.

Mr. Bloomer asked which members volunteered for the positions and Mr. Cort responded: Mayor Pendergrass, Mayor Russell and Director Nishi. He added that

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Board members may also make nominations from the floor and that the Nomination Committee members may not nominate themselves.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Calcagno, seconded by Ms. Barnes, the Board unanimously received and accepted the Nomination Committee report for February 2007.

B. Nomination of Chair and Vice Chair for 2007

Acting Chair Russell stated Resolution 2006-25 calls for consideration of nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations for the Chair position.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Calcagno, seconded by Mr. Pendergrass, the Board unanimously elected Mr. Russell as Chair of the Board.

Chair Russell presented Mr. Nishi of Marina Coast Water District as the Committee nomination for Vice Chair and called for any additional nominations from the floor. Mr. Bloomer nominated Mr. Pendergrass of Sand City. Legal Counsel advised because two candidates were now being considered for the Vice Chair position, a roll call vote was required.

Mr. Calcagno requested a secret ballot be taken and Legal Counsel advised the Brown Act would not allow a secret ballot; however, a written ballot could be taken so long as the ballots were signed and were open to public inspection. After discussion, Mr. Calcagno withdrew his request and agreed to a roll call vote.

Mr. Cort advised that Committee Chair Ms. De La Rosa (absent) asked him to convey her desire to nominate Mr. Nishi. Mr. Haferman explained nominations by the Committee were made with the intent of following Resolution 2006-25 to ensure rotation of positions among all members of the Board.

ACTION TAKEN: As a result of a tied roll call vote (5 to 5), a second roll call vote was taken which also resulted in a tie.

Mr. Nishi stated his desire to ensure the Board continues to work together and withdrew his name from the nomination. He emphasized that he appreciated the members' support but emphasized the need for the Board to work together and, therefore, changed his vote to support Mr. Pendergrass for Vice Chair. This action resulted in the election of Mr. Pendergrass for Vice Chair.

Mr. Pendergrass thanked Mr. Nishi for his vote and stressed he would continue to move the Agency forward focusing on progress for the urban replenishment project.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Chair Russell opened discussion on the Consent Agenda and Mr. Nishi requested that two items be pulled for discussion:

- Consent Agenda Item A-1, January 29, 2007 Minutes, and
- Consent Agenda Item A-2, November 27, 2006 Minutes.

Mr. Nishi referenced the November 27, 2006 Minutes, page 14 under Item 12, Recess to Closed Session, and advised he would like the Minutes to reflect that he actually left the meeting prior to discussion of Item B.

Mr. Nishi then referenced the January 29, 2007 Minutes, page 18, under Action Taken, RWSC Agenda Item 8A, and asked the Minutes reflect his lack of support for the Singapore trip although he supports for the Visitor Center Concept.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Calcagno (Mr. Haferman, Ms. Barnes and Mr. Bloomer abstained from voting on the Minutes), the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items A through H (including changes to Meeting Minutes as noted above) as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes – Regular Meetings
 - 1. January 26, 2007
 - 2. November 27, 2006
- B. Receive Financial Statements – January 2007
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through January 2007
- D. Receive Check Register – January 2007
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Castroville, Fort Ord, Marina, Monterey Peninsula, and Salinas for January 2007
- 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. Approve Additional Funding for the RTP Roofing Project

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. Recycled Water Storage Committee

- 1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report of February 8, 2007

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Haferman, seconded by Mr. Cort, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes for February 8, 2007.

➤ **Information Only. No Action Taken.**

B. Budget/Personnel Committee

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report of February 12, 2007

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Cort, seconded by Mr. Haferman, the Board unanimously received and approved the Budget Personnel Committee Minutes for February 12, 2007, with the following recommendation:

➤ **Information Only. No Action Taken.**

8. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approve Resolution 2007-02, A Resolution of Appreciation from the Board of Directors of MRWPCA to Peggy Shirrel for Her Service as a Director Since 1995

Chair Russell read the Resolution of Appreciation from the Board of Directors of MRWPCA to Peggy Shirrel for her service from February 1995 through January 2007.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Pendergrass, seconded by Mr. Lewis, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2007-02.

9. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Fort Ord Update

No changes or comments.

B. Reclamation Project Status Summary

Mr. Israel advised the Project Status Summary is accurate. He indicated the lack of winter rain caused the plant to start up; however, when rain started, the plant shut down and now full operation of the plant is not expected until March.

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

Mr. Israel indicated a Strategic Planning Session to update goals and objectives is planned for Friday, March 30, 2007, at Embassy Suites. He said the session will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and the meeting will commence at

8:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. He talked about the importance of the session and strongly encouraged all Board Members to attend.

10. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager/Assistant General Manager/Legal Counsel

Mr. Israel reported that information regarding availability of recycled water to Monterey and Pacific Grove was initially prepared about 10 years ago. He stated staff recommends scheduling meetings with each community to solicit input and determine needs prior to reporting back to the Board. If possible, an update will be presented to the Board in March.

Mr. Heitzman reported a new flow meter has been installed in the Monterey Pump Station to replace an obsolete meter. It may take a month or two to determine flow rates. He also described the pigging process that has cleaned the interceptor line from the Salinas Pump Station and will result in a substantial power savings. It has already increased the flow from a maximum of 25 mgd to approximately 37-39 mgd (better than the Engineer's Estimate of 35 mgd).

Additionally Mr. Heitzman announced that at the February 23rd local CWEA Award night, MRWPCA received local recognition and awards for:

- Training
- Plant of the Year
- Public Awareness
- Seven individual awards were granted to MRWPCA staff members

Mr. Heitzman conveyed staff's appreciation for the continuing support given by the Board. Mr. Israel advised a presentation highlighting these achievements will be given at the next Board meeting.

B. Department Head(s)

Nothing to report.

C. Presentation – Annual Treatment Plant Performance Report

Mr. Tiernan provided a mid-year budget update highlighting expenditures, capital improvement projects, and MRWPCA portfolio. He indicated the next steps will include updating the Rate Model and providing the Budget/Personnel Committee with Rate Projections in April.

Following the presentation there were no questions and Acting Chair Russell thanked Mr. Tiernan for the excellent presentation.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Barnes asked Mr. Heitzman the meaning of the term “psi” and he explained it means “pounds per square inch.” Ms. Barnes continued by thanking Mr. Heitzman and the Agency staff for the work on the Salinas Interceptor Line. She also asked that the meeting be adjourned in honor of Ms. De La Rosa’s father who recently passed away.

Mr. Lewis thanked Mr. Nishi for his gracious withdrawal, in the spirit of cooperation, of his nomination for Vice Chair. Mr. Cort also thanked him and agreed it was very gracious gesture. Mr. Nishi said it was “for the team.”

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Acting Chair Russell noted receipt of a thank you card from Mrs. Eileen Barlich, widow of Mayor Jack Barlich, and read her words of appreciation to the Board.

13. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Russell advised a Closed Session would not be necessary at this time.

14. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, Acting Chair Russell adjourned the meeting, in memory of Gloria De La Rosa’s father, Felix Rodriguez, at 7:45 p.m. to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, March 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.

Keith E. Israel, General Manager
Secretary to the Board

Joe Russell, Chair
MRWPCA Board of Directors