



**Approved**  
**November 24, 2008**

**MINUTES**  
**of the Regular Meeting**  
**Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency**  
**Board of Directors**  
**October 27, 2008**

**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 Russell at 7:00 p.m., on Monday, October 27, 2008, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, California.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Stefani led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Joe Russell, Chair	Del Rey Oaks, Mayor
Dave Pendergrass, Vice Chair	Sand City, Mayor
Ramiro Cortez	Boronda County Sanitation District
Ron Stefani	Castroville Community Services District
Kenneth Nishi	Marina Coast Water District, Vice President
Jeff Haferman	Monterey, Councilmember
Lou Calcagno	Monterey County, Supervisor
Chris Orman	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Steve Bloomer	Seaside, Mayor Pro Tem
Vacant – Ex-Officio	U.S. Army, Representative

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Dan Cort	Pacific Grove, Mayor
Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas, Mayor Pro Tem

**MRWPCA STAFF PRESENT:**

Keith Israel	General Manager
Brad Hagemann	Assistant General Manager
Ron Wellington	Legal Counsel
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
Mark Malanka	Maintenance Manager
Bret Boatman	Maintenance Supervisor
Juan Arreguin	Source Control Tech
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Carl Niizawa – City of Salinas

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

At 7:02 p.m., Chair Russell opened and closed Public Comments.

**5. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes/Report for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of September 29, 2008**
- B. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through September 2008 vs. 2007**
- C. Receive Check Register – September 2008**
- D. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Salinas, Monterey Peninsula, Marina, Fort Ord, and Castroville for September 2008**
- E. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2008/09 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund**
- F. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2008/09 Revenues from Capacity Charges**
- G. Receive Residential Dwelling-Unit Aggregate as of September 30, 2008**

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

- A. Budget/Personnel Committee**

**1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report of October 15, 2008**

Mr. Pendergrass reported the Minutes are accurate and reflect the action of the Committee.

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Stefani, seconded by Mr. Bloomer, the Board unanimously approved the Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes for Wednesday, October 15, 2008, with the following recommendations:

- That the Board approve staff begin recruitment for a full-time Storm Water Program Coordinator in accordance with and funded by the regional storm water entities.
- That the Board note the next meeting date for Budget/Personnel Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18, 2008

**B. Recycled Water Storage Committee**

**1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report of October 16, 2008**

Chair Russell reported the Committee members received information on several projects.

**ACTION TAKEN:** On a motion by Mr. Pendergrass, seconded by Mr. Calcagno, the Board approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes for Thursday, October 16, 2008 with the following recommendations:

- Information only – No action taken.

**7. EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

**A. Employee Certification**

Chair Russell presented CWEA certificates to Juan Arreguin for completion of Environmental Compliance Inspector, Grade I; and to Bret Boatman for Mechanical Technologist, Grade IV. The Chair and Board members acknowledged each employee's achievement and congratulated them for their certification.

**8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**A. Fort Ord Update**

No questions or comments.

**B. Reclamation Project Status Summary**

No questions or comments.

**C. Strategic Planning Goals (2008-2011)**

No questions or comments.

**D. “No Drugs Down the Drain” Campaign Report**

Mr. Hagemann provided information regarding the highlights of the Campaign and noted the staff report is a culmination of the “No Drugs Down the Drain” awareness focus to date. Chair Russell referenced the flyer in the agenda packet which explains how pharmaceutical waste may be safely disposed and provides a list of the pharmacies that will take back unused drugs.

**9. STAFF REPORTS**

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

Mr. Israel referred to the Drought Outlook Summary each member received that illustrates the difficulties we may be facing in California and the importance of continuing to support alternative water sources. He noted the website address for this information and explained it is continually updated.

Mr. Israel noted the WaterReuse Ag Conference started yesterday in Monterey and will continue for the next few days. Staff provided a tour for approximately 80 participants to view agricultural areas being irrigated with recycled water followed by a dinner/meeting at the Regional Treatment Plant. Many favorable comments were received. At today’s conference with approximately 150 people in attendance, several presentations/discussions featured follow-up research to the spinach crisis a couple of years ago. In particular, there is a lot of voluntary effort on the part of industry to find out exactly how the E coli can be transmitted. Mr. Israel offered that information is available to the members if they are interested.

Chair Russell commented that Mr. James Lugg from Fresh Express was at the Sunday evening dinner meeting and had an excellent presentation regarding the research that has been done by his company in connection with E coli issues.

Mr. Hagemann announced that Mark Malanka, Maintenance Manager, will be leaving shortly for deployment to Kosovo and will be gone for approximately 18 months; Bret Boatman will be responsible for many of Mark’s duties while he is away.

**B. Department Heads**

Nothing to report.

**C. Presentation: Pump Station Winter Preparedness**

Mr. Bret Boatman, Maintenance Supervisor provided information regarding impacts the storm of last January had on the sewer pump stations and the preventative

measures that the Maintenance Department has performed in preparation for the coming winter weather. He explained the Maintenance Department maintains 28 pump stations, 30+ miles of pipeline, 42 air relief stations and all the equipment for the Regional Treatment Plant with 11 employees providing 24-hour coverage and a response time of no more that 45 minutes for any call. He also provided photographs of the new equipment that has been installed at the Coral Street Pump Station.

Some discussion followed regarding the size of the pumps that have been installed and description of the additional pumps that are available. Chair Russell thanked Mr. Boatman for his presentation.

**10. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Chair Russell noted the early start time of 6:00 pm for the Board Meeting in November.

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business, Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, November 24, 2008, at 6:00 p.m.

*/s/Keith Israel*

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Keith E. Israel, General Manager  
Secretary to the Board

*/s/ Joseph Russell*

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Joseph Russell, Chair  
MRWPCA Board of Directors