



Approved
February 23, 2009

MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
January 26, 2009

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, January 26, 2009 in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, California.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Haferman 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, Member
Jeff Haferman	Monterey, Councilmember
Lou Calcagno	Monterey County, Supervisor
Chris Orman	Moss Landing County Sanitation District
Dan Cort	Pacific Grove, Councilmember
Gloria De La Rosa	Salinas, Mayor Pro Tem
Ralph Rubio	Seaside, Mayor Pro Tem
Vacant – Ex-Officio	U.S. Army, Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

None

MRWPCA STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Israel	General Manager
Brad Hagemann	Assistant General Manager
Ron Wellington	Legal Counsel
John Tiernan	Director of Admin Services, Deputy GM
Tom Buell	Director of Finance
Bob Holden	Principal Engineer
Karen Harris	Community Relations Specialist
James Dix	WWTP Operations Manager
Betty Nebb	Executive Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Carl Niizawa – City of Salinas
Bjorn Lundegard – City of Seaside
Doug Yount – City of Marina
Dave Berger – Cal Am
Josh Cort

4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS AND SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chair Russell introduced Mayor Ralph Rubio, newly appointed from the City of Seaside to become a Director to the MRWPCA Board. Mayor Rubio expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve. Chair Russell then acknowledged the service by former Director Steve Bloomer and requested Board approval for Resolution 2008-01, a Resolution of Appreciation to Director Bloomer. Mayor Rubio stated he would be pleased to make a presentation of the Certificate to Director Bloomer on behalf of the MRWPCA Board at a future City Council meeting.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Calcagno, seconded by Mr. Haferman, the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2009-01, a Resolution in Appreciation of Service to MRWPCA from Steven Bloomer representing the City of Seaside.

Mr. Hagemann was called on to acknowledge the 2008 Service Awards recently given to employees at a staff function. He noted the longevity for many of our employees that included up to 30 years of service.

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

At 7:06 p.m., Chair Russell opened and closed Public Comments.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Rubio indicated he would abstain from approving November 24, 2009 Board Minutes (Item A) because he was not in attendance. Chair Russell pulled Item I, and explained that Ms. De La Rosa asked to be removed from the Nomination Committee. Chair Russell announced he would appoint another member to serve on that Committee.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Stefani seconded by Mr. Cort, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda, Items A through H and Items J and K as follows:

- A. Approve Board Meeting Minutes/Report for Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting of November 24, 2008**
- B. Receive Financial Statements – October, November and December 2008**
- C. Receive Comparison Percentage of Budget Expended Through October 2008 vs. 2007**
- D. Receive Check Register – November and December 2008**
- E. Receive Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for Salinas, Monterey Peninsula, Marina, Fort Ord, and Castroville for December 2008**
- F. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2008/09 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund**
- G. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2008/09 Revenues from Capacity Charges**
- H. Receive Residential Dwelling-Unit Aggregate as of December 31, 2008**
- I. Receive Notice of Appointment of Nomination Committee for Election of Board Officers for 2009**
- J. Adopt Resolution 2009-02, a Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of a CDD5016-XDS 2.5 Channel Monster Grinder for Monterey Pump Station without Formal Competitive Bidding**
- K. Award Contract for Cogeneration Facility Gas Scrubber Design Services**

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. Recycled Water Storage Committee

- 1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report of December 11, 2008**

Mr. Russell reported the Minutes are accurate and reflect the action of the Committee and called for questions.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Haferman, seconded by Mr. Calcagno, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes for Thursday, December 11, 2008, with the following recommendations:

- That the Board note the proposed language changes the RWS Committee members recommended for inclusion in a revised draft of the MOU that would be presented to MPWMD for their committee's consideration.

B. Recycled Water Storage Committee

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report of January 8, 2009

Mr. Russell reported the Minutes are accurate and reflect the action of the Committee and called for questions.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Cort, seconded by Ms. De La Rosa, the Board unanimously approved the Recycled Water Storage Committee Minutes for Thursday, January 8, 2009, with the following recommendations:

- That the Board approve Resolution 2009-03, Authorizing the General Manager to Submit a Grant Application to the California Department of Water Resource for a Local Groundwater Assistance Grant.
- That the Board approve Request for Services WAPP 2009-01 with RMC for an amount not to exceed \$135, 644.
- That the Board approve \$10,000 to TRG & Associates for public outreach assistance.
- That the Board approve funding support of \$5,000 to the National Research Council, Division on Earth and Life Studies Water Science and Technology Board to complete this study.
- That the Board note the proposed 2009 meeting dates for the Recycled Water Storage Committee.

C. Budget/Personnel Committee

1. Receive and Approve Committee Minutes/Report of January 14, 2009

Chair Pendergrass asked that the Board note the dates for the Budget/Personnel Committee meetings.

- **Information Only – No Action Taken**

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)

Mr. Israel indicated that updates to the goals were included in the packet.

9. OTHER ACTION ITEMS BEFORE THE BOARD

A. Adopt Ordinance No. 2009-01, an Ordinance Extending the Expiration Date to April 30, 2009 of Ordinance No. 2004-04 which Allocates Wastewater Treatment Capacity

Mr. Hagemann explained that in September 2008 when the Board approved extending the existing Allocation Ordinance to February 28, 2009 it was to incorporate AMBAG population forecast. Staff now requests an extension to April 30, 2009 of the Ordinance in order to receive the AMBAG forecast and complete the necessary public and environmental review processes. He noted a chart was furnished in the agenda materials to illustrate that recent utilization has been low and the reserve level continues at 15%. After some discussion as to whether the 60-day extension would provide enough time, Mr. Hagemann assured the Board there are no difficulties regarding the allocation capacity and it is a routine matter for the ordinance to be updated every four years.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Orman, seconded by Mr. Calcagno, the Board took a roll call vote resulting in a unanimous decision to adopt Ordinance No. 2009-01, Extending the Expiration Date to April 2009 for Ordinance 2004-04 Allocating Wastewater Treatment Capacity.

10. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager/Assistant General Manager/ Legal Counsel

Mr. Israel called attention to correspondence from the California Department of Public Health regarding approval for MRWPCA to operate at an increased Filter Loading Rate. He stated the FLEWR Project had taken a great deal of work and represents a potential substantial capital for saving as we are able now to process more water at reduced cost. He congratulated the project team headed by Principal Engineer Bob Holden for their outstanding efforts to achieve this.

Mr. Israel announced scheduling for the Strategic Planning Workshop on May 15th will be different this year than in the past. The workshop is planned to begin at

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Noon on that Friday, but consideration could be given to hold it on Thursday early evening. He asked members to contact the Board Clerk regarding their preference and stressed how important their participation is.

B. Department Heads

Nothing to report.

C. Presentation: Grower Water Usage Update, Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), and Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP)

Mr. Brad Hagemann presented information and charts showing that SVRP and CSIP had produced and delivered 15,300 AF or 5 billion gallons of recycled water used for irrigation in 2008 for a total of 40 billion gallons produced since operations began in 1998. During 2008, the amount of recycled water used by the growers was substantially higher than the well water delivers. He also showed that sodium levels, of great concern to the growers, were consistently kept at or below the target levels. Mr. Hagemann announced the Growers' Annual Informational Meeting would be held at the RTP on February 19 at 9:30 am.

Mr. Hagemann showed photos of the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF) Project by Monterey County Water Resources Agency with completion by Spring 2010 and the SRDF Disinfection Project by MRWPCA with expected completion by June 2009. Our disinfection project will treat the river water and mix it with recycled water for delivery to the growers.

Mr. Hagemann announced the completion of the Filter Loading Evaluation for Water Reuse (FLEWR) Study. Full-scale testing was completed in September 2008 and the findings were presented to California Department of Public Health (CDPH). The CDPH concurred with the FLEWR study findings and recommended a permanent filter loading rate waiver be granted to MRWPCA by the Regional Water Quality Control Board. This study began in 2003 and the resulting authorization means water can be processed at a rate 50% higher than the current regulatory criteria. This will result in significantly lower water production costs. MRWPCA has paved the way for other agencies seeking to increase their production with guidelines to follow that were implemented by our engineering team including Tom Kouretas, Associate Engineer, and our Principal Engineer Bob Holden. Congratulations to staff for a job well done.

No further questions, Chair Russell thanked Mr. Hagemann for his presentation.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Chair Russell called attention to the correspondence listed in the agenda packet and requested the members to review the material. No questions.

12. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

No comments.

[Chair Russell adjourned Open Session at 7:35 pm.]

[Chair Russell called Closed Session to order at 7:45 pm.]

13. CLOSED SESSION

A. Negotiations with Marina Coast Water District

- i. Property: Easements, Rights-of-Way, Pipelines and Appurtenances, Water Rights and Improvements to Real Property relative to proposed Regional Urban Recycled Water Augmentation Project (RUWAPP)**
- ii. Negotiator(s): General Manager Keith Israel**
- iii. Negotiating Party: Marina Coast Water District**
- iv. Terms: All Terms and Conditions**

[At 8:12 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 Russell adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m. to the next scheduled Board Meeting, in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, on Monday, February 23, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

/s/ Keith Israel

Keith E. Israel, General Manager
Secretary to the Board

/s/ Joseph Russell

Joseph Russell, Chair
MRWPCA Board of Directors