



APPROVED
September 26, 2011

MINUTES
of the Regular Meeting
Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Board of Directors
August 29, 2011

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 Stefani at 7:01 p.m., on Monday, August 29, 2011 in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, California.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ron Stefani, Chair
Dennis Allion, Vice Chair
Ramiro Cortez
Kenneth Nishi
Libby Downey
Lou Calcagno
Carmelita Garcia
Gloria De La Rosa
Dave Pendergrass
Felix Bachofner
Vacant – Ex-Officio

Castroville Community Services Water District
Del Rey Oaks, Councilmember
Boronda County Sanitation District
Marina Coast Water District, Director
Monterey, Councilmember
Monterey County, Supervisor
Pacific Grove, Mayor
Salinas, Mayor Pro Tem
Sand City, Mayor
Seaside, Mayor
U.S. Army, Representative

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:

Chris Orman

Moss Landing County Sanitation District

MRWPCA STAFF PRESENT:

Keith Israel
Robert Rathie
Brad Hagemann
John Tiernan
Tom Buell
Bill Ragsdale-Cronin
Maddi Bell
Betty Nebb

General Manager
Legal Counsel
Assistant General Manager
Director of Admin Services/Deputy GM
Director of Finance
Maintenance Supervisor
Admin Support Specialist I
Executive Assistant

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OTHERS PRESENT:

Tim Flanagan – Monterey Regional Waste Management District
Nancy Selfridge – City of Monterey, Councilmember
Frank Aguayo – City of Salinas
George Riley – Citizens for Public Water
Dale Hekhuis – Water Ratepayers Alliance
Jeff Krebs – City of Monterey
Carl Niizawa – Marina Coast Water District
Wayne Downey

3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Led by Mr. Cortez.
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**
At 7:03 pm, Chair Stefani opened and closed Public Comments.
5. **SPECIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
 - A. Appointment of Mr. Kenneth Nishi to replace Board Member Dan Burns representing Marina Coast Water District

Chair Stefani welcomed Mr. Nishi back as a member to the Board.
6. **CONSENT AGENDA**
Mr. Nishi asked to pull Items A, D and G.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Pendergrass, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda Items B, C, E, F, and H as follows:

- B. Receive Percentage of FY 2011/12 Budget Expended through July 2011.
- C. Receive Check Register for July 2011.
- E. Receive Actual vs. Budgeted Fiscal Year 2011/12 Expenditures for the Capital Improvement Program and Capitalized Equipment Fund.
- F. Receive Actual vs. Anticipated Fiscal Year 2011/12 Revenues from Capacity Charges.
- H. Approve MRWPCA Resolution 2011-17, Authorizing Purchase of an Ion Chromatograph for the Laboratory without Formal Competitive Bidding.

Mr. Nishi indicated he would abstain on a vote to approve the Minutes of July 25 because he was not in attendance.

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ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Calcagno, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board approved, with Mr. Nishi abstaining, Consent Agenda Item A as follows:

- A. Approve Minutes/Report for Regular Board Meeting of July 25, 2011.

Regarding Consent Agenda Item D, Mr. Nishi asked about the increase on the March 2011 flows; Mr. Hagemann indicated that the slight increase most likely was a result of a rainfall event. He explained that work completed by the City of Salinas on their collection system infrastructure has greatly minimized the wet weather peak flows from the City collection system. Flow increases of 1 or 1½ times our normal 20 mgd are considered a nominal increase by the industry.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Nishi, seconded by Ms. De La Rosa, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda Item D as follows:

- D. Receive Waste Discharge Report, July 2011; NPDES Monitoring Report for July 2011; and Plant Flows and Effluent Quality for Connected Agencies, Plus Flow Charts for RTP, Salinas, Monterey Peninsula, Marina, Fort Ord, and Castroville for July 2011.

Consent Agenda Item G to approve purchase of two Variable Speed Drives (VSDs) for the Salinas Pump Station included information that staff intended to purchase two more VSDs next year. Mr. Nishi asked staff to consider contacting the vendor to determine if purchasing the future set of VSDs this year could result in a cost savings. Mr. Hagemann explained that the Capital Expenditures budget for FY 2011/12 scheduled \$60k for the two VSDs and that to increase the budget by \$60k may require elimination of some other equipment item.

Discussion followed and Mr. Allion suggested staff proceed with the purchase of the two pump drives as planned and try to negotiate a lower price, if possible, for the additional two that are planned for next year, noting that there may be an opportunity for a delayed purchase next year if there is agreement on the price now.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Allion that included a request for staff to look into the cost to purchase the second set of VSDs this year and, if feasible, return the matter to the Board for a budget amendment and authority to purchase the additional VSDs, seconded by Ms. De La Rosa, the Board unanimously approved Consent Agenda Item G as follows:

- G. Approve MRWPCA Resolution No. 2011-16, Authorizing Purchase of two (2) Square D 500 Horse Power Variable Speed Drives for Salinas Pump Station without Formal Competitive Bidding.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RELATED ACTION ITEMS

A. Recycled Water Committee

1. Receive Committee Recommendations from RWC Meeting of August 18, 2011

Item 1 – Update on Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project Well Capacity and Salinas Diversion Structure Repair and Operations

Mr. Hagemann provided a recap on the CSIP well capacity report. He explained that there are three sources of water feeding the CSIP system: recycled water, groundwater wells, and water from the Salinas River Diversion Facility. The report on the wells indicates that production has been reduced from their initial design potential of 60,000 gpm to 23,400 gpm with one well for emergency use that could provide an additional 5,000 gpm to provide a total maximum of 28,000 gpm when needed. Mr. Calcagno noted that when the well system was put into place, all wells were functional and working. Now eight wells are seawater intruded or no longer functioning properly. He noted that the growers are very concerned that more water taken from the aquifer could create major problems. Mr. Hagemann indicated that wells would likely always be necessary as a backup for CSIP especially during any drought period.

Mr. Hagemann reported that MCWRA has begun work to backfill the sink holes resulting from erosion that occurred underneath the SRDF rubber dam facility and to repair the leak in one of the bladders. Don Chapin Company has been awarded the repair contract and work is expected to be completed by November 1. He provided photos that illustrated how river water has been pumped away from the dam structure in order for the repair work to proceed. Discussion followed regarding the failure and whether it resulted from faulty design, construction and/or construction management issues. Mr. Hagemann noted that the leaking bladder would be repaired by the manufacturer under warranty. MCWRA is investigating the cause of the sink holes and assigning any associated liability. Mr. Hagemann reminded the Board that MCWRA has contracted with MRWPCA for operation and maintenance of the facility. During this past season, the facility was operated in conformance with that contract and would not have been the cause of the erosion. The erosion repair is estimated at \$800k. Ms. Downey noted that MRWPCA does not own and did not construct this project. Staff is providing this report at the request of RWC Chair Calcagno.

➤ **Information only – no action needed.**

Item 2 – Review Year One 2011/12 Strategic Plan for Groundwater Replenishment (GWR) Public Outreach

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Mr. Israel provided the presentation on the proposed outreach plan for the GWR project that was given by TRG & Associates at the RWC meeting, thus saving cost on extra consulting time. The presentation highlighted the history of GWR outreach from 2006 to 2009 when the project was first being considered for development and the challenges that need to be addressed. The report also addressed the importance of key messaging and utilizing key stakeholders, including the media, opinion leaders and our own Board members to help garner support in the community for GWR.

Ms. Garcia asked if the contract for the outreach consulting firm was included in the current budget, and Mr. Israel confirmed it was and then listed the primary tasks in the scope of work. Mr. Pendergrass added that this process of educating the public is incredibly important and the timing is right because there is concern about seawater intrusion into the currently over drafted Seaside Basin. He stated we can implement a similar education program that Orange County has so successfully developed. Because the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District is in support of the GWR, the two agencies can work together and combine resources for the project. He congratulated the RWC for their support of the project and encouraged the Board to go forward with this effort.

Mr. Nishi asked about the work previously done by this consultant and why there was a time lapse of three years with nothing being accomplished. He expressed concern that we didn't have the benefit of the work that has already been completed. Mr. Israel clarified that TRG & Associates would be updating previous work including the website, informational materials, and preparing a major outreach effort with the media. Mr. Pendergrass stated the GWR outreach was put on hold because our Board was asked to support the Regional Desalination Project even though he felt it would have been better to proceed on a two-track approach. Our Board and Board Chair implemented several MOUs for our agency with MCWD and MCWRA providing support to the Regional Project. Ms. Garcia expressed her support and commented that the outreach plan appears to be very well thought-out and includes a sequence of events with the October press conference representing very forward thinking.

Chair Stefani called for Public Comments prior to the Board's consideration of a motion to approve the TRG & Associates contract.

Mr. George Riley stated that the Board's quick, but thorough, planning and implementation of this project would be supported by the community and encouraged development of public education and outreach to the community for the Groundwater Replenishment Project. He concluded by stating there are many individuals who want to help in some way.

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ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Mr. Pendergrass, seconded by Mr. Calcagno, the Board unanimously approved the contract with TRG & Associates for the GWR Outreach Plan for \$30,000.

Item 3 – Approve Contract for Pilot Test Program Planning Evaluation Services for Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR)

Mr. Holden explained the California Department of Public Health requires that an Independent Advisory Panel (IAP) be formed to make recommendations for successful implementation of replenishment projects. Based on recommendations from our IAP in March 2007, last month the Board approved a contract with Todd Engineers to address recharge issues and a contract with TRG & Associates to consider outreach issues. Mr. Holden stated that now we need to consider issues related to wastewater characterization and evaluation of secondary treatment and preparation for pilot testing. He explained that Separation Processes, Inc. specializes in membrane technology and was brought in to correct some issues at Orange County Water District (OCWD) to make their replenishment project work. As a result of their reputation and expertise, staff recommends Separation Processes, Inc. be selected to develop our pilot test program planning evaluation for the GWR. Mr. Holden added that this contract would be covered under the current budget.

Discussion followed on how the GWR project was being planned with RWC members stating how important it would be for staff to develop a very definitive plan of action with milestones, dates and proposed budget for the project. Mr. Allion confirmed that this Board is heading in the right direction and that we are going to accomplish a way to reuse the water we already have and help our situation with water for the Peninsula and the region. Mr. Calcagno added it will be helpful for the Board to understand exactly where the facilities for replenishment are going to be located, where the water will be stored and the pipeline built. He noted the importance for staff to create an exact road map to illustrate the details. Mr. Calcagno suggested that a pilot facility ought to be developed first to see how it tests out and if the project is truly feasible before planning where you might inject the water.

Mr. Israel stated that the goal for tonight's presentation is to provide general information and then, next month staff will present a detailed plan and budget that will answer all the questions that have been raised. There were no Public Comments.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Ms. De La Rosa, seconded by Ms. Downey, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Separation Processes Inc. for

Pilot Test Program Planning Evaluation Services for Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR) for \$52,544.

Item 4 – Consider Accelerating the Groundwater Replenishment Project

Mr. Israel explained that as part of the approved budget and our Strategic Planning Goals, staff anticipated restarting the GWR project. A key part of this strategy included matching funding from MPWMD; however, resolution of the MPWMD water bill funding issue with the CPUC is taking longer to resolve. In the interim, this Board has committed a nominal budget amount of \$200k for the GWR Project. He stated that while the GWR is sized for 2,700 AFY, GWR combined with current and future expansion of Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Project, RUWAP and expanded recycled water to the Monterey Peninsula, may be enough to allow the community to demonstrate progress towards meeting the 2016 water requirements. That is why staff recommends we expedite the GWR project as a supplemental Phase II water project that could be quickly implemented should there be a significant delay in the Regional Desal Project.

Mr. Israel reported that staff participated in the MPWMD's Alternative Water Supply Workshop last week; and at the recent CASA conference, Board members and staff met with Cal Am officials to learn what would be needed for them to consider purchase of the replenishment water. He also reported that the Orange County replenishment project has increased their production from 50 mgd to 70 mgd, and now are looking to expand to 100 mgd. Although our project is largely based on the OCWD project, costs will be more because our project is currently designed to operate only about five months out of the year (during the winter). Staff will continue to look at options that could enable the facility to run for 12 months as that would substantially cut overall expenses. Staff will also continuously consider ways to reduce capital and operation costs. He announced there is a trip planned to take Board members and interested officials to Orange County on September 30 to view their replenishment facilities in order to learn more about this project.

Mr. Allion noted that we will have to provide evidence to show how long the water has to be in the aquifer before it can be used. Mr. Israel explained that in September staff will present a "road map" for the GWR in a non-engineering type of approach to illustrate how the project will be implemented. With the project plan in place, as recommended by the RWC, the Board can better evaluate and possibly approve some additional funding.

Mr. Israel reported on the presentation given by General Manager Darby Fuerst at the MPWMD Workshop showing the current amount of water available and when and what the water shortages potentially could be. The presentation was provided with the agenda materials for review. Mr. Allion asked about the amount of water

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being discharged each year to the Monterey Bay, and Mr. Israel explained that annually the RTP produces about 22,000 AFY. About 14,000 AFY of recycled water goes to the agricultural fields; the remaining 8,000 AFY goes out to the ocean. Since 1998 when the agricultural project started, the growers have received over 50 billion gallons – roughly 25 billion gallons have been sent out to the ocean without benefit to anyone.

Chair Stefani asked for Public Comments before a Board vote on the committee recommendations.

Mr. Dale Hekhuis, representing Water Ratepayers Alliance, stated he was glad to see this item on the agenda and urged the Board to authorize staff to accelerate the GWR project. He said there is little to lose and much to gain by accelerating this project, and it would be a positive signal to the community at this time.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Ms. Downey, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board unanimously authorized staff to prepare a plan for accelerating the Groundwater Replenishment Project and approval of the Recycled Water Committee Minutes/Report of August 18, 2011.

B. Budget/Personnel Committee

2. Receive Committee Recommendations from BPC Meeting of August 19, 2011

Item 1 – Review Proposed MOU with Monterey Regional Waste Management District (District) for Renewable Energy Facility and Bio-Solids Master Plan Project

Mr. Hagemann reported that Agency and District staff have been working together for three years on a long-term management plan for bio-solids and collaborating on a power generation facility that will utilize digester and landfill gas. Staff agrees that a combined landfill gas/digester gas power generation facility that is located in close proximity to the RTP may realize some economies of scale for energy production, waste heat utilization and energy marketing.

The MOU was reviewed by the BPC and resulted in a request by the members to clarify the language on page 2, fourth paragraph to read as follows:

“NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that through this MOU, the Parties agree to work cooperatively to complete the institutional framework for a Regional Energy Facility (REF) to meet the energy needs of the existing parties and to augment the Regional Desalination Plant to meet the long-term water supply needs for the Monterey Peninsula . . .”

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Mr. Hagemann noted that the District Board had approved the previous wording and so this change may have to be reviewed and the MOU reapproved by that Board.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Board approve the Renewable Energy Facility and Bio-Solids Master Plan Project MOU, with the edits provided by the Budget/Personnel Committee.

Chair Stefani announced that there would be one motion to accept the BPC recommendations when the Minutes/Report are considered.

Item 2 – Review Strategic Goals related to Televising Board Meetings/Bill Messages

Mr. Tiernan explained that one of our strategic goals is to enhance external and internal outreach and two of the objectives under that goal are to consider messaging on our bi-monthly bills and feasibility to televise our Board meetings. He showed the current billing statement that displayed a message about our Clean Air Award and then described some of the suggestions from the BPC on other messages that would be appropriate. He also explained research that was done regarding the possibility of broadcasting our Board meeting. Staff met with AMP officials and was able to present some cost information to the committee. The members also discussed the survey of special districts in our area completed by staff showing that only the MPWMD televises its Board meetings. Mr. Tiernan also presented options to consider that would be less costly, such as posting an audio recording on our website with Board discussion connected to each agenda item.

Mr. Tiernan stated the BPC members offered their experience with their councils' televised meetings through AMP, but the consensus of the Committee was for staff to research digital audio feed of Board meetings to our website and come back with more specific recommendations and budget information.

Ms. Downey stated that the City of Monterey gets a tremendous response from televising their Council meetings and feels it shows transparency. She noted this would be a good time for this Board to do the same in order to further promote the replenishment project. Ms. Garcia suggested a survey/poll, perhaps through the billing statement, to see if people would be interested in having the meetings televised. Mr. Allion cautioned that survey questions would have to be written in such a way as to associate the benefits with the costs to televise the meeting. Mr. Bachofner noted an advantage this facility would have if cameras were installed would be that other organizations that use this building might be interested in sharing some of the costs in order to video record their meetings. He indicated that Seaside was currently considering the purchase of the video

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equipment to televise their meetings and noted the good job that AMP does to prepare the video for streaming over the internet and ultimately on the city websites.

RECOMMENDATION: That staff continue to consider options to enhance our outreach efforts to the community.

Prior to the Board considering the BPC Minutes/Report, Chair Stefani called for Public Comments.

Mr. Tim Flanagan, Assistant General Manager for Monterey Regional Waste Management District, thanked staff and noted the District is working with MRWPCA staff on a number of projects and appreciates the cooperation since we share a number of facilities. He stated the District looks forward to this project to provide for the energy needs of both organizations and to move forward in support of the Regional Water Project as well. Ms. Downey thanked Mr. Flanagan for his comments and added that as a Board member on the District Board, she is pleased that these two good agencies are working so well together.

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Ms. Downey, seconded by Ms. Garcia, the Board unanimously accepted the BPC recommendations, requested staff continue to investigate televising Board meetings, and approved the Budget/Personnel Committee Minutes/Report of August 19, 2011.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Reclamation Project Status Summary

Mr. Israel stated the report has been updated.

B. Strategic Planning Goals (2011-2014) and One-Year Objectives Update

Mr. Israel stated staff continues to make progress on the goals and noted that the majority of goals will be addressed in the coming months.

Mr. Hagemann noted a report was included with the Strategic Planning Goals listing the Employees' Social Group events: October picnic, Thanksgiving Potluck and Holiday Party. While the Board members are invited to participate in these events, he explained that the Employee Service Awards are presented at the Thanksgiving Potluck luncheon and might be of interest to the members.

C. Status Report of Other Significant Projects

No questions or comments.

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D. Operational Report

No questions or comments.

9. STAFF REPORTS

A. General Manager/Assistant General Manager/Legal Counsel

Mr. Israel reported that the Monterey County Fair would be held over the Labor Day weekend and that we have a booth set up in the Agricultural Building. As a sponsor of the Fair, we have a few tickets available for our Board members.

He also reported that the trip to Orange County Water District to tour the replenishment facility is scheduled for September 30 and many have expressed interested in participating. There will also be plans for a second trip at the end of November. To Ms. De La Rosa's question, Mr. Israel stated transportation would begin at our Ryan Ranch location to get everyone to San Jose for the flight. At OCWD there will be a quick lunch and a 3+ hour tour of the facilities before returning to San Jose/Monterey that evening.

B. Presentation(s): Update on Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWR) – Part 1, General Manager Keith Israel / Bob Holden, Principal Engineer

Mr. Israel began the presentation by providing some general information about our regional system, a map of the service area and an aerial photo of the Regional Treatment Plant (RTP). Our facilities are permitted for 29.6 MGD secondary treatment capacity, 3 major interceptors and 10 pump stations; 2.5 mile outfall to Monterey Bay and a current average daily influent flow of 20 MGD. Our expanded mission (1998), in cooperation with County Water Resources Agency, operates the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and more recently the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF).

Mr. Israel presented information to illustrate the water recycling plant process, development of the reclamation concept and the possible resources available for projects to use the 8,000 AFY of wastewater that is currently sent to the Bay.

Mr. Holden provided background information on the GWR project and why replenishment is a good component for a water supply program: it can be quickly implemented, has a successful track record in California, has a straightforward environment review/permit process, and is drought resistant. He provided a brief summary of the overall GWR costs, O&M costs and noted the water cost would be approximately \$2,000 to 3,000 per AF.

He continued with photos showing the purification process (including microfiltration, reverse osmosis, ultraviolet/hydrogen peroxide), the conceptual site plan for the advanced water treatment plant, and the proposed inland and coastal

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injection sites. He discussed the safety of the replenishment water noting the success of other replenishment programs. He highlighted the benefits of the GWR for our community:

- Part of the regional water program
- Possible solution to Seaside Water Basin overdraft
- Strong support by environmental and public groups
- More energy efficient with smaller carbon footprint
- Provides a reliable, sustainable water supply
- Reasonable cost for water (\$2k to \$3k)
- Over 35 years of success in Orange County
- Reuse of treated wastewater
- Helps preserve Monterey Marine Sanctuary

Mr. Holden concluded the presentation by listing the reasons MRWPCA is prepared and recognized as capable to implement this project. He presented a timeline to construction and startup operations, listed options to expedite the project and minimize initial capital costs, and provided information on the current status of the project.

Mr. Israel stated this agency has demonstrated success in construction of major facilities and is able to operate facilities and projects at a reasonable cost. Because MRWPCA represents a number of cities/districts through the JPA, there is opportunity for more entities to benefit by this GWR project. He indicated that the presentation would be expanded to provide more detail and a project timeline with consideration for what can be done to expedite the process while keeping costs in line or even reducing them. In the work that has been completed, we have about four years of general planning and pre-engineering information.

Ms. Downey asked about the environmental review process, and Mr. Israel stated that environmental work at the program level has been completed – some additional environmental work will be required and could be restarted in the later part of 2012.

Ms. Downey stated the report given tonight was outstanding and applauded staff for the pictures, descriptions and the thoroughness of the presentation. Mr. Israel added that some credit goes to Lois Humphreys who had developed many of the slides several years ago. He noted that as staff continues work on the GWR, they find there are some options that allow feasibility and flexibility to put together a really successful project.

Mr. Bachofner stated the importance to graphically indicate where the fail-safe mechanisms are in order to reassure the public that, if necessary, there is a way to

divert water out of the process to avoid injection to the aquifer. Mr. Israel provided information about the six general safe guards and the additional steps that are taken to constantly monitor all the water. He stated that because of the success of Orange County's work and that of other successful replenishment projects, the State is actually relaxing the regulations – no one has gotten sick on recycled water and certainly not on groundwater replenishment.

There was further discussion on the available 8,000 AF of water currently going out to the Bay, and Mr. Israel clarified that while 2,700 AF is available for GWR, RUWAP would take 2,000 to 3,000 AF and perhaps more once water storage is available. Mr. Nishi added that when development at East Garrison, Del Rey Oaks, Seaside, former Ft. Ord and Marina begins, 8,000 AF may be a low number.

Ms. Garcia asked why the GWR was included in Phase 2 and Mr. Israel explained that after completion of the Environmental Impact Report, the CPUC recommended that the desalination project was the best regional project. The desal project and RUWAP were determined by the CPUC to be Phase I and the other smaller projects, including the GWR were designated to Phase 2.

Chair Stefani congratulated staff on the excellent presentation.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Citizens for Public Water, letter July 25, 2011
2. Request for Public Information (Nishi), August 5, 2011
3. Government Finance Officers Association, Announcement of CAFR Award, August 5, 2011
4. Certificate for Congressional Recognition for Clean Air Award, Representative Sam Farr, August 5, 2011

Chair Stefani noted the correspondence. Ms. Downey addressed Mr. Nishi about his request for information and asked about the significance of his request for the RFP information related to the brine disposal. Mr. Nishi clarified that he was interested in knowing how the cost for brine disposal was determined – how did the Agency justify the rates being charged to Culligan and Rayne. Ms. Downey asked about the staff time taken to respond to this request, and Mr. Israel reported it was about 20+ hours.

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Downey introduced her City Councilmember Nancy Selfridge who is very interested in water issues and thanked her for attending the meeting.

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Ms. Garcia asked to report on her participation in two California Special Districts Association one-day courses in their Board Governance program: Board's Role in Human Resources and Board's Role in Finance and Fiscal Accountability. She noted that the courses were very informative and that as a result she was able to evaluate that this agency is in very good health, fiscally and procedurally.

Ms. Garcia also reported that the City of Pacific Grove was able to decrease sewer collection fees charged to residents by 6.5%; instead of a city charge of 185% on the MRWPCA monthly fee of \$12.75, the new rate is now 173%.

Mr. Nishi stated it was good to be back on the PCA Board.

12. ADJOURNMENT

At 9:17 pm with no further business, Chair Stefani adjourned the meeting to the next regularly scheduled Board Meeting to be held in the Board Room at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey, California on Monday, September 26, 2011 at 7:00 pm.



Keith E. Israel, General Manager
Secretary to the Board



Ron Stefani, Chair
MRWPCA Board of Directors