

vote of 3 – 0 by Byrne, Pendergrass and Brower. The committee also suggested that a tour of the Los Padres Dam and other project sites in Carmel Valley be scheduled for the committee, or the full Board.

Public Comment: **Ian Crooks**, California American Water, advised the committee that HDR was well qualified as they also bid on downstream fish passage facilities constructed by Cal-Am.

3. Consider Development of Recommendation to the Board on Items Related to Bureau of Reclamation Watersmart Program

- A. Consider Authorization of Contract for Assistance with Preparation of the Salinas and Carmel River Basins Study
- B. Authorize the General Manager to Enter Into a Grant Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation

On a motion by Pendergrass and second of Byrne, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors: (A) authorize a contract with Brown & Caldwell in the amount of \$45,000 for preparation of the Salinas Carmel River Basin study; and (B) authorize participation in a grant agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation to fund the Salinas and Carmel River Basins Study. No comments were directed to the committee during the public comment period on this item.

4. Consider Recommendation to the Board Regarding a Finance Plan for Utilization of User Fee and Water Supply Charge Funds

Pendergrass offered a motion that was seconded by Byrne to recommend that the Board of Directors adopt the finance plan presented by staff in the bulleted list on page 134 of the committee packet. The motion was approved on a vote of 3 – 0 by Pendergrass, Byrne and Brower.

Public Comment: **George Riley** encouraged the committee to carefully develop a plan to explain the financing proposal to the public.

Discussion Items

5. Discuss Possible District Water Entitlement Ordinance

Stoldt discussed with the committee the concept of a water entitlement ordinance. The issue was deferred to a future meeting. During the public comment period on this item, George Riley advised the committee to move slowly and carefully on development of this concept.

6. Update on Seaside Basin Boundary Modification Application for Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

Stoldt reported that the Water Management District filed for a Seaside Basin Boundary modification. The California State Department of Water Resources responded that the application was incomplete and requested letters of support for the boundary modification from all affected jurisdictions.

- 7. Update on Carmel River Basin (Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer) SGMA Process**
The California State Department of Water Resources has agreed that a groundwater management plan should not be required for the Carmel River Alluvial Aquifer. The Water Management District is awaiting a formal declaration from the state.
- 8. Update on ASR Activities**
Stoldt reported that as of April 7, 2016, 699.18 acre-feet of water has been produced by the Aquifer Storage and Recovery Project in the current injection season.
- 9. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project**
Referred to the next committee meeting.
- 10. Update on California American Water Desalination Project**
Referred to the next committee meeting.
- 11. Update on Alternative Desalination Project**
Referred to the next committee meeting.

Suggestions from the Public on Water Supply Project Alternatives: No Discussion

Set Next Meeting Date: The meeting was scheduled for May 12, 2016 at 9 am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.