

FINAL MINUTES
Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
January 23, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present: Andrew Clarke, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Molly Evans

Committee members absent: None

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

District Counsel present: David C. Laredo

Legislative Consultant: John Arriaga
Laurie Johnson

Comments from the Public: No comments.

Action Items

- 1. Adopt Minutes of October 17, 2017 Committee Meetings**
On a motion by Evans and second of Brower, minutes of the October 17, 2017 committee meeting were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Brower and Clarke.

Discussion Items

- 2. Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking**
Arriaga reviewed the Legislative Report submitted in the staff report on this item. He also submitted a document titled Governor's 2018-19 Proposed Budget and reviewed water-related items. He noted that emergency regulations related to cannabis will be in effect for 12 to 18 months until permanent rules are developed. He would be on the alert for regulations regarding water use for cannabis cultivation. Stoldt advised that District staff is researching greenhouse water use, in order to develop a water use factor for indoor cannabis cultivation within the District boundaries. Arriaga reported that AB1668 and SB606 would establish indoor residential water use at 55 gallons per-day-per-person through 2025; 52.5 gallons per-day-per-person through 2030; and thereafter 50 gallons of water per-day-per-person. ACWA is opposed to both bills. Stoldt distributed a document titled AB 1668/SB 606 Technical/Implementation Issues and Requested Amendments. He explained that the District opposed these bills in 2017 because they established an unfunded mandate that could cost ratepayers \$40 to \$70 per connection. There was consensus among committee members that the District should oppose the mandatory water conservation standards in AB 1668 and SB 606. Stoldt distributed a document titled Legislature Takes a Big Step Forward by Passing SB 5.

The bill established a \$4 billion park and water bond scheduled for the June 2018 ballot. There was consensus among the committee members that the District should support SB 5. Regarding AB 747, Stoldt stated that the District will withhold support for the bill until it is determined if SB 623 will address nitrate issues on a statewide basis. Arriaga reported that the California Water Plan Update should be released in February 2018 and that the Association of California Water Agencies is following it closely. It has been estimated that the cost could be \$10 per month or more for ratepayers.

3. Discuss Support for Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018

Stoldt reported that the District has been asked to support the Water Supply and Water Quality Bond Act of 2018, that would appear on the November 2018 ballot. He distributed a document titled Funds Available to Monterey County. There was consensus among the committee members that the District should support the measure.

4. Report on October 2017 Meetings in Washington DC

Stoldt distributed a letter dated December 7, 2017 signed by he and Paul Sciuto, and also reviewed Exhibit 4-A from the staff report: the schedule of meetings conducted between October 23 and 25, 2017.

5. Discuss Preparation for February 2018 Trip to Washington DC for ACWA Conference

Stoldt advised the committee that the Ferguson Group is working to schedule meetings with elected officials or their representatives for the afternoon of Tuesday, February 27, 2018.

Other Items: Stoldt reported that the new Executive Director of the Department of Water Resources is Karla Nemeth. He also advised the committee that he has been asked to present introductory remarks on the current state of the water system at a moderated session between Public Water Now and California American Water regarding municipalizing the water system. In his remarks, Mr. Stoldt planned to articulate why the District has not prepared a feasibility study on issue.

Set Next Meeting Date: Check on committee members' availability for March 19, 21 or 22.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:21 pm