



EXHIBIT 26-A

FINAL MINUTES

**Legislative Advocacy Committee of the
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

March 22, 2018

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm in the MPWMD conference room.

Committee members present:

Molly Evans, Chair
Robert S. Brower, Sr.
Mary Adams

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, JEA & Associates
Laurie Johnson, JEA & Associates

Comments from the Public:

No comments.

Action Items

1. Adopt Minutes of January 23, 2018 Committee Meetings

On a motion by Brower and second of Adams, minutes of the January 23, 2018 committee meeting were approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Brower, Adams and Evans.

2. Develop Recommendation to the Board on 2018-19 Legislative Advocacy Plan

Brower offered a motion that was seconded by Adams to approve the 2018-19 Legislative Advocacy Plan as presented. The motion was approved on unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Brower, Adams and Evans.

During the public comment period, Dan Turner asked for clarification of the goal “Better articulate CPUC activities to local ratepayer groups.” *General Manager Stoldt stated the goal is to work with ratepayer advocacy groups and citizens in general to keep them apprised of CPUC proceedings that affect local ratepayers. Possibly a CPUC portal could be added to the MPWMD website.*

Discussion Items

3. Report from John Arriaga on Legislative Status and Tracking

Arriaga reviewed Exhibit 3-A, MPWMD Legislative Tract as of March 12, 2018. Some of the water related bills to be followed are: **AB 747** Caballero – that would establish a tax or assessment on nitrogen based fertilizer as a means to address Monterey County water quality issues. Anna Caballero will not move this forward in 2018. The MPWMD supports it, and Exhibit A will be revised to reflect support. **AB1668** Friedman and **SB606** Skinner, were not supported by ACWA. It

is possible that Anna Caballero will propose enacting this as a regional measure, instead of state wide. **SB623** Monning – was not supported by ACWA. Staff has had conversations with the Senator about this proposal. Exhibit 3-A will be amended to remove the “oppose” designation. **AB2050** Caballero – there was consensus by committee members to support AB2050 which would create a small systems water authority to absorb non-compliant water systems.

4. Follow-up Report on February 2018 Meetings in Washington DC

The committee members reported on meetings they attended while in Washington DC for the ACWA DC Conference. During the public comment period on this item, Dan Turner asked if legislators are more attentive to County issues than those of small water districts. *General Manager Stoldt responded that water infrastructure issues may not be a high priority for legislators.*

Other Items: No discussion.

Set Next Meeting Date – No date was set.

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

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