



EXHIBIT 23-B

FINAL MINUTES Water Supply Planning Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District *August 3, 2020*

Call to Order: The WebEx virtual meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

Committee members present: George Riley, Chair
Mary Adams
Molly Evans

Committee members absent: None

District Counsel present David Laredo, DeLay and Laredo

Staff members present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Division Manager
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Div. Mgr.
Arlene Tavani, Executive Assistant

Comments from the Public:

Action Items

- 1. Consider Adoption of July 6, 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**
On a motion by Evans and seconded by Adams, minutes of the July 6, 2020 meeting were approved with one amendment: list the names of committee members present as Riley, Evans and Adams. The motion was approved on a unanimous vote of 3 – 0 by Evans, Adams and Riley.

Discussion Items

- 2. Discussion Water Rights Permits 20808A, B, and C Strategy and Status**
General Manager Stoldt and Jonathan Lear responded to questions from the committee. There were no objections expressed to the strategy for working with the State Water Resources Control Board on licensing water rights Permits 20808A and 20208C and petitioning for an exemption of time to show beneficial use for permit 20208B. Counsel Laredo stated that it was important for the District to show due diligence in working to retain or modify the water rights. The SWRCB could revoke or reduce unutilized water rights. No public comment was presented on this item.
- 3. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project (PWM)**
Stoldt reported that efforts had been focused on commissioning of the well field and

going out to bid for work associated with development of a third deep well. Work was underway at two well sites to identify the optimal site for the new deep well. It was possible that a fourth deep well would be needed in order to achieve maximum production from PWM. Monterey One Water may be able to reopen the State Revolving Loan in order to fund construction of the well(s). The District informed California-American Water (Cal-Am) that the performance start date would be September 1, 2020. Cal-Am must file a Tier 2 letter to advise customers 30 days in advance that a purchase water surcharge would appear on their monthly billing statements. The District must purchase the water from M1Water for \$2,442 per acre-foot and then sell it to California American Water for \$1720 per acre-foot. However, there is a true-up mechanism allowed by the CPUC, that could be implemented in the next fiscal-year. Stoldt stated that the 1,000 acre-feet reserve should be injected by August 31, 2020. No public comment was presented.

4. Update on Carmel River SGMA Discussion with State

Stoldt provided an overview of the issue that was outlined in the staff report. He explained that the District needed the State Water Resources Control Board to reaffirm that surface water in the Carmel Valley Aquifer was not regulated under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and no Groundwater Management Plan is required. No public comment was presented.

5. Update on ASR Project

Jon Lear reported that construction on the water treatment facility continued with installation of internal piping, tanks, chemical injectors, and doors. Cal-Am would complete installation of computer systems within the next two weeks. He estimated that approximately \$15 to \$16 million had been spent on the ASR project.

Information Item

6. Notification of Award – Proposition No. 1 IRWM Implementation Grant

Stoldt referred to the July 7, 2020 letter from the Department of Water Resources stating the District had been awarded a 2.3 million Proposition 1 IRWM Implementation Grant. The grant funds are to be used by the District and the stakeholder entities that comprise the planning region.

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

(a) Report on the potential use of water rights permit No. 21330; (b) Provide clarification on how the proposed bypass pipeline would be utilized; and (c) Status on revisiting the District's arrangement with Monterey One Water regarding the PWM project.

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