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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 5, 2003
TO: Carmel River Advisory Committee
FROM: Larry Hampson, Water Resources Engineer
SUBJECT: Packet for June 12, 2003 Committee Meeting

Enclosed is the meeting packet for the next meeting of the Committee, which will be held on **Thursday, June 12, 2003**, at the **Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Department Community Room**, 8455 Carmel Valley Road in Carmel Valley at **10:00 AM**.

If you have questions or comments, please contact Larry Hampson at the Carmel Valley field office (659-2543) or by e-mail (larry@mpwmd.dst.ca.us).

Enclosure



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Carmel River Advisory Committee Members

Rod Mills, Chair
Susan Rogers, Vice-Chair
John Dalessio
David Dilworth
Thomas D. House, Jr.
Chuck McKay
Richard Rosenthal

Public Comment

Anyone wishing to address the Committee on a matter not listed on the agenda may do so during Public Comment.

DRAFT **AGENDA** **REGULAR MEETING OF THE** **CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE** *********

Thursday, June 12, 2003

10:00 AM
Community Room
Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Department

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. Approve Minutes from the March 13, 2003 Regular Meeting of the Carmel River Advisory Committee**
- 4. CONSIDER ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC FORUM FOR CARMEL RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES**
- 5. DISCUSSION OF RESOURCE PROTECTION IN THE CARMEL RIVER**
- 6. STAFF REPORTS**
- 7. REVIEW VIDEO OF LAGOON FLOODING**
- 8. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**
- 9. ADJOURNMENT**

Staff notes regarding these agenda items will be available for public review on Monday, June 9, 2003 at the District office in Monterey.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
JUNE 12, 2003**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anyone wishing to address the Committee on a matter not listed on the agenda may do so during Public Comment.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR - Minutes from the March 13, 2003 regular meeting (**Exhibit A**) are included in this meeting packet.

ACTION REQUIRED: The Consent Calendar contains routine items that will be approved or accepted upon ratification of the Consent Calendar. A Committee member may request that a Consent Calendar item be considered separately by the Committee.

4. CONSIDER ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC FORUM FOR CARMEL RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

BACKGROUND: The Committee discussed this at the March 13, 2003 meeting and postponed action in order to gather additional information. District staff contacted District Counsel, David Laredo, concerning the potential legal issues of MPWMD hosting such a forum. Mr. Laredo stated that all members of decision-making bodies (e.g., MPWMD Board members and Carmel River Advisory Committee members) can read, but cannot post to such a site, or they will run the risk of participating in a serial meeting. Mr. Laredo also stated it would be necessary to post a disclaimer to remind all that the opinions expressed are not those of MPWMD, and that the District does not warrant or confirm any fact noted in the messages.

Staff contacted Clive Sanders, the current Executive Director for the Carmel River Watershed Council (CRWC), who ran the "talkriver" list serve for the CRWC. Mr. Sanders indicated that the list serve initially had a relatively large group of users, but that it fell into disuse after a few months. A common problem with such groups is the number of cross postings members receive as communications meant for a few members are sent to all members of the list serve.

Staff time would be required to set up and moderate a forum. The amount of time is unknown as it would depend on the number of participants and e-mail traffic generated by the group. Staff time would include screening postings (e.g., for spam and/or inappropriate use of the forum such as for personal gain) and adding and deleting participants as requested. Either the District's server or a commercial server would be required to host such a group.

If the Committee wishes to recommend creation of an electronic form for Carmel River management issues, the Board of Directors will need to review and authorize use of MPWMD staff time and resources to create and maintain such a forum.

ACTION REQUIRED: No action is required. This is a discussion item.

5. DISCUSSION OF RESOURCE PROTECTION IN THE CARMEL RIVER

BACKGROUND: At the Committee's March 13, 2003 meeting, David Dilworth requested that the Committee discuss resource protection in the Carmel River. As part of this discussion, Mr. Dilworth recommended establishing a yardstick by which to measure progress.

Resource protection in the Carmel River involves multiple government and private agencies and organizations and includes policies, laws, programs, and activities. Because resource management is highly complex, staff recommends that the Committee narrow the scope of discussion. In the past, the Committee has focused on such activities as riparian ordinance violations, restoration projects, public outreach efforts, and understanding the effects of the Endangered Species Act on river activities.

ACTION REQUIRED: No action is required. This is a discussion item.

6. STAFF REPORTS - Staff will report on the following:

- A) Riparian planting, irrigation, and vegetation management;
- B) MPWMD's application to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Regional General Permit for maintenance and restoration projects in the Carmel River.
- C) Proposals for grant funding

7. REVIEW OF LAGOON VIDEO

Staff will show a 10-minute video taken in January 2001 when lagoon levels rose and flooded nearby homes.

8. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS - Committee members should bring up any new business at this time to determine whether it should be included on a future meeting's agenda.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
March 13, 2003, 10:00 A.M. Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Susan Rogers, Rod Mills, Chuck McKay, David Dilworth
MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom House, John Dalessio, Richard Rosenthal
PUBLIC PRESENT: Clive Sanders (representing Carmel River Watershed Council and Carmel River Steelhead Association)
STAFF PRESENT: Andy Bell, Thomas Christensen, Larry Hampson

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Sanders stated that there is little recognition within the community of why MPWMD was formed and what its role is in managing the Carmel River. He cited significant expenditures and activities under the District’s Mitigation Program as an example. He requested that the Committee recommend to the Board that MPWMD, the Carmel River Watershed Council, and the Carmel River Steelhead Association work together to pursue grant funding and completion of wetlands restoration around the Carmel River lagoon.

Mr. Dilworth suggested that protecting the resources of the Carmel River should be a regular item on the agendas of the Committee and of the MPWMD Board of Directors.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – Motion to approve by Rogers, seconded by Dilworth with the following change:

“David Dilworth passed out an article from a United Nations committee ~~concerning~~ *recognizing* water as a social good.” [Deletion in strikeout, additional text in italics.]

Approval was unanimous.

4. REPORT BY CLIVE SANDERS, CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL

Mr. Sanders re-iterated his suggestion made during Public Comment that the District join with the Carmel River Watershed Council as part of a consortium to address watershed issues. Mr. Sanders volunteered to provide staff with a PowerPoint presentation on watershed issues. Motion by Dilworth, seconded by Rogers, for Mills and McKay to draft a letter to the MPWMD Board of Directors requesting that MPWMD take a stronger role in bringing together public agencies and the public to deliberate on Carmel River issues.

Approval was unanimous.

5. CONSIDER ESTABLISHING AN ELECTRONIC FORUM FOR CARMEL RIVER MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Mr. Dilworth gave a description of what he envisioned for an electronic forum on Carmel River management issues. Staff summarized its concerns regarding the difficulties of meeting requirements of the Brown Act, if an electronic forum were established, and the impacts on staff resources to maintain such a forum. Mr. Dilworth stated he would provide to the Committee an article from the First Amendment Coalition on teleconferencing and the Brown Act. Staff stated they would contact the District's General Counsel regarding Brown Act concerns.

6. CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE MPWMD BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAVE REGULAR PRESENTATIONS ON THE CARMEL RIVER ECOSYSTEM AT BOARD MEETINGS

Mr. Dilworth gave a description of his proposal for recommending that the Board of Directors receive presentations on the Carmel River ecosystem at regular Board meetings. Motion by Dilworth, seconded by McKay, that the Board of Directors should receive regular five- to ten-minute presentations about the Carmel River ecosystem at Board meetings.

[Note: This topic is to be discussed at a Board of Directors Chair/Vice Chair meeting to determine how and when to present the issue to the full Board.]

7. STAFF REPORTS – Staff updated the Committee on seedling installation, negotiations with the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club for planting, and installation of a rock barrier at the Red Rock Restoration Project to discourage off-road vehicles from driving over riparian plantings, and installation of large wood and rocks at the deDampierre Restoration Project.

8. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS – The following topics were suggested for future meetings: (a) receive an update on the Habitat Conservation Plan for Carmel Valley alluvial aquifer pumpers; (b) review Carmel River lagoon management (possible field trip to the lagoon); and (c) consider protection of the resources of the Carmel River.

9. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.