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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 30, 2006
TO: Carmel River Advisory Committee
FROM: Larry Hampson, Water Resources Engineer
SUBJECT: Packet for February 2, 2006 Committee Meeting

Enclosed is the meeting packet for the next meeting of the Committee, which will be held on:

**Thursday, February 2, 2006, at the Community Room at the Mid-Carmel
Valley Fire Station starting 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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Clive Sanders
Marjorie Ingram Viales

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, February 2, 2006, 10:00 AM
Community Room Mid-Carmel Fire Department**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL
2. PUBLIC COMMENT
3. CONSENT CALENDAR – Draft minutes for the November 17, 2005 Regular Meeting will be made available for review at a future meeting.
4. REVIEW CHARGE TO THE CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
5. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED ACTIVITIES – BY CLIVE SANDERS AND MONICA HUNTER
6. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON SAN CLEMENTE DAM SEISMIC SAFETY PROJECT
7. DISCUSSION OF BARRIER BEACH MANAGEMENT AT THE CARMEL RIVER LAGOON
8. REVIEW PROCESS FOR PRIORITIZATION AND FUNDING FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS
9. STAFF REPORTS
 - a. INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING
10. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS
11. ADJOURNMENT

Staff notes regarding these agenda items will be available for public review on Monday, January 30, 2006 at the District office in Monterey.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 2, 2006**

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 – Draft minutes from the November 17, 2005 Regular Meeting will be made available for review at a future meeting.

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. REVIEW CHARGE TO THE CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

BACKGROUND: At their December 12, 2005 meeting, the Board of Directors reviewed the Committee’s Mission Statement and unanimously approved (7-0 vote) the “Charge to the Carmel River Advisory Committee, *as adopted by the Board of Directors on December 12, 2005,*” which is attached as **Exhibit A**. This document revises the Mission Statement for the Committee, which was adopted by the Board on February 23, 1995.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee should review the Charge.

ACTION REQUIRED: No action is required.

**5. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED ACTIVITIES --
BY CLIVE SANDERS AND MONICA HUNTER**

BACKGROUND: This is a regular agenda item. Clive Sanders, Administrator for the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC), will update the Committee about CRWC activities. Monica Hunter, representing the Planning and Conservation League, will update the Committee on studies concerning the removal of San Clemente Dam.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is required. This is a discussion item.

**6. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON SAN CLEMENTE DAM SEISMIC SAFETY
PROJECT**

BACKGROUND: MPWMD received a copy of the “Revised Preliminary Draft Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement for the San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project.” This document and supporting documents includes more than 1,000 pages. Due to the length of

these documents and other current MPWMD projects, not all of MPWMD staff have yet reviewed these. MPWMD plans to comment on the project when the Draft EIR/S is circulated for public review.

At the Committee meeting, staff will give a brief summary of the proposed alternatives.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is required. This is a discussion item.

7. DISCUSSION OF BARRIER BEACH MANAGEMENT AT THE CARMEL RIVER LAGOON

BACKGROUND: MPWMD is one of several agencies on a Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) set up to develop short-term and long-term plans to protect Scenic Road along Stewart's Cove and to manage the barrier beach and lagoon at the mouth of the Carmel River. Regular meetings of the TAC have been held since fall 2005 and the group has developed a preliminary scope of work to complete a management plan for the area. At the Committee meeting, staff will summarize efforts to date.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is required. This is a discussion item.

8. REVIEW PROCESS FOR PRIORITIZATION AND FUNDING FOR RESTORATION PROJECTS

BACKGROUND: At the August 4, 2005 meeting, the Committee requested that this item be placed on the agenda. The item was placed on the November 17, 2005 Regular Meeting agenda, but was discussed and was continued to a future meeting.

The Committee periodically reviews restoration project priorities and makes recommendations to staff concerning those priorities. Guidelines used in the past by MPWMD staff and the Committee for setting priorities include the following:

- Areas with active bank erosion and degradation of riparian resources. Active bank erosion is characterized as bank loss during "average" years.
- Maintenance of previously completed MPWMD-sponsored projects.
- Proposed projects where MPWMD has obtained project access agreements.
- Proposed projects where MPWMD has received a commitment from property owners to fund a portion of the costs.
- Areas shown to be unstable or susceptible to erosion at high flows.

For major streambank restoration projects, staff normally assesses the condition of the river in late spring, after the potential for high flows subsides, and assembles a list of potential projects for the Committee to review. Often, the full Committee or a sub-committee appointed by the Committee will visit sites proposed for restoration. The last field tour of potential restoration sites by the Committee was in early 2001. In addition to field reviews, the Committee has reviewed the portion

of the Mitigation Program budget describing Carmel River activities. The most recent review took place in October 2003 and focused on the 2003-2004 budget.

After 1993, when the Committee ceased having budgetary responsibilities, the Committee has not made recommendations about how to fund projects. But, the Committee has made recommendations about which projects should receive a high priority.

Please refer to **Exhibit C** in the November 17, 2005 Committee packet for portions of the 2005-2006 Mitigation Program budget associated with management of streamside vegetation and implementation of streambank restoration.

RECOMMENDATION: No action is required. This is a discussion item.

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

A) Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (Hampson)

10. 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.

11. ADJOURNMENT

CHARGE TO THE CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

As adopted by the Board of Directors on December 12, 2005

1. Primary Function

The Carmel River Advisory Committee provides recommendations to the District Board of Directors with regard to management of the Carmel River, and its riparian corridor and to any matter referred to the committee. (Rule 120.A MPWD Rules and Regulations)

2. Process

The Carmel River Advisory Committee meets as needed to review and provide guidance related to management of the Carmel River and its riparian corridor. The Carmel River Advisory Committee meets the definition of a “legislative body” as defined by the Brown Act; therefore, all meetings shall be noticed and open to the public in compliance with the Brown Act.

3. Composition and Structure

a. The Carmel River Advisory Committee shall be comprised of seven (7) members. Each Director of the District shall appoint one member to this advisory committee. Appointed committee members shall serve a term of two (2) years, which term shall expire on June 30, or on the date the appointing Director vacates office as a member of the MPWMD board of Directors, whichever shall first occur. A vacancy shall be created by resignation or in the event a committee member fails to attend three (3) consecutive regular meetings without good cause as determined by the Board of Directors. Nomination to fill any vacancy or to reappoint any committee member shall be made by the Director’s seat which exercised the original appointment to that position. At the first meeting held in each fiscal year, the committee shall elect a chairperson and vice-chairperson to preside at committee meetings. The committee may adopt rules governing the conduct of its meetings. (Rule 120.B.1 MPWMD Rules and Regulations.)

b. Committee members shall be required to reside within the boundaries of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District and shall be knowledgeable about issues relating to the Carmel River. Carmel Valley residents shall be given priority in the selection of committee members. Any committee members currently sitting in a position on the committee shall be allowed to complete their term of duty, regardless of their place of residence. (Rule 120.B.3 MPWMD Rules and Regulations.)

c. A quorum of four (4) Carmel River Advisory Committee members shall be required for an official meeting to be conducted. Action may be taken by majority vote of those Carmel River Advisory Committee members present.

d. The General Manager or other designated staff member(s) shall provide support as appropriate.

4. Responsibilities of the Committee

a. Review the portion of the Five-Year Mitigation Program plans, activities, and budgets related to erosion protection, channel restoration, and protection and enhancement of the riparian corridor along the Carmel River. Make recommendations regarding priorities, suitability, and scheduling of these activities.

- b. Review the effectiveness of the District's streambank restoration program, and make recommendations.
- c. Examine the practical difficulties of implementing erosion protection and riparian corridor restoration projects, and make recommendations to streamline the project development process and to encourage property owners to participate in streambank restoration.
- d. Assist staff in gaining the cooperation of riverfront property owners for carrying out District erosion protection and riparian corridor restoration projects.
- e. Assist staff in public education related to matters for which the Committee has advisory oversight.
- f. Participate in review of Carmel River activities associated with the District's Integrated Regional Water Management Plan.
- g. Advise the Board of Directors as to any matter referred to the Committee by the Board.