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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 6, 2008
TO: Carmel River Advisory Committee
FROM: Larry Hampson, Water Resources Engineer
SUBJECT: Packet for June 12, 2008 Committee Meeting

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

**Thursday, June 12, 2008
10:00 A.M.
Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room**

You may also download the meeting packet from the following website:

<http://www.mpwmd.dst.ca.us/programs/river/crac/cracinfo.htm>

For directions, contact Larry Hampson at the Carmel Valley field office at 659-2543 or by e-mail (larry@mpwmd.dst.ca.us).

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John Dalessio, Chair
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Vincent Frumkin
Thomas D. House, Jr.
Susan Rogers
Richard H. Rosenthal
Clive Sanders

Public Comment

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

DRAFT **AGENDA** **CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Thursday June 12, 2008
10:00 A.M. at

Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 3. CONSENT CALENDAR**
A. Approve Minutes from the March 6, 2008 Regular Meeting and April 24, 2008 Special Workshop of the Carmel River Advisory Committee Meeting.
- 4. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED ACTIVITIES – Clive Sanders**
- 5. STAFF REPORTS**
 - a. INTEGRATED REGIONAL WATER MANAGEMENT PLANNING**
 - b. CARMEL RIVER RIPARIAN CORRIDOR IRRIGATION**
 - c. UPDATE ON SAN CLEMENTE DAM SEISMIC SAFETY PROJECT**
 - d. RESULTS OF 2007 CARMEL RIVER CHANNEL SURVEY**
- 6. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

Staff notes regarding these agenda items will be available for public review on Monday, June 9, 2008 at the District office in Monterey.

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

June 12, 2008

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

A. Minutes from the March 6, 2008 Regular Meeting of the Carmel River Advisory Committee Regular Meeting are attached as **Exhibit A**. Minutes from the April 24, 2008 Special Workshop of the Carmel River Advisory Committee Regular Meeting are attached as **Exhibit B**.

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. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED ACTIVITIES

This is a regular agenda item. Clive Sanders, Administrator for the Carmel River Watershed Conservancy (CRWC), will update the Committee about CRWC activities.

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

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

- a) Integrated Regional Water Management Planning (Hampson)
- b) Carmel River riparian corridor irrigation (Christensen)
- c) Update on San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project (Hampson)
- d) Results of 2007 Carmel River channel survey (Hampson)

6. 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.

7. ADJOURNMENT

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Exhibit A

**MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M. Regular Meeting at
Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room
March 6, 2008**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Dalessio, Vince Frumkin, Larry Levine, Susan Rogers, Richard H. Rosenthal, Clive Sanders

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom House

PUBLIC PRESENT: Darby Worth, Margaret Robbins, March Ingram, George Riley (representing Citizens for Public Water)

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Bell, Thomas Christensen, Larry Hampson

1.a. Introduction of Committee Member Vincent Frumkin – John Dalessio introduced Mr. Frumkin, who said he lived on Selfridge Road (off Scarlett Road), grew up in Carmel Valley and was familiar with the Carmel River.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – George Riley provided a one-page brochure describing Citizen’s for Public Water (CPW), which was organized in support of Measure W (placed on the ballot in November 2005 to consider paying for a study of the cost and process for publicly acquiring the California American Water system that supplies water to a majority of users on the Monterey Peninsula and in Carmel Valley). Mr. Riley briefly described some of the meetings being held around the region to discuss water issues, including meetings sponsored by the Regional Plenary Oversight Group (investigating regional urban water supply solutions), the State Water Resources Control Board (concerning a proposed Draft Cease and Desist Order against California American Water for water extraction from Carmel Valley), and California American Water (rate change information). Mr. Riley stated that the critical issue for water supply is to fast track a solution and that construction of a desalination plant would be the quickest solution.

Darby Worth said she had started a group similar to CPW called Sustainable Carmel Valley, which is centered at mid-Carmel Valley but includes representatives from the entire Carmel Valley. CPW showed a film entitled “Thirst” at Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula on March 28, 2008.

Richard Rosenthal announced that the Monterey College of Law was to present a symposium and workshop on the California Environmental Quality Act on April 5, 2008. The event was to be sponsored by the Planning and Conservation League Foundation.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR – **Larry Levine made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 6, 2007 Regular Meeting. Clive Sanders seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.**

4. UPDATE AND DISCUSSION ON CARMEL RIVER WATERSHED CONSERVANCY (CRWC) ACTIVITIES - Sanders reported on a presentation sponsored by CRWC on February 28,

2008 by Paula Landis (Department of Water Resources) and Trish Chapman (California Coastal Conservancy) concerning the San Clemente Dam Seismic Safety Project and the status of the Reroute Option. Mr. Sanders also described efforts to secure funding to move forward with studies for a long term management plan of the Carmel River lagoon. CRWC would like to fund a portion of the studies and is looking for partners. Mr. Sanders said he had attended meetings of the REPOG concerning water supply solutions and said he believes there is a potential for California American Water (CAW) to cease all diversions from the Carmel River. Andy Bell noted that there are several pumpers in Carmel Valley in addition to CAW.

Mr. Dalessio asked if the Committee should be represented at REPOG meetings.

Andy Bell described the format of REPOG and said anyone can go to the meetings. Mr. Bell offered to send contact information for REPOG to the CRAC members. In response to a question from an unidentified committee member concerning a back-up supply system to desalination, Mr. Bell responded that it would be possible to retain the existing CAW well system in Carmel Valley.

5. DISCUSS RANCHO CAÑADA VILLAGE SPECIFIC PLAN DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – Larry Levine described that representatives of Community Services Area (CSA) 50 met with Balance Hydrologics (a hydraulic and hydrologic consulting firm) and Tom Moss, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency floodplain manager in Carmel Valley, to discuss potential effects of the project on flooding at the west end of the property. Mr. Levine said that there would be a new levee to protect downstream properties.

Mr. Dalessio stated that the Draft Environmental Impact Report does not comply with the Carmel Valley Master Plan. He said that the project does not account properly for increased runoff.

Larry Hampson stated that MPWMD staff had concerns about potential impacts to bank stability and loss of riparian habitat from several new storm drain outfalls proposed along the Carmel River.

Committee members asked for an update on the project at the next committee meeting. [Note: subsequently, in early April 2008, Alan Williams, the project proponent representative, announced that the Draft EIR would be rewritten and recirculated in order to address several issues.]

6. PRESENTATION ON SAN CLEMENTE DAM SEISMIC SAFETY PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT/ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT – Larry Hampson gave a short presentation on the proposed Reroute Option to remove San Clemente Dam, route the main stem through San Clemente Creek, and stabilize the existing main stem reservoir sediments in place.

7. REPORT ON REGIONAL DESALINATION PROJECTS – Mr. Bell gave an oral report on regional desalination. There were no comments by the Committee under this item.

8. STAFF REPORTS – Mr. Bell noted that REPOG had been started by the Division of Ratepayer Advocates (DRA). [Note from the DRA home page: “The ... DRA of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) is mandated by state law to represent and advocate on behalf of public utility customers to obtain the lowest possible rates consistent with reliable and safe service levels.”]. Other staff reports were carried over to the next meeting.

9. ITEMS TO BE PLACED ON FUTURE AGENDAS

Committee members requested that the following items be placed on a future agenda:

- a. Update on regional desalination projects and REPOG proposals.
- b. Presentation on scour along the Carmel River

10. ADJOURNMENT – the meeting was adjourned at 12:44 p.m.

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MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
CARMEL RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10:00 A.M. Special Workshop at
Mid-Carmel Valley Fire Station Community Room
April 24, 2008

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: John Dalessio, Vince Frumkin, Tom House, Larry Levine, Susan Rogers, Richard H. Rosenthal, Clive Sanders

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

PUBLIC PRESENT: Margaret Robbins, Lori Suiss, Jeff Cornell (Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club)

STAFF PRESENT: Andy Bell, Thomas Christensen, Larry Hampson

2. PUBLIC COMMENT – there were no comments under this item.

3. PRESENTATION BY TOM MOSS, MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY – FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE STUDY – Tom Moss provided several handouts concerning the Federal Emergency Management Agency flood map modernization for Carmel Valley including information on the vertical datum change, a listing of proposed flood elevation changes and locations in Carmel Valley, and information on the adoption process for new maps.

Mr. Moss noted that FEMA has changed the description of flood areas to show only two areas, Zone AE (formerly A1-A30, which were areas within the 100-year flood zone with identified flood elevations) and Zone X (formerly Zone B, which was an area of shallow flooding, and Zone C, which was an area of minimal flooding). The computer simulation model used to revise predicted flood elevations includes 360 cross-sections of the river based on orthometric imagery and LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) topography at two-foot elevation contours. Mr. Moss noted that projected 100-year return flood flows are significantly less than the previous study (adopted in 1984) had used.

The appeals period for the Draft study ends June 19, 2008.

4. ADJOURNMENT

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