

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster
September 13, 2006

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rubio called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Seaside Community Center at Soper Field, 220 Coe Avenue, Seaside.

Board members present:

City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio, Chairman
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Bob Costa, Vice Chairman
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District – Director Michelle Knight, Secretary
City of Monterey – Mayor Dan Albert, Treasurer
City of Sand City – Mayor David Pendergrass
California American Water Co. – Charlie Kemp, then Steve Leonard (2:08 p.m.)
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Joseph Russell
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Curtis Weeks (alternate for Jerry Smith, District 4 Supervisor)
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Paul Bruno

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 5, 2006 AND AUGUST 2, 2006

Moved by Director Weeks, seconded by Mayor Pendergrass, and unanimously carried, to approve the July 5 and August 2, 2006 Watermaster meeting minutes. Chairman Rubio requested that Board members please speak clearly into the microphones for accurate recording of the minutes.

III. REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

IV. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

John Fischer, Pacific Grove, expressed support of the request for Directors to please speak into the microphones.

Mayor Pendergrass requested that the MRWPCA give a presentation and update the Board as to the status of groundwater replenishment stating that there is much emphasis on this topic in the adjudication lawsuit. Director Weeks stated that he would contact Keith Israel and would assist with the presentation. Presentation date is to be determined. Chairman Rubio requested that a copy of any correspondence be sent to Administrator Evans.

Chairman Rubio requested that a routine item be added to the agenda for requests for director comments and agenda item input.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

There were no items for consideration.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

No current report.

AD HOC RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

No current report.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Board received and reviewed the submitted signed copy of the scope of services from Mr. Martin Feeney (in attendance). The submitted contract states that if the modeling team does not come to a consensus on which model to use, Mr. Feeney will recommend one in the final report. Due to the specialization of the services to be provided, the contract is sole source. Upon a motion by Mayor Pendergrass, seconded by Director Bruno, and unanimously carried, the Board approved the contract with Mr. Feeney to facilitate an agreement on the groundwater model for an estimated cost not to exceed \$13,600.

There were no comments from the public.

The Board received and reviewed the submitted Monitoring and Management Program with highlighted revisions. Moved by Director McKnight, seconded by Director Costa, and unanimously carried, to approve the revised language in the Seaside Basin Monitoring and Management Program, to be submitted to Judge Randall for final approval.

There were no comments from the public.

Diana Ingersoll submitted to the Board the draft RFP for consulting services for the Seaside Basin Monitoring and Management Program and a list of potential consultants to be sent the RFP. Moved by Director Leonard, seconded by Mayor Albert, and unanimously carried, to approve a two-part RFP soliciting two proposals from bidders, one for Program Manager and the other for Implementation Services, with the stipulation that the Board has the discretion to award the two-part contract to more than one bidder.

There were no comments from the public on this matter.

The Administrator, by way of e-mail, solicited Technical Committee representatives from each entity. Many have not responded and are asked to do so in writing.

VII. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

To be reviewed under New Business.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Adopt Administrative (Calendar) Year Budgets

Mr. Evans reviewed the submitted Proposed Administrative Budget covering the remainder of calendar year 2006. A motion was made by Mayor Russell, seconded by Director Leonard, and carried, to approve the Administrative Budget for the remainder of calendar year 2006 as submitted. The landowner representatives abstained from voting.

There were no comments from the public on this matter.

Mr. Evans reviewed the submitted Proposed Planning and Monitoring Operational Budget for the remainder of the 2006 calendar year. Director McKnight requested that the listed Professional Services and Computer Software and Supplies be detailed as much as possible, including groundwater model facilitator services under Professional Services, and any estimates of monitoring software and systems as noted in the Seaside Basin Monitoring and Management Program under Computer Software and Supplies. Moved by Director McKnight, seconded by Director Weeks, and unanimously carried, to approve the Planning and Monitoring Operational Budget for the remainder of the 2006 calendar year, with the addition of estimated line items for Professional Services and Computer Software and Supplies.

There were no comments from the public on this matter.

Mr. Evans reviewed the submitted Proposed Capital Replenishment Budget for the remainder of calendar year 2006. Mr. James Heisinger, Attorney, stated his interpretation of the judgment to be that no Capital Replenishment Budget needs to be established for calendar year 2006. Moved by Director Leonard, seconded by Director McKnight, and unanimously carried, to continue the matter until budget preparation for administrative year 2007, after the per-acre replenishment formula is determined.

2. Authorize Payment of Bills

The Board received and reviewed the submitted Request for Payment of administrative expenses. Administrator Evans informed the Board that itemized bills will appear under the Consent Calendar each meeting for Board review and approval. Moved by Director Leonard, seconded by Director Costa, and unanimously carried to approve the Request for Payment.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE – OCTOBER 4, 2006, 1:30 P.M., SOPER FIELD, SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA.

X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Rubio adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.