

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster
January 17, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rubio called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. in the Seaside Community Center at Soper Field, 220 Coe Avenue, Seaside.

II. ROLL CALL

City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio, Chairman
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Bob Costa, Vice Chairman
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District – Judi Lehman, (Alternate)
City of Monterey – Vice Mayor Jeff Haferman
City of Sand City – Mayor David Pendergrass
California American Water Co. – Steve Leonard
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Joseph Russell
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Jerry Smith, District 4 Supervisor
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Paul Bruno

Absent: None

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF December 6, 2006 Regular Meeting

There were no questions or comments from the Board.

Moved by Mayor Pendergrass, seconded by Mayor Russell, and carried, to approve the Watermaster December 6, 2006 Regular Meeting minutes, with Director’s Haferman and Bruno both abstaining from voting due to non attendance.

IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA

Chair Rubio requested that item IX Informational Reports be taken out of order and moved after item VI Consent Calendar. The summary oral report on the petition filed with the Superior Court is information pertinent to board discussion relating to other agenda items. The board concurred with the requested change to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no questions or comments from the public.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

Contract Compensation—CEO	\$4,650.00
Reimbursable—General	1,612.74

**Moved by Director Costa, seconded by Director Bruno, and
unanimously carried to approve the payment of bills.**

VII. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Attorney Don Freeman, representing the City of Seaside, orally reviewed the submitted written Summary of Seaside Basin Groundwater Adjudication Post-judgment Hearing on January 12, 2007.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS

AD HOC ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

No current report.

AD HOC RULES AND REGULATIONS COMMITTEE

No current report.

COMBINED TECHNICAL and BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEES

Management and Implementation of the Basin Monitoring and Management Program (BMMP)

Prior to the discussion and recommendation on award of contracts for providing consulting services for managing and implementing the BMMP as per the agenda, Director Leonard submitted a *Summary of Proposal to Refine Scope of Work Regarding Basin Monitoring Wells*. Per Director Leonard, the aim of the submitted proposal is to expedite the installation of sentinel wells, the most time-sensitive element of the BMMP as was identified at the post-judgment hearing.

Attorney Robinson supported the submitted proposal and requested the court be furnished additionally with information as to why northern wells will most likely be used for monitoring for saltwater intrusion, as well as subsequent monitoring data to substantiate that monitoring is providing information on the condition of the basin to the court's satisfaction.

The Board requested that the Technical Committee:

- 1) Provide a recommendation as to the approach to be taken in consideration of the proposal submitted by Director Leonard on order to gain Watermaster approval for new well sites by June 11, 2007;
- 2) Review the two proposed contracts submitted by MPWMD/MCWRA and RBF Consulting for managing and implementing the BMMP to see how they tie in with Director Leonard's proposed refined scope of work;

- 3) Together with CEO Evans, obtain input from Mr. Martin Feeney to perform the work outlined in the refined scope of work and report the cost of these services at a later meeting; and
- 4) Submit any necessary alternatives to accomplish the tasks set out by the Court at the hearing of January 12, 2007.

Moved by Director Bruno, seconded by Mayor Russell, and unanimously carried to authorize Watermaster to retain a team of technical experts to refine scope of work, to determine location of wells, and to identify permitting requirements and actual construction costs for new basin monitoring wells. Team members could include Martin Feeney, Joe Oliver, and others from trial experts. Approach would be similar to what was done with groundwater model.

Further,

Authorize Watermaster to enter into an agreement with Martin Feeney to perform work outlined in the Summary of Proposal to Refine Scope of Work Regarding Basin Monitoring Wells, Section III, with costs to be brought back to the Board at a later time for authorization to expend funds. All other participants appointed to participate with Feeney to provide input to the report shall not be reimbursed by Watermaster and shall be paid solely by the respective parties that they represent.

The Board scheduled a special meeting for Wednesday, January 31, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. to hear and consider acting on the Technical Committee recommendations.

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Per Attorney Freeman's interpretation, at the January 12, 2007 hearing the court felt it prudent for the Watermaster Board to authorize payment of expenses for the HydroFocus firm representative who attended the groundwater modeling meeting on behalf of the Laguna Seca Subarea Landowners. Chair Rubio requested that CEO Evans present Board policy on payment of expenses for contracted services at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Moved by Director Smith, seconded by Director Leonard, and unanimously carried, to approve a budget increase and expenditure of \$2,370 to reimburse HydroFocus for participating in the consulting group developing the groundwater flow model for the Seaside Basin.

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

CEO Evans orally reviewed the submitted Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Reports and Year-to-date Fiscal Year 2007 Financial Report. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Moved by Mayor Russell, seconded by Director Smith, and unanimously carried, to accept the Fiscal Year 2006 Financial Reports and the Year-to-date Fiscal Year 2007 Financial Report.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

CEO Evans reviewed orally his submitted memo regarding the summary of monthly paid requests for payment and recommendation on approval of future requests for payment. The budget committee concurred with the CEO's proposal; the Technical Committee Chair was absent. The Board concurred to not require a threshold payment limit on the CEO/Technical Committee chair payment authorization.

Moved by Director Smith, seconded by Director Lehman, and unanimously carried, to authorize the CEO to approve payments to vendors for goods and services included within, and to the limits of, Board-approved contracted services, with additional Technical Committee chair approval of payments for technical services.

X. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Covered under item V. above.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

There were no reports from directors.

**XII. NEXT SPECIAL MEETING DATE – January 31, 2007, 1:30 P.M.,
LOCATION TO BE DETERMINED.
NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE – FEBRUARY 7, 2007, 1:30 P.M.,
SOPER FIELD, SEASIDE, CALIFORNIA.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Rubio adjourned the meeting at 4:02 p.m.