

REGULAR MEETING
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster
May 2, 2007

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Rubio called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. in the Soper Community Center at Soper Field, 220 Coe Avenue, Seaside.

II. ROLL CALL

City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio, Chairman
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Bob Costa, Vice Chairman
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District – Director Michelle Knight, Secretary
City of Monterey – (Alternate) Director Les Turnbeaugh
City of Sand City – Mayor David Pendergrass
California American Water – Director Steve Leonard
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Joseph Russell
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – (Alternate) Supervisor Dave Potter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Director Leonard, seconded by Director Knight, and unanimously carried, to approve the Watermaster Regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2007.

IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

There were no questions or comments from the public.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Contract Compensation—CEO	\$7,575.00
Reimbursable—General	2,142.43
B. Current Year Financial Reports – Through March 31, 2007	

Moved by Director Turnbeaugh, seconded by Director Leonard, and unanimously carried, to approve the payment of bills and the current fiscal year financial reports.

VII. ORAL PRESENTATION

Mr. Martin Feeney presented orally to the Board an update on installation of Basin Monitoring and Management Program (“BMMP”) sentinel monitoring wells. A native plant endangered

species survey was necessary in order to satisfy requirements in obtaining a Right of Entry permit from the State Parks Department. The Coastal Commission has indicated that it will grant a de minimis waiver at its June 12, 2007 hearing. An application will then be made to Monterey County for ministerial permits that require CEQA certification and a check-off from the Coastal Commission. It is anticipated that drilling at well sites will commence in July 2007, two months later than originally estimated. The logistics are in place to begin drilling upon permit approval. Since the well sites are on State Park property, California State Parks, with Ken Gray as point person, stepped up as lead agency for the project. Director Leonard requested that the Court be notified regarding permitting delays due to the effect of recent rainy weather on endangered species in the program area resulting in the need for a species survey.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE – No current report.

2. BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE

A) Adopt revised Fiscal Year 2007 Budgets

1. Administrative Fund Budget
2. Monitoring and Management – Operations Fund Budget
3. Monitoring and Management – Capital Fund Budget
4. Replenishment Fund Budget

Moved by Director Turnbeaugh, seconded by Director Costa, and unanimously carried, to adopt the revised Fiscal Year 2007 budgets: Administrative Fund, Monitoring and Management – Operations Fund, Monitoring and Management – Capital Fund, and Replenishment Fund.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion on adding the Pledge of Allegiance to the Watermaster agenda

The Board concurred that if a flag is present at locations when and where Watermaster Board meetings are conducted, then the Pledge of Allegiance will be performed.

X. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

A. Timeline schedule of Milestone Dates (Critical date monitoring)

Mr. Joe Oliver, Senior Hydrologist, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, pointed out to the Board that the “Timelines” section of the schedule is approximately two months behind actual expected timeframes due to the letting of contracts associated with the BMMP implementation having just been completed. Mr. Oliver will work with the Watermaster Technical

Advisory Committee, the Watermaster CEO, and RBF Consulting to provide updated timeframes for BMMP tasks.

XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

There were no reports from directors.

XII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER STATEMENTS

CEO Evans reported that consultant contracts for BMMP implementation have been distributed for signature and staff is awaiting return of the executed contracts.

Recruitment for the position of Technical Project Manager ("TPM") is underway. The TAC subcommittee established previously (Oliver, Bunosky, Turnbeaugh) will meet to revise the TPM job description and submit for legal review. Recruitment notices will be sent out to pertinent agencies and individuals. It is anticipated that a candidate will be recommended at the June 6 Board meeting.

The website is live and can be accessed at seasidebasinwatermaster.org. Most of the agendas and minutes from previous Watermaster Board meetings have been posted to the site, and other documents are scheduled to be posted in the near future.

Producers listed in the Court adjudication are required to report to the Watermaster CEO quarterly production amounts drawn from the Seaside groundwater basin. Requests have been made by the CEO of all producers to supply that information and many have not reported. Staff will be following up with producers that have not reported for quarter ending April 2007 and any previous quarters.

The City of Seaside Finance Department will be contacted soon to reconcile Watermaster financial transaction records with that of the City of Seaside that administers Watermaster financial cash handling records.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE – JUNE 6, 2007, SOPER FIELD COMMUNITY CENTER, 1:30 P.M.

XIV. There being no further business, Chairman Rubio adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.