

**REGULAR MEETING**  
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster  
*June 6, 2007*

**MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Alternate Vice Chairman Gary Cursio called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. in the Soper Community Center at Soper Field, 220 Coe Avenue, Seaside.

**II. ROLL CALL**

City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio, Chairman (arrived 2:20 p.m. due to emergency LAFCO meeting attendance earlier)

Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – (Alternate) Director Gary Cursio for 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) Curtis Weeks for Jerry Smith, District 4 Supervisor

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Director Leonard, seconded by Director Turnbeaugh, and unanimously carried, to approve the Watermaster Regular meeting minutes of May 2, 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**

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| A. Contract Compensation—CEO                             | \$7,012.50 |
| Reimbursable—General                                     | 3,053.34   |
| B. Current Year Financial Reports – Through May 31, 2007 |            |

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

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **1. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE**

Ms. Sarah Hardgrave, RBF Consulting, Inc., provided the Board a printed scope of work schedule with noted critical dates and also a printout of a Powerpoint presentation prepared by Mr. Joe Oliver, MPWMD. Ms. Hardgrave reviewed the issues discussed at the May 23, 2007, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) meeting relating to scope of work and work status of the Basin Monitoring and Management Program and the status of the database development tasks. (The minutes of that TAC meeting were submitted to the Board for review in the agenda packet for today's meeting.) Director Weeks clarified that MCWRA is the agency contracted with the Watermaster to oversee consultant development of the BMMP saltwater intrusion maps. Ms. Hardgrave stated that RBF and the Watermaster CEO would determine the form of the well questionnaire to be distributed to well owners and establish the owner representative to be contacted. Director Weeks pointed out that some well information is proprietary by state law and would need to come directly from well owners. Ms. Hardgrave stated that security protocol would be established that isolate proprietary information to the keeper of the database. Director Leonard pointed out that there are few, if any, wells producing greater than 5 acre-feet of water per year that are outside of the litigants of the adjudication so the issue is mute. Ms. Hardgrave stated that questionnaire development status is informational only and requires no action by the Board at this point.

Mr. Joe Oliver referred the Board to the diagram on the second page of the handout entitled Conceptual Architecture for Seaside Basin Watermaster Groundwater Resource Database. He stated that the number of existing wells listed would increase as the BMMP progresses to include current producers' well data and data from sentinel wells being installed under the BMMP. Moreover, production data collection would increase from the current MPWMD annual schedule to the Watermaster schedule of quarterly and annually. Mr. Oliver informed the Board that the TAC determined that a web based database developed by RBF Consulting using formats developed during its experience with other water-related database design in the past would be most beneficial to Watermaster needs. The TAC determined that well data from October 2006 forward would be used to begin development of the database, using additional historical data only if it is easily obtainable. Not all constituents tested for by municipal water suppliers would be tested for by Watermaster to determine seawater intrusion; the testing of approximately 12 constituents is sufficient and is budgeted in the BMMP that was approved by the Board. Induction geophysical data logging information would be used to gather indirect data to supplement other data collection. Director Leonard clarified that he supported testing of only the 12 constituents from potable wells to streamline the data to detect seawater intrusion only in the interest of cost savings to the Watermaster.

Ms. Hardgrave stated that she would give a visual presentation of database development at the next regularly scheduled Watermaster Board meeting. TAC Chair, Diana Ingersoll,

advised the Board that TAC had established a set schedule to meet monthly each second Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. (to be rescheduled if the regularly scheduled Board meetings are rescheduled and conflict).

Mr. Martin Feeney presented orally to the Board an update on installation of BMMP sentinel monitoring wells. The Right of Entry permit had been obtained and was forwarded and received by CEO Evans for signature. The Coastal Commission did not place the de minimis waiver of the well drilling on its June 13, 2007 hearing agenda; it is understood that it will be placed on the Commission's July hearing agenda. Mr. Feeney will proceed with the application to Monterey County for ministerial permits providing the Right of Entry permit and an explanation regarding the Coastal Commission omission. It is anticipated that drilling at well sites will commence later in July 2007. Director Leonard requested that the Court be notified via a letter from the Coastal Commission regarding permitting delays due to its oversight of scheduling the CEQA item for its June meeting. Director Leonard will speak with Director Potter regarding how best to expedite obtaining a de minimis waiver from the Coastal Commission. Mr. John Fischer, TAC member, congratulated the TAC for its recent productive meeting and the progress and professionalism in moving BMMP implementation forward.

## **2. BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE – No report.**

### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

Director Leonard requested, and the Board concurred, that items A and B under New Business be reversed as the hiring of a Technical Project Manager to be considered currently under item B is an element of the report to be considered by the Board under item A.

#### **B. Technical Project Manager Contract**

The Board reviewed the submitted Staff Report and contract for services for employment by Watermaster of a Technical Project Manager. Mr. Bob Jaques was introduced to the Board as the qualified candidate interviewed by the assigned TAC subcommittee and chosen by CEO Evans based upon the subcommittee's recommendation. Watermaster Board and committee members and CEO Evans indicated strong support for Mr. Jaques in the position and looked forward to working with him.

**Moved by Director Turnbeaugh, seconded by Director Bruno, and unanimously carried, to approve a part-time employment contract with modifications changing the term "employee" to "contractor" and with the addition that the hourly rate is not to exceed \$100, and to approve hiring Mr. Robert Jaques as the Watermaster Technical Project Manager.**

#### **A. Update to Judge Randall on Implementation of the BMMP**

The Board reviewed the submitted June 2007 Report on Status of Implementation of the Seaside Basin Monitoring and Management Program prepared by the firm of Somach, Simmons and Dunn, legal counsel for California American Water, to be

submitted to the Court on June 11, 2007. CEO Evans reviewed the elements of the report orally.

**Moved by Director Weeks, seconded by Director Knight, and unanimously carried, to approve and adopt the June 2007 Report on Status of Implementation of the Seaside Basin Monitoring and Management Program prepared by California American Water on behalf of the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Board of Directors.**

#### **IX. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

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

CEO Evans noted that there are no significant milestone dates imminent beyond the report to the Court, approved above, being submitted June 11, 2007, and commencement of the drilling of the wells in late July 2007.

##### **B. Water Extraction Reports**

CEO Evans indicated to the Board that the Water Extraction Report from Seaside Basin would be provided monthly for producers to monitor submission of required data on quarterly pumping amounts, and, in future reports, to monitor production against the total allocated per water year by the adjudication.

#### **X. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS**

Chair Rubio requested, and the Board concurred, that the next Board meeting on July 11, 2007 be scheduled at 2:30 p.m. to accommodate his schedule that day.

#### **XI. EXECUTIVE OFFICER STATEMENTS**

CEO Evans reiterated that sentinel well drilling would commence in late July given that the de minimus waiver is granted by the Coastal Commission at its July meeting (instead of at the June meeting as the Commission had previously indicated it would be) and that the informational report on quarterly water extraction by producer would include a column of allocated amounts. He also reiterated that TAC meetings are now scheduled monthly on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m., subject to adjustment based on the regular Board meeting schedule.

The web site is up and running with posted documents current on the "Archive" page of the site. The site can be accessed at <http://seasidebasinwatermaster.org/>

#### **XII. NEXT MEETING DATE – JULY 11, 2007, SOPER FIELD COMMUNITY CENTER AT 2:30 P.M.**

**XIII.** There being no further business, Chairman Rubio adjourned the meeting at 2:36 p.m.