

**REGULAR MEETING**  
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster  
*March 3, 2010*

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Rubio called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. in the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency Boardroom at 5 Harris Court, Building D, Monterey.

**II. ROLL CALL**

City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio, Chairman

City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Jerry Edelen

California American Water (“CAW”) – Director Craig Anthony

City of Sand City – Mayor David Pendergrass

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (“MPWMD”) – Director Judi Lehman, Secretary

Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Bob Costa

City of Monterey – Mayor Charles “Chuck” Della Sala

Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”) – Supervisor Dave Potter (arrived at 2:24 p.m.)

Absent: Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno, Vice Chair

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved by Mayor Pendergrass, seconded by Director Costa, and unanimously carried, to approve the minutes of the Watermaster Regular Meeting of February 3, 2010 with correction to two instances where Supervisor Parker was recorded as Supervisor Potter.**

**IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA**

Chairman Rubio removed item IX.A.1.c. - Consider Reclassifying the Security National Guarantee (“SNG”) Well from Active Status to Inactive Status - from the agenda per CEO and SNG request.

**V. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION/ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no questions or comments from the public.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. Consider Approval of Summary for Payments made during February 2010 totaling \$21,920.00.

B. Consider current year Financial Reports – Through February 28, 2010.

**Moved by Mayor Edelen, seconded by Director Lehman, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent calendar as presented.**

**VII. ORAL PRESENTATION – None. (2:24 p.m.)**

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

A. **Information /Action regarding the February 5, 2010 response to the Court Minute Order responding to the Watermaster’s 2009 Annual Report to Court.**

1. The board received and reviewed the submitted staff report. CEO Evans stated that, per the Judge's direction, staff was working to prepare an order reflecting the rulings made in the Minute Order.

Ray Corpuz, Seaside City Manager and Watermaster Budget / Finance Committee Chair, clarified the terms of the Memorandum Of Understanding ("MOU") between the City of Seaside and the Watermaster noted in item 1 of the Court Minute Order, stating that the City of Seaside had very recently come to an agreement in principal with Marina Coast Water District ("MCWD") to move forward with the in-lieu project that would alleviate the issue of the Minute Order item involving back payments owed by the City to the Watermaster for replenishment assessments for over pumping the Seaside Groundwater Basin ("Basin"). The Seaside City Council would be reviewing the MOU at its next council meeting in a week, and MCWD most likely would review the MOU at its board meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Detailed work on legal documents to finalize the MOU would be continuing.

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

### **A. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **1. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ("TAC")**

##### **a) Management Objectives and Initial Scenarios for Groundwater Modeling Work**

The board received and reviewed the submitted staff report by Mr. Robert Jaques, Watermaster Technical Program Manager. He stated that the TAC recommended the two scenarios and the management objectives presented, and that the work outlined would most likely deplete the budget for the modeling however the budget contingency amount could cover any overage. An actual contract for scope of work and costs would be brought back to the board at its April meeting. Director Lehman requested that "Scenario 1: Model the effects of additional pumping in the Laguna Seca subarea" include California American Water production within that area along with the effect of additional pumping by Alternative Producers. Darby Fuerst, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District General Manager, stated that MPWMD supported the addition of CAW to the modeling of the Laguna Seca subarea based on its actual pumping and not its legally apportioned limit. Mr. Jaques summarized the desire of the board: Provide a baseline model of actual current production in the Laguna Seca Subarea including CAW production and review how water flows relative to other areas of the Basin; then model a 10% and a 20% increase in pumping by Alternative Producers. Mr. Fuerst suggested that, prior to initiating the modeling, that Watermaster obtain any new information available from the California Public Utilities Commission in terms of scheduling and the type of wells to be used in finalizing the Monterey Regional Water Supply Project-Phase 1. Mr. Jaques stated that the primary information from the project FEIR and/or from the CPUC process would be project timeline and the amounts of water to be provided to the basin – how it is generated by the project is not of concern in the modeling. Mr. Jaques stated that a detailed contract would be presented at the next board meeting.

**The board concurred to approve the modeling of the two scenarios with the inclusion of California American Water production in the Laguna Seca Subarea in establishing a**

**baseline scenario of actual production and resulting current effects to water flow in the Seaside Groundwater Basin.**

**b) Contract to Refine Protective Water Levels**

The board received and reviewed the submitted staff report regarding consideration of approval of Request for Service No. 2010-03 with HydroMetrics to refine protective water levels. Mr. Jaques stated that the TAC was recommending the contract work be done to develop an understanding of the amount of replenishment water needed to sufficiently protect the Basin as the CPUC process for the regional water project that would be supplying replenishment water advances. He noted that agencies such as the CPUC were looking to Watermaster technical reports to aid in the configuring of regional projects. He stated that protective water level analysis would take approximately two months to complete once commenced. The adequacy of the 90% protection to the Basin of water levels suggested in the analysis and the urgency of the contract work were discussed. Mr. Jaques stated that more options for protective water level analyses could be provided to the board at a future meeting.

**The board concurred to continue the item until more finalized regional project information was available.**

**X. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (No Action Required)**

- A. Timeline Schedule of Milestone Dates (Critical date monitoring)
- B. Technical Advisory Committee (“TAC”) minutes of February 10, 2010.

**XI. DIRECTORS’ REPORTS**

There were no reports from directors.

**XI. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS**

The Technical Advisory Committee regular meeting of March 10, 2010 would be held at the Seaside modular conference room at 1:30 p.m.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE – By consensus of the Board, it was determined the next Regular Meeting would be held on Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) Board meeting room at 5 Harris Court, Building "D" on Ryan Ranch in Monterey at 2:00 p.m.**

**XIV. There being no further business, Chairman Rubio adjourned the meeting at 3:06 p.m.**