

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster (Watermaster)
October 21, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Bruno called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno, Chair
California American Water (CAW) – Director Eric Sabolsice
City of Monterey – Director Libby Downey
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Bob Costa
City of Sand City – Mayor David Pendergrass
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Jerry Edelen

Absent: Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Director Robert Brower
City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Dave Potter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mayor Edelen, seconded by Mayor Pendergrass, and unanimously carried to approve as presented the minutes of the Watermaster Regular Meeting held August 5, 2015.

IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA

There were no requested changes to the agenda.

V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

There were no public communications.

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Consider Approval of Summary for Payments made during the months of August 1 through September 30, 2015 totaling \$49,889.85.

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

VII. ORAL PRESENTATION: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE with TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC) involvement

a). 1. Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Work Plan and Annual Budgets

Mr. Evans highlighted the proposed 2016 Administrative Fund Budget, recommended for approval at a meeting of the Budget and Finance Committee. Director Sabolsice

requested access to detailed reports of administrative tasks performed if desired to assure any budget increase requested is reasonable and accurate. It was noted that the details of Mr. Evans' tasks performed are presented in financial reporting at each Watermaster meeting. There is a reserve of \$25,000 available for Watermaster use included in the proposed Administrative Fund Budget.

It was moved by Mayor Pendergrass, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to approve as presented the Watermaster Administrative Fund Budget for calendar year 2016.

2. Proposed Fiscal Year 2016 Annual Work Plan and Operations Budget

Mr. Jaques highlighted the proposed Plan and Budget, noting added or eliminated tasks as compared to the current year's budget. The proposed Plan and Budget were approved by the TAC at its last meeting. Director Sabolsice requested that the work plan and budget include coordination of Department of Water Resources and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District with Watermaster in any communications or efforts relating to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

It was moved by Mayor Pendergrass, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to approve as presented the Watermaster Monitoring and Management Work Plan and Operations Fund Budget for calendar year 2016.

b. Replenishment Assessment Unit Cost for Water Year 2016

Mr. Evans presented the proposed unit cost for the ensuing water year (October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2016) that is used in calculating Replenishment Assessments at year end. The Budget and Finance Committee recommended that the unit cost remain the same as last year.

It was moved by Director Sabolsice, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to approve the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation of \$2,702 as the Replenishment Assessment Unit Cost Amount for Water Year 2016.

B. Request from Monterey County for Watermaster Model

Watermaster has received a request from the Monterey County Salinas River Groundwater Basin (SRGB) Investigation—Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) that the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster provide the full groundwater model of the Seaside Basin along with all of the input files so that the modeling consultants for the SRGB would understand the construction of the Seaside model and to use it to inform the construction of the SRGB model in the Seaside area. Mr. Jaques gave highlights of the transmittal report he provided on the agenda item. Director Sabolsice felt that integrating the Watermaster model with the County's model will provide more valuable modeling information for both agencies. Mr. Howard Franklin addressed the board, noting that the County is constructing the model, not the Water Resources Agency. The Watermaster model would remain intact, with a Mod Flow version of the model to be used to determine conditions where the two basins' boundaries meet. It was not currently clear whether the Coral de Tierra boundary area would be modeled by the County, or only Zone 2C. The County is still developing the MOU with the USGS, the agency that will be performing the modeling.

It was moved by Director Sabolsice, seconded by Director Costa, and unanimously carried to approve providing the full groundwater model of the Seaside Basin along with all of the input files to the Monterey County Salinas River Groundwater Basin (SRGB) Investigation—Technical Advisory Committee to inform the construction of the SRGB model in the Seaside area.

X. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (No Action Required)

A. TAC meeting minutes from August 12 and September 9, 2015 meetings

XI. DIRECTORS' REPORTS: Director Bruno announced that the Watermaster Christmas party will be held on December 9th at his residence.

XII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS: Mr. Evans noted that the budgets approved at today's meeting will be sent out by Watermaster to Adjudication parties on or after November 1st with a response period through November 15, 2015. The November 4, 2015 Watermaster Regular Board Meeting is scheduled to be cancelled to allow time for the TAC to develop the 2015 Annual Report to the Court.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Watermaster board will be held December 2, 2015 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, Chair Bruno adjourned the meeting at 3:04 p.m.