

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster (Watermaster)
December 2, 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 Sand City – Mayor David Pendergrass
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Jerry Edelen
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Director Robert Brower
City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio

Absent: City of Monterey – Director Libby Downey
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Bob Costa
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Dave Potter

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Director Sabolsice, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to approve as presented the minutes of the Watermaster Special Meeting held October 21, 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 month of October, 2015 totaling **\$27,036.25**
- B.** Consider Approving Financial Reports through October 31, 2015
- C.** Consider Approving the 2015 Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report. The complete SIAR is posted on the Watermaster website at <http://www.seasidebasinwatermaster.org>
- D.** Consider Approval of Minor Revisions to the Work Plan and Budget for the Management and Monitoring Program for FY2016

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

VII. ORAL PRESENTATION: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: Consider approval of Amendment No.1 to Request for Service (RFS) No. 2015-04 to HydroMetrics WRI to perform modeling to determine where the flow divide in the vicinity of the Laguna Seca Subarea's eastern boundary is located. Mr. Jacques reviewed his memorandum, stating that the flow regime along the boundary is much more complex than expected. He did not anticipate

any further modeling needed beyond that being proposed today for the foreseeable future. The proposed modeling would help collaboration with other agencies in determining how best to mitigate declining groundwater levels in the Laguna Seca Subarea.

Moved by Director Brower, seconded by Mayor Rubio, and unanimously carried to approve Amendment No. 1 to Request for Service (RFS) No. 2015-04 to HydroMetrics WRI to perform modeling to determine the location of the flow divide in the eastern boundary vicinity of the Laguna Seca Subarea.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion/Consider Adopting for Water Year 2016 a Declaration regarding the Unavailability of Artificial Replenishment Water.

It was moved by Mayor Rubio, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to adopt for Water Year 2016 a Declaration regarding the Unavailability of Artificial Replenishment Water and listed allocations.

- B. Discussion/consider approving Watermaster Annual Report for Water Year 2015. The complete draft version is posted on the Watermaster's website at <http://www.seasidebasinwatermaster.org>. Mr. Jaques reviewed the TAC approved draft report. Mayor Edelen requested that the title of "Chair" and "Vice Chair" be placed respectively next to Director Bruno and Mayor Rubio on the list of board members and alternates in the report. Director Sabolsice requested that the first sentence of the second paragraph under section E be corrected to correspond with the information in the paragraph above it.

It was moved by Director Sabolsice, seconded by Mayor Rubio, and unanimously carried to approve the Watermaster Annual Report for Water Year 2015 with the noted changes made.

- C. Discussion/consider approving Professional Services Contracts for Fiscal Year 2016. Mr. Jaques reviewed the contracts noting changes from last year's work scopes.

It was moved by Mayor Pendergrass, seconded by Director Brower, and unanimously carried to approve

- 1) two contracts with Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD)—one for \$82,150 to cover their normal Management and Monitoring Program (M&MP) tasks as in preceding years and to conduct ongoing data entry/database maintenance, the second contract is for \$4,788 is to perform water level and water quality data collection for specified wells in the Seaside Basin; and**
- 2) two contracts with HydroMetrics Water Resources, Inc.—one for \$11,400 to cover their providing general hydrogeologic consulting services during the year, and the second contract for \$20,390 is to prepare the Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report (SIAR) for 2016.**

- D. Discussion/consider sending letter to Monterey County to initiate collaboration.

It was moved by Mayor Edelen, seconded by Mayor Rubio, and unanimously carried to approve sending a letter to Monterey County to initiate collaboration to seek solution to the problem of declining water levels in the Laguna Seca Subarea.

X. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (No Action Required)

- A. Milestones
- B. Water Production Report for WY 2014/2015

XI. DIRECTORS' REPORTS: Mayor Edelen requested that the Del Rey Oaks Shea Well be tested as part of the Watermaster monitoring network to benefit from another data point. Mr. Jaques and Mr. Oliver will follow up on the request. Director Bruno reminded of the Christmas party to be held on Wednesday, December 9th at his home.

XII. EXECUTIVE OFFICER COMMENTS: Mr. Evans noted that the TAC meeting on December 9, 2015 will be cancelled. The Watermaster 2015 Annual Report to court will be filed on or before December 15, 2015 by CAW legal counsel Lori Girard.

In the early part of 2016 the Watermaster intends to file a noticed motion with the Court regarding several issues: (1) requesting a stay of the 2015 and 2018 Operating Yield reductions, (2) updating the Court concerning recent regional water supply developments pertinent to the Seaside Basin, and (3) updating the Court concerning the recent modeling results and findings concerning the LSSA and the Watermaster's intended work plan to address long-term water reliability for the subbasin. The filing may also include other requests related to direction on interpretation of the Decision. Mr. Evans proposed that the Regular Board Meeting scheduled for January 6, 2016 be a work session for the board, with Counsel Russ McGlothlin participating by telephone, to formulate the noticed motion items.

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Watermaster board will be held January 6, 2016 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 2:40 p.m.