

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster (Watermaster)
October 5, 2016

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

II. ROLL CALL

City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio- Chair
City of Sand City – Mayor David Pendergrass – Vice Chair
California American Water (CAW) – Director Roger Hulbert, Alternate
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Bob Costa
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Jerry Edelen
City of Monterey – Vice Mayor Libby Downey
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Director Bob Brower
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Dave Potter

Absent: None

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS: There were no public communications.

IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA: There were no requested changes to the agenda.

V. RESOLUTION CITING MERITORIOUS SERVICE - DEWEY D. EVANS

Moved by Mayor Edelen, seconded by Director Bruno, and unanimously carried to adopt Resolution No. 16-01 citing meritorious service and expressing appreciation to Dewey D. Evans who retired on May 31, 2016 after 10 years as Chief Executive Officer of Watermaster.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Vice Mayor Downey, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Watermaster Regular Board meeting held May 4, 2016.

VII. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Consider approval of Summary for Payments made during April - September 2016 totaling \$64,362.89.
- B. Consider approving Fiscal Year 2016 Financial Reports through September 30, 2016.
- C. Consider approving Watermaster Administrative Officer contract with Dadiw Associates.

Moved by Supervisor Potter, seconded by Director Bruno, and unanimously carried, to approve the consent calendar as presented.

VIII. ORAL PRESENTATION: None Scheduled

IX. OLD BUSINESS: None Scheduled

X. NEW BUSINESS

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE/TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

a. Fiscal Year 2017 Annual Work Plan and Annual Budgets

- i. The Board reviewed the submitted report and proposed 2017 fiscal year Administrative Fund Budget and Mrs. Dadiw gave highlights.

Moved by Supervisor Potter, seconded by Director Brower, and unanimously carried, to approve the Fiscal Year (Calendar Year) 2017 Administrative Budget as presented.

- ii. The Board reviewed the submitted report and proposed 2017 Work Plan and Management and Monitoring – Operations Fund Budget and Mr. Jaques gave highlights. The Operations Fund Budget is \$57,657.00 less than last year's budget.

Moved by Supervisor Potter, seconded by Director Brower, and unanimously carried, to approve as presented the Fiscal Year (Calendar Year) 2017 Monitoring and Management Work Plan and Operations Fund Budget.

The Replenishment Fund Budget for Water Year 2017 was presented for information only as production data needed for water-year-end calculations will not be available until after October 15th. It was noted that the CAW account in the fund has a \$5 million estimated credit placeholder for project development costs that are allowed per the Decision to be credited against the fund. It is CAW's intention to submit to Watermaster a formal request for credit sometime this month.

b. Water Year 2017 Replenishment Assessment Unit Cost

Mr. Jaques provided a table of the most recent base unit cost estimates in dollars per acre-foot of the four potential water supply projects that the Board had determined in past years as the most likely to be implemented. Based on the data provided in the table, the proposed unit cost per acre-foot for Water Year 2017 is \$2,872. The Committee was pleased that the proposed amount differs only slightly from the amount of \$2,702 adopted each year for the previous 3 years without benefit of updated project cost estimates.

Moved by Director Bruno, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried, to approve \$2,872 per acre-foot as the Replenishment Assessment Unit Cost for Water Year 2017 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017).

XI. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- A.** Timeline Schedule of Milestone Dates (Critical date monitoring)
- B.** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) minutes from meetings of June 8, July 13, August 10, and September 14, 2016.
- C.** Transcript of the June 17, 2016 Watermaster Status Conference with Judge Leslie Nichols is available on the Watermaster website at <http://www.seasidebasinwatermaster.org/>.
- D.** The next status conference hearing with Judge Nichols is scheduled for March 17, 2017.

- E. Letter from Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) regarding its intent to form two Groundwater Sustainability Agencies pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act for sub basins within its boundaries that border the Seaside Groundwater Basin.

Due to the complex nature of the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and the high level of collaboration and cooperation required of numerous agencies to insure proper management, Supervisor Potter requested that the Watermaster Board discuss fully the formation of the GSAs by MCWD at the next Watermaster Board meeting. Mr. Jaques will inquire with the State Department of Water Resources whether the public will have the opportunity to comment regarding MCWD's proposed GSA formation and, if so, when the period ends in order to schedule a special meeting of the Watermaster prior to that if needed.

- F. Watermaster report of water year 2016 production of the Seaside Basin through June 30, 2016.

XII. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

- XIII. ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER COMMENTS:** Mrs. Dadiw commented that TAC meeting scheduled for October 12th has been canceled. The next TAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for November 16th.

- XIV. NEXT MEETING DATE: The next meeting of the Watermaster board will be held November 2, 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.**

- XV. There being no further business, Chair Rubio adjourned the meeting at 2:29 p.m.