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**Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster
Technical Advisory Committee
Special Meeting
August 6, 2008**

Attendees: TAC Members
City of Seaside – Rick Riedl
California American Water – Tom Bunosky and Craig Anthony
City of Monterey – Les Turnbeaugh
Laguna Seca Property Owners – Stan Powell (by telephone)
MPWMD – Joe Oliver (had to leave immediately after the meeting began to attend to upcoming CAW-SWRCB Hearing Items)
Public Member – John Fischer
MCWRA – Kathy Thomasberg
City of Del Rey Oaks – No Representative
City of Sand City – Steve Matarazzo
Coastal Subarea Landowners – No Representative

Watermaster

Technical Program Manager - Robert Jaques

Consultants

HydroMetrics LLC - Derrick Williams

Others:

None

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

There was no set agenda for this Special meeting. Its focus was to continue discussions from the prior meeting on the Draft Seawater Intrusion Response Plan (SIRP) prepared by HydroMetrics.

1. Mr. Bunosky provided a brief overview of today's R. P. O. G. meeting. The Moss Landing desalination plant and the North Marina desalination plant are the only proposed CAW projects that are intended to just meet regulatory requirements. These projects include no capacity for future growth. This project is expected to be able to be online by 2015. A third alternative is the Regional Water Supply solution which includes provisions for additional growth and a larger service area. Components of that project include desalination, Salinas River water treatment, brackish/sea water desalination supply wells, Seaside ground water replenishment, and the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project.

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There are many institutional and ownership issues involved with this Regional Water Supply Project that will not be analyzed in the public utility commissions EIR. The R. P. O. G. is continuing development of a Strategic Implementation Plan. CAW has offered to continue to fund the R. P. O. G. costs for the near term, if another party such as MCWRA becomes the contracting entity for the R. P. O. G.'s contract with UCSC.

Mr. Kasower has estimated it will cost approximately \$330,000 to evaluate all the other issues that will not be covered by the EIR. No funding is currently offered by any party for this work. The EIR is expected to be completed by the end of 2008, and certification of the EIR is expected to occur by the end of 2009. Then CAW would get approval from the PUC to proceed with some project.

2. Mr. Williams summarized the status of work since last the last meeting. He will redraft the actual "Actions" part of Section 4, and hopes to have that information out by August 18 in redrafted form for further TAC review. The objective will be to slow sea water intrusion to protect production wells until supplemental supplies can come online. The "at risk" production wells will be identified and actions will be proposed to protect them.

Mr. Bunosky pointed out that the decision already includes 10 % cutbacks scheduled every three years, even if sea water intrusion does not occur. Mr. Jaques pointed out that if replenishment water becomes available to offset the prior year's overpumping, then it may be possible to avoid these already scheduled 10 % cutbacks. For example if the City of Seaside is successful in obtaining water from MCWD to allow the Seaside golf course wells to discontinue pumping, this would be one source of replenishment water.

3. One of the future Special TAC meetings will focus on Mr. William's just-distributed BMAP section on interim actions.

4. There was much discussion on, and suggested wording changes for clarification throughout, Sections 1 through 3. Several particularly substantive topics included:

- Mr. Powell noted that the Decision allowed for a non-pro rata approach in Exhibit "A" of the Decision when responding to sea water intrusion.
- Much discussion with regard for Fort Ord Well No. 10, which is outside the Seaside Basin boundary, being part of the triggering of implementation of SIRP actions. There was consensus to only have the SIRP actions implemented if (1) sea water intrusion is detected within the Basin and (2) if sea water intrusion is declared to exist by the Watermaster.
- There was much discussion with regard to the various indicators of sea water intrusion and clarifying what they are and how to use them.

The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.