



EXHIBIT 15-B

Final Minutes Water Supply Planning Committee of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District Wednesday, July 5, 2023

Call to Order: Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Alvin Edwards, Chair
Karen Paull (arrived at 3:13 p.m.)
Mayor Oglesby (Alternate)

Committee Members Absent: George T. Riley

Staff Members Present: David J. Stoldt, General Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
Sara Reyes, Sr. Office Specialist

District Counsel Present: Fran Farina with De Lay & Laredo

Comments from the Public: Chair Edwards opened public comment; *No comments were directed to the Committee.*

Corrections / Additions to the Agenda David J. Stoldt reported a final revised agenda was distributed to the committee and read the agenda out to the committee.

Action Items

1. Consider Adoption of the May 1, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes

David J. Stoldt, General Manager introduced Item No. 1.

Chair Edwards opened public comment; *no comments were directed to the Committee.*

A motion was offered by Edwards with a second by Oglesby to approve the May 1, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes. The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 2-Ayes (Oglesby and Edwards), 0-Noes and 0-Abstain, 1-Absent.

Discussion Items

2. Update on Pure Water Monterey Project

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided a brief overview of the project. He stated the

following:

- Fiscal Year just closed for the Base Project which is delivery of 3,500 Acre-Feet (AF) per year to Cal-Am. This was satisfied two months ago. The remaining two months of May and June have been booked into the Operating Reserve which now sits about 120 AF beyond the requirement needed to achieve by September 1, 2023.
- Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer, stated that two bids were received and were under the Engineer's estimate and are being reviewed to ensure they have a sound basis to move forward. Monterey One Water will make a recommendation for award at its July 31st Board meeting.

Chair Edwards opened public comment; *no comments were directed to the Committee.*

3. Source Waters for Pure Water Monterey (PWM) and PWM Expansion

General Manager David J. Stoldt stated that this item will be delayed to a future meeting since he was not able to schedule a meeting with Monterey One Water to receive an update on Source Waters.

4. Review of ASR Season Performance

Mr. Stoldt presented a PowerPoint entitled Review of ASR Season Performance.

Highlights included:

- System Constraints on ASR Injection
- ASR Injected Versus Potential for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- Actual vs. Optimized Results
- What Could Have Prevented the Constraints

The General Manager Stoldt engaged in discussions and answered various questions from the committee.

Chair Edwards opened public comment for Items 2 and 4; the following comments were received:

- (1) John Tilley: Stated mistakes will be made, and it is easy to criticize anyone who is responsible for providing utilities to the community. He is glad to hear there is cooperation between the District and Cal Am at the functional level and is grateful for both entities to operate in this manner. He also spoke about the Pure Water expansion and stated he does not believe water rights exist for the expansion and for the public's benefit there should be some skepticism because it is a risky project and a lot of dollars being spent.
- (2) Melodie Chrislock: Commented how impressed she is with the responsible management of the water system by both the District and Monterey One Water. She also asked if Cal Am is working on the extraction walls in the Seaside Basin because they are badly needed.

Mr. Stoldt stated that the comments received by the public seemed to address Item 3 which is being deferred but agreed to provide a response to those comments. Following comments received by the public regarding Source Waters, the Committee engaged in general discussion.

5. Status on Phase 2 of the CPUC PWM Expansion Proceedings

Fran Farina with De Lay & Laredo, provided an update and noted:

- Waiting on responses in Phase 1 as to whether Cal Am is going to recover an additional 10 million dollars for what had been ASR 5 and 6 that are now Extraction Wells 3 and 4
- Petition for Modification is still outstanding without resolution as part of Phase 1 whereby Cal Am has signed the Amended Water Purchase Agreement, MPWMD has expressed concerns as to whether they would move forward and build the facilities if they did not get all the monies they wanted
- Cal Am communicated with the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) and appeared ready to move forward. However, a lot has changed since then and so attorneys for the City of Marina, Marina Coast Water District and MPWMD commented to the ALJ that there needs to be resolution on the Phase 1 issues and that it would be appropriate for additional supplemental testimony on Phase 2 long term water supply and demand numbers. The attorneys are waiting for a response from the ALJ on all these issues.

The General Manager Stoldt provided additional remarks on Phase 2 and the committee engaged in general discussion.

Chair Edwards opened public comment; *no comments were directed to the Committee.*

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.