

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

August 23, 2017

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:31 p.m. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Jan Shriner, MCWD Director Thomas P. Moore, and Marina Councilmember Gail Morton.
- Staff: Keith Van Der Maaten and Paula Riso attended for Marina Coast Water District, and Layne Long attended for the City of Marina.
- Public: Philip Clark and Margaret-Anne Coppernol (arrived at 6:20 p.m.).

2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

Mr. Clark introduced himself to the Commission.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of June 28, 2017:

Vice Chair Shriner made a motion to approve the minutes of June 28, 2017. Chair Morton seconded the motion. With a vote of 2-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Absentention (Moore). 1-Absent (Brown), the June 28, 2017 minutes were passed.

4. The Joint Committee May Discuss the Following Items of Mutual Interest to the City and District:

The committee discussed Item 4-c first.

c. Annexation:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that the District had recently met with LAFCO and discussed annexing all the areas the District currently served, and there being future study areas within the Sphere of Influence. He added that he informed LAFCO that the District was not interested in giving up or selling areas that are currently served by the District, i.e. Seaside Highlands, and that although he would meet with Seaside County Sanitation District, they probably wouldn't be able to come to any agreement because the District was pretty adamant about keeping what they serve. Discussion followed.

d. Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency:

Chair Morton thanked Director Moore for the presentation he gave at FORA regarding the District's Groundwater Sustainability Agency. Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that the District staff recently met with the State staff and that the State staff said they don't care about who is running the sub-basin, they only care whether or not you are a GSA, and those within the same sub-basin must work together to come up with the GSA Plan. Mr. Van Der Maaten added that the District recently hired a consultant to assist with the Groundwater Sustainability Agency and they had scheduled a meeting for the next week.

e. FORA Transition:

Chair Morton gave a brief update on what was being discussed at the FORA Transition meetings. She stated that they were supposed to have a Transition Plan by 2018. Discussion followed.

f. Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project/Pure Water Monterey Project:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that the District just received their construction eligibility date and now can send the notice to proceed to the contractor. He stated that he is working with Monterey One Water on the agreement amendment and hopes to have that completed soon. Mr. Van Der Maaten added that there are a couple of easements that the District is still trying to obtain. One is with CSUMB and one is with Monterey Peninsula Unified School District. He said that CSUMB has not been very cooperative when working with the District. Mr. Van Der Maaten added that the easements are still being negotiated. Discussion followed.

g. Process to Improve Conservation Methods Prior to Entitlement:

Director Shriner discussed ways to improve conservation methods and how the District could work with the City to ensure that improved conservation methods are used. There was discussion on which agency should be responsible for enforcing codes, the City or the District. Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that maybe the two staffs should get together and go over the details. He stated that the District does not entitle developments and does not inspect them, the City does. Mr. Van Der Maaten said that there needs to be a way to work together to get the information out there and enforced. Discussion followed.

h. MCWD/CSUMB and City/CSUMB Obligations:

This item was covered under previous discussion.

b. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project:

Mr. Van Der Maaten commented that the pre-hearing conference statements from the various parties have been submitted, in response to the items that they wanted to look at further in the evidentiary hearings. He said he is expecting a scoping memo soon on how to approach this. Mr. Van Der Maaten said that some of the things to look at are: supply and demand; water rights; groundwater impacts; and the AEM survey. Discussion followed.

a. Public Outreach – Publicizing Current Projects:

Mr. Long commented that the Coastal Commission had asked to have a workshop regarding slant wells. He said the City would like the District to give the presentation to the Coastal Commission on slant wells. Mr. Long commented that the City's Public Relations firm would be sending out publications with the first one concentrating on "Frequently asked Questions", then there will be publications every few weeks on things such as SGMA. Discussion followed.

6. Committee Member Comments and Identification of Agenda Items for the Next Committee Meeting:

Director Shriner commented that she was giving a presentation at CSUMB on October 18th and she would be happy to hand out any materials the City can get together. Chair Morton thanked Just Water for the meetings they have been holding to help educate the public on the water issues.

The Committee agreed to keep the same items.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.