

Draft Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

March 15, 2017

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:34 p.m. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Tom Moore, MCWD Director Howard Gustafson, 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: None.

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

None.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of August 24, 2016:

Director Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of July 27, 2016. Vice Chair Morton seconded the motion. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstained (Brown), 0-Absent, the August 24, 2016 minutes were passed.

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

a. Tank Site Discussions With CSUMB:

Mr. Van Der Maaten gave a brief update on the discussions going on between the District and CSUMB regarding the tank site and how CSUMB has drawn up an agreement to cover all the issues, but the District would like an MOU to agree to move forward on some things even if the others aren't ready. Discussion followed. The Committee requested to see a list of obligations between the District and CSUMB at the next meeting.

b. Annexation:

Mr. Van Der Maaten noted that he recently met with FORA to discuss annexation. He explained that the hold-up in the annexation was an issue with Seaside County Sanitation District, but was hopeful that meeting with LAFCO would help alleviate the problem. Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that there were misconceptions that the District didn't own the water rights and infrastructure and that fact was clarified at the recent FORA Transition meeting.

c. Seawater Intrusion/Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency:

Mr. Van Der Maaten explained why the District was looking into creating their own Groundwater Sustainable Agency (GSA) to oversee the groundwater management of the underlying basin most of which is in Marina and a small portion in Seaside.

He explained that the District was now the exclusive GSA for Central Marina in the Monterey subbasin and has filed to become the exclusive GSA for the Ord Community area of the Monterey subbasin. He explained that the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Joint Powers Authority has filed to overlap the District in the Ord Community and that the District has been working on getting them to withdraw from the Ord Community area. Discussion followed.

d. FORA Transition:

Vice Chair Morton gave an update on what was being discussed at the FORA Transition meetings. The Transition Committee has voted to request an extension until 2037. Vice Chair Morton stated that she had made a motion to direct staff to investigate legislation that would look for funding sources from the jurisdictions at the conclusion of 2020 and to progress with the transition which is due in 2018. The motion also included looking at alternative funding sources to help jurisdictions with the transition, and to look at a reasonable extension of FORA, not to exceed 2037. Vice Chair Morton said her motion was passed unanimously. Discussion followed.

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

Mr. Van Der Maaten gave an update on the funding for the project and the status of where the District is in regards to the pipeline. He added that the District was still working on putting together user agreements.

f. Legal Update:

Director Moore gave a brief update and it was agreed to remove this item from the agenda.

g. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project:

Mr. Van Der Maaten commented that the District has been working on their comments on the DEIR for the project.

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

The Committee agreed to add to the agenda election of Chair and Vice Chair; and MCWD/CSUMB obligations; and remove legal update.

6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.