

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

December 20, 2017

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Jan Shriner, MCWD Director Tom 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

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

None.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of August 23, 2017:

Vice Chair Shriner made a motion to approve the minutes of August 23, 2017. Director Moore seconded the motion. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Absent (Brown), the August 23, 2017 minutes were passed.

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

a. Annexation:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that the District had recently met with LAFCO and Seaside County Sanitation District (SCSD) and shared with them a screenshot of the Initial Study/Negative Declaration. Both agencies have commented and the District Board has reviewed and commented on it at two recent meetings and staff will bring it to the Board in January for approval. Mr. Van Der Maaten said that the District staff has continued to meet with SCSD and try to work towards a solution regarding the annexation overlap.

b. Sustainable Groundwater Management Agency:

Chair Morton asked if it was too late for the City of Marina to file to become a GSA. Mr. Van Der Maaten answered that it was not too late. Chair Morton asked what areas they would be eligible to apply to be the GSA. Mr. Van Der Maaten answered that the District has a coordination agreement with the Salinas Valley GSA and it will help with managing the area around CEMEX and within the City. He added that the District has applied for a planning grant and should know in February if they will get it. Discussion followed.

c. FORA Transition:

Vice Chair Shriner inquired about the JPA that the Transition Committee has been discussing. Chair Morton answered that the last Board action was to create a single entity “JPA” that would have the same powers and authorities as FORA does. Chair Morton voiced her concern that the Transition Plan is due in December 2018 and it isn’t looking like they will have a viable Plan by that time. Discussion followed regarding legislation and how certain jurisdictions are reacting to the “JPA” option.

d. Public Outreach – Publicizing Current Projects

Mr. Long commented that the City’s Public Relations (PR) firm will be getting out some videos and editorials soon. Mr. Van Der Maaten noted that the District is also working with their PR firm to get information out to the public regarding the high cost of the desalination project. He added that the majority of people don’t realize how it will really affect them. Chair Morton suggested a 60 second video of two people sitting at a table, having coffee, and discussing how their water bill is going to increase by hundreds of dollars in the near future. Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that keeping up on all the PR is a full-time job and has been difficult. Director Moore asked if the District was planning a groundbreaking ceremony for the Recycled Water transmission line. Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that they were planning on coordinating it with the receipt of the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan for the project.

e. Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project:

Mr. Long stated that the City had financial staff looking at the cost of the project and what the water will end up costing ratepayers. Director Moore stated that several groups have been circulating a graphic chart showing the cost of the water. He suggested that to appeal to all the ratepayers, they should run both the graphics and a video. Chair Morton stated that most of their constituents understand that they would be getting the desal water at Marina’s expense, and it is not satisfactory to them. Mr. Clark stated that the MCWD Water Conservation Commission can help get the word out and showed everyone some placards that are being used by restaurants to conserve water.

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

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that the District has approved an amended agreement with Monterey One Water. He stated that the funds from the SRF loan should be coming through in January 2018. Mr. Van Der Maaten added that the total loan will be for about \$30 million, but it is being broken into two loans, one for transmission and one for distribution. The first loan is expected by the end of January and the second loan by the end of March.

g. Process to Improve Conservation Methods Prior to Entitlement:

Director Shriner said she would like to see the jurisdiction encourage conservation methods, i.e. rainwater catchment, prior to entitlement of bigger projects. Mr. Long stated that the next big project would be Marina Station, and he suggested providing the City with ideas so they can include them in the project requirements. Chair Morton said that most of the developments in Marina are too far along, but suggested the new projects in Seaside that are coming online as possible targets. Director Shriner stated that she would like to see more interest in turf replacement. Discussion followed. Mr. Clark shared that he and MCWD staff were at the Los Arboles School and they have a great new conservation program in their demonstration garden that collects rainwater from the roof and waters the garden.

h. MCWD/CSUMB and City/CSUMB Obligations:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that District is still working with them.

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

Chair Morton wished everyone a wonder holiday season. She voiced her gratitude for the collaboration between the District and City. Director Moore noted that and he is now President of the District Board, and Director Shriner is now Vice President.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.