

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

February 29, 2012

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Gustafson. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Howard Gustafson, MCWD Director Jan Shriner, and Councilmember Jim Ford.
- General Manager Jim Heitzman, and Deputy General Manager Carl Niizawa attended for Marina Coast Water District.

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

No comments.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of January 25, 2012:

The Committee agreed to table the minutes until the next meeting to allow for a quorum of those present on January 25th.

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

a. Regional Desal

Mr. Heitzman reported that some letters were released to the media regarding the Agreements. He stated that on March 2nd, all three of the parties have to submit statements to Judge Minkin.

b. MRWPCA Funding for Groundwater Replenishment:

Mr. Heitzman stated that MRWPCA is funding the Groundwater Replenishment Project and that MCWD sent a letter to the MRWPCA regarding the Prop 218 process and asking where the funds were coming from. Mr. Heitzman commented that ratepayers from Marina, Salinas, Boronda, Moss Landing, and Castroville do not receive any benefit from this Project and shouldn't be funding it. Mr. Niizawa added that at the recent MRWPCA Board meeting, it was noted that MRWPCA raised rates for CIP projects and are now using some of those funds for the Groundwater Replenishment Project.

c. City of Marina Teen Center:

Councilmember Ford stated that he had visited the site and is working on the issues. Director Shriner commented that the District installed backwater devices on some laterals in the Ord Community, at no cost to the customer which she felt set a precedent, and suggested Councilmember Ford look at the February 14th Board packet for more information.

d. Possible Annexation of Fort Ord Lands by MCWD

Mr. Heitzman commented that staff was in the process of working through some issues expressed by the jurisdictions.

d. Ongoing Projects between the City of Marina and MCWD:

Councilmember Ford commented that the only project he could think of was the Crescent Street project. Vice Chair Gustafson commented that the District's project, which could impact Crescent Street, was not in the near future.

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

Vice Chair Gustafson suggested discussing strategies to show ownership and to protect the District which could be done by securing and utilizing the Armstrong land. Mr. Heitzman suggested that the topic might be better for a different committee. Vice Chair Gustafson agreed.

Director Shriner suggested discussing the possibility of changing the District's Board meetings from Tuesday to Wednesday. Vice Chair Gustafson stated that he would like to hold Board meetings on Friday morning when everyone is fresh and not tired from a long day.

Councilmember Ford commented that he will be busy with the tax season and would not be present at the March meeting. Mr. Heitzman suggested holding the next meeting in April. The Committee members agreed to skip the March meeting and hold the next one on April 25th.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:21 p.m.