June 30, 2014
MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER/ESTABLISH QUORUM

The meeting was Called to Order at 12:05 PM.

Directors Present: Directors Richard Ortiz, Claude Hoover, Silvio Bernardi, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, David Hart, John Huerta, Mike Scattini and Deidre Sullivan

Directors Absent: None.

A quorum was established.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS – None.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION @ 12:06 PM

4. RECONVENE MEETING/REPORT FROM CLOSED SESSION

Chair Richard Ortiz reconvened the meeting after lunch and Closed Session @ 1:05 PM

A quorum was again established.

Deputy County Counsel Jesse Avila indicated there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (led by Director Claude Hoover).
6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Margie Kay requested Directors to use their microphones when speaking during the meeting.

Dale Huss, Ocean Mist Farms, stated assessments were increased for the Espinosa Booster Pump station and asked when it will be completed since wells are in continual use without the station. Chair Richard Ortiz requested Staff to prepare a response regarding the status of the Espinosa Booster Pump station.

Nicole Goehring, Government Affairs Director at Associated Builders and Contractors of Northern California, questioned whether Directors were aware of the Project Labor Agreement included in AB 155 and behind-the-scenes meetings related to the legislation.

Nancy Isakson, Salinas Valley Water Coalition, stated there was nothing on the day’s agenda regarding AB 155. Ms. Isakson noted the legislation passed the Senate Finance Committee and went straight to the Senate floor for consideration as an Urgency Bill at the beginning of August. Ms. Isakson indicated the public should have had an opportunity to openly discuss this legislation, and requested updates be provided regarding the status of the Bill.

Mike McCullough, Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, reminded Directors of Senate Bill 7x6 which requires collaboration between local monitoring entities and DWR to collect groundwater elevation data (CASGEM program). Mr. McCullough added that grant funding (through the IRWMP process).

7. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Approve the Minutes of the following meetings: Special Joint Meeting of the Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors held on April 8, 2014 and Special Board of Directors Meeting held on June 2, 2014.

B. Approve purchase orders/contracts in excess of $500 and credit card purchases over $500 in April/May 2014.

C. Approve a Notice of Completion for repair of the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Plant; and, authorizing the General Manager to execute and record the Notice at the Monterey County Recorder’s Office.

D. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the professional services agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., in the amount of $35,000 for providing safety surveillance and performance evaluation of San Antonio Dam; and, authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

E. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the professional services agreement with Salinas Pump Company in the amount of $100,000 to provide well and pump maintenance, repair services and well logging services for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project; and, authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

F. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the professional services agreement with FISHBIO in the amount of $20,000, which is included in the FY 2014-15 approved Budget, to provide fisheries monitoring work in support of the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) through June 30, 2015; and, authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment.
ii. Met with architects to discuss Agency needs if we relocated to Capital One building;

iii. Met with Office of Education regarding lease and lease/buy options for current facility;

iv. Met with regulatory agencies regarding Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program;

v. Met with regulatory agencies (NOAA, Fish & Wildlife and USACOE) regarding Water Rights Permit #11043 and the Interlake Tunnel Project;

vi. Met separately with X&Y (Managers/Supervisors) and J&F Unit Staff members;

vii. Attended Deep Water Desal Science Symposium;

d) Report to Board of Supervisors – On July 1, 2014 the Board of Supervisors will consider re-affirming authorizing the Agency’s General Manager to execute the Reimbursement and Funding Agreement along with financing options for the Interlake Tunnel Project;

e) Mike McCullough (from PCA) made comments about CASGEM (SBX 6 Legislation) – Agency has no funds for this program. We always knew this would become part of grant submission requirements. State requires monitoring on every groundwater basin in California. Agency has been tagged with monitoring all basins in Monterey County. We agreed to monitor Salinas Valley and thought we were in compliance. Staff continues to ask for more financial support (unfunded mandates) and State told us to raise assessments. We did not anticipate that CASGEM was required for Drought Funding. We are working to be compliant with this requirement in order to be eligible for the Drought Funds. PCA/City Project is the only project that would go forward in the IRWMP process.

f) AB 155: Will move to the Senate floor in early August containing a Project Labor Agreement and P.L. 20133 bidding requirements inserted when considered by the Finance Committee. The Agency is being pushed to enter into a Project Labor Agreement. With these changes in the bill, it will probably take longer to design/build the project. At this point it is unclear if the Agency can decline in utilization of the legislation.

Director Silvio Bernardi left the dais at 4:38 PM and returned at 4:42.

Public Comments:

Nancy Isakson recommended the scheduling of an informational workshop regarding AB 155. She questioned why the Agency would allow the Bill to move forward if it will not be utilized.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS – Planning Committee Chair noted the committee is defining its areas of responsibility, and noted this is essential for all committees to eliminate areas of overlap.

12. INFORMATION ITEMS – Directors had no questions/comments regarding the Information Items.

13. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

14. BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ COMMENTS – By consensus, Directors voiced concern that Monterey County Staff routinely overrides Agency Act requirements, and requested Agency Staff to firmly push back. Directors also directed Staff to schedule a meeting soon to discuss AB 155. General Manager Chardavoyne responded the Bill is not in its original form and Staff does not support the changes.