



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT  
583 SAN YSIDRO ROAD, MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA**

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2020**  
**9:30 A.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

President Wicks called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. All participants attended electronically.

Directors Participating:

Directors Kenneth Coates, Brian Goebel, Cori Hayman, Tobe Plough, and Floyd Wicks

Directors Absent:

None

Staff Participating:

Nick Turner, General Manager

Adam Kanold, Engineering Manager

Daryl Smith, Business Manager

Robert Cohen, General Counsel

Laura Camp, P.I. Officer

Lois Werner, Recording Secretary

Guests Attending:

Steve Bachman

Cathy Taylor, City of Santa Barbara

Jane Gray, Dudek

Bryce McAteer, WestWater Research

Matt Payne, WestWater Research

Jonathan Allcock

Dakota Corey

Betsy Robertson Cramer

Richard Shaikewitz

Joshua Haggmark, City of Santa Barbara

Donna Senauer

Malcolm Hamilton

Bob Hazard, Montecito Journal (joined  
11:45 a.m.)

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Participants recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **3. PUBLIC FORUM**

Mr. Allcock addressed the Board on the subjects of District office technology and financial practices.

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was moved by Director Coates, seconded by Director Plough and carried, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks voting in favor, to approve the consent calendar as corrected.

### **5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORTS**

A. BOARD ACTION: California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance for a potential long term Water Supply Agreement with the City of Santa Barbara;

- i. Consider the CEQA Addendum to the City of Santa Barbara's 1991 and 1994 EIRs for the Charles E. Meyer Desalination Project prepared in accordance with California Code of Regulations 15164
- ii. Make a finding that a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required for the Project because, based on substantial evidence - including the Addendum, the 1991 and 1994 EIRs and a 2015 addendum thereto - there are no new significant environmental effects resulting from the Project and there would not be a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental effects resulting from the Project;
- iii. Upon completing review of the administrative record, and making appropriate findings, adopt the CEQA Addendum in accordance with the California Code of Regulations §15164, §15162 and Public Resources Code §21166

Mr. Turner and Ms Gray presented this item and responded to questions from Directors and members of the public. Following discussion it was moved by Director Plough, seconded by Director Hayman and carried, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks voting in favor, to make a finding that a subsequent or supplemental EIR is not required for the Project because, based on substantial evidence – including the Addendum, the 1991 and 1994 EIRs and a 2015 addendum thereto – there are no new significant environmental effects resulting from the Project and there would not be a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified environmental effects resulting from the Project; and to adopt the CEQA Addendum in accordance with the California Code of Regulations §15164, §15162 and Public Resources Code §21166.

B. INFORMATION ONLY: Water Supply Agreement and Proposition 218 Rate Study Update

Mr. Turner and Ms Camp presented this item and responded to questions from Directors and members of the public.

- C. INFORMATION ONLY: Quarterly Water Supply Update (*this item was heard after item 5-E*)

Mr. Turner presented this item via PowerPoint and responded to questions from Directors and members of the public.

- D. INFORMATION ONLY: Preliminary findings of *Future Demand and Water Supply Options Report 2020 Update* prepared by Steve Bachman

This item was introduced by Mr. Turner and presented by Dr. Bachman via PowerPoint. Dr. Bachman responded to questions from Directors and members of the public.

- E. INFORMATION ONLY: Short-term Water Marketing Strategy; Presentation by WestWater Research

This item was introduced by Mr. Turner and presented by Mr. McAteer and Mr. Payne, who responded to questions from Directors and members of the public.

- F. BOARD ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 2192 memorializing the intent of the District to share resources with Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Turner presented this item. It was moved by Director Plough, seconded by Director Coates and carried by the following roll-call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2192 as presented.

AYES: Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

- G. BOARD ACTION: Authorization to execute a Utility Agreement to cost share with Santa Barbara County Association of Governments for a water main relocation due to a crossing conflict at Romero Creek as part of State of California Highway 101 Widening Project Segment 4C

Mr. Kanold presented this item and responded to questions from Directors. Following discussion it was moved by Director Goebel, seconded by Director Hayman and carried, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks voting in favor, to authorize staff to execute the Utility Agreement for the Highway Widening Project Segment 4C water main crossing conflict at Romero Creek, subject to further exploration of County documentation related to occupancy right and determination of liability for cost of main relocation.

- H. INFORMATION ONLY: Status update on revisions to District operations and procedures in response to COVID-19

Mr. Turner presented this item and responded to question from Directors.

- I. INFORMATION ONLY: General Manager's Report

Mr. Turner had no report.

J. Immediate Action Item allowed under Government Code 54954.2(b) (*this item was heard before item 5-H*)

- i. BOARD ACTION: Authorization to add an “Immediate action” agenda item for consideration of Resolution No. 2193, a Resolution of the Board of Directors of the Montecito Water District Designating an Authorized Representative and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Agreement with DWR on behalf of the Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

It was moved by Director Plough, seconded by Director Coates and carried, with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks voting in favor, to add consideration of Resolution No. 2193 to this agenda.

- ii. BOARD ACTION: Adoption of Resolution No. 2193 Designating an Authorized Representative and Authorizing the Execution of Grant Agreement with DWR on behalf of the Montecito Groundwater Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

Mr. Turner presented this item. It was moved by Director Plough, seconded by Director Coates and carried by the following roll-call vote to adopt Resolution No. 2193 as presented.

AYES: Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

**6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT**

- A. INFORMATION ONLY: Unaudited District Monthly Financial Reporting for March 2020

Mr. Smith presented this report and responded to questions from Directors.

**7. DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- A. Presidents Report

Director Wicks noted a decision by the Hawaii State Supreme Court regarding the injection of recycled water into the groundwater basin.

- B. Central Coast Water Authority

Director Wicks reported on the activities of CCWA.

- C. Santa Barbara County Special Districts Association

No report

- D. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board

Director Hayman reported on the activities of COMB.

- E. Cachuma Conservation Release Board

Director Plough reported on the activities of CCRB.

- F. Operations & Customer Relations Committee

Directors Hayman & Wicks reported on the activities of the Operations and Customer Relations Committee.

*Director Hayman left the meeting at 2:47 p.m.*

- G. Finance Committee

Directors Coates & Plough noted that the activities of the Finance Committee had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

- H. Strategic Planning Committee

Directors Wicks & Goebel noted that the activities of the Strategic Planning Committee had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

- I. Ad hoc Committee WSA/Rate Study Communications

Directors Coates & Goebel noted that the activities of the committee had been covered elsewhere in the agenda.

- J. Ad hoc Committee WSA Review

The committee had not met.

## **8. LEGAL MATTERS**

- A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report

Mr. Cohen had nothing to report in open session

- B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2) Conference with Legal counsel – Anticipated Litigation, 1 case

The Board adjourned to closed session at 2:53 p.m.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:01.

Report out of closed session:

The Board received a report from Counsel and no action was taken.

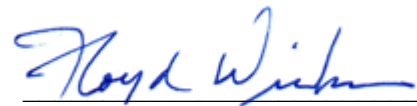
## **9. DIRECTOR REQUESTS**

There were no requests from Directors for items other than regular agenda items for the next regular Board meeting scheduled for Tuesday, May 26, 2020 or any future meeting.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 3:02 p.m.

Approved:



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Floyd Wicks, Presidents

Attest:



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Nick Turner, Secretary