



# Fort Ord Reuse Authority

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## WATER/WASTEWATER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

9:00 AM WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20, 2013

920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933 (FORA Conference Room)

### ACTION MINUTES

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AT 9:00 AM

Confirming a quorum, FORA Assistant Executive Officer Steve Endsley called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The following people, indicated by signatures on the roll sheet, attended:

##### Committee Members

Elizabeth Caraker, City of Monterey

Mike Lerch, CSUMB

Debby Platt, City of Marina

Carl Holm, Monterey County

Tim O'Halloran, City of Seaside

Bob Schaffer, MCP

Brian Lee, MCWD

Steve Endsley, FORA

Jim Arnold, FORA

Crissy Soares, FORA

Patrick Breen, MCWD

Jonathan Garcia, FORA

Crisand Giles, BIA

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None noted

#### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

MCWD Deputy General Manager/District Engineer Brian Lee reported that the MCWD Board workshop held Saturday February 23<sup>rd</sup> allowed staff to update new Board members on the water augmentation program.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES: February 20, 2013

Carl Holm noted that he had attended the February meeting but was not listed in the minutes, and requested the minutes be revised to reflect his attendance. On a motion made by Mike Lerch, seconded by Mr. Holm, the minutes were approved as corrected.

#### 5. OLD BUSINESS

##### **a. Ord Community annexation – Update**

MCWD filed a sphere of influence application with LAFCO for all developable land on Fort Ord. MCWD expects to have the sphere of influence by late 2013/early 2014. Working with LAFCO, MCWD wants to ensure that separate cost centers are memorialized in the annexation to protect their rate payers. Annexation will allow Ord Community residents to vote and be on the Board, but initial legal opinion is unclear as to authority to expand the district. The Seaside County Sanitation District has been directed to annex their Fort Ord land. They are currently determining what they will seek to annex. If conflict arises, that would have to be negotiated by Seaside County Sanitation and MCWD.

##### **b. Ord Community Budgets and Rates – Schedule meetings**

MCWD is currently conducting a rate study and associated Prop 218 process. An updated budget and rate package will not be ready for Board review until August or September. On a motion made by Mr. Holm and seconded by Debby Platt, the meeting schedule was set to follow the second Administrative Committee meeting of each month through budget approval.

##### **c. Ord Community Capital Improvement Projects**

MCWD will work closely with the WWOC to ensure capital projects are correctly placed based on development project timing and need. At the last MCWD Board meeting, the Board cancelled their desalination plant design contract with Marina Water Alliance. Current estimates show that groundwater can support a 180 unit per-year absorption rate (based on FORA's current CIP Phase II study) for the foreseeable future. A more aggressive build-out would alter this assumption. A desalination plant would

be very expensive to construct and, if it is not operational for the next several years after construction, it would deteriorate rapidly. FORA Senior Project Manager Jim Arnold gave a thorough explanation of the desalination process, which committee members appreciated.

At this time, none of the land use jurisdictions have agreed to take reclaimed water. MCWD negotiations with MRWPCA need to continue in order to provide the land use jurisdictions with the cost of the water. Committee members stated that they are not in a position to agree to reclaimed water until the cost is known.

**6. NEW BUSINESS – none**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 AM.

*Minutes prepared by Crissy Maras, Grants and Contracts Coordinator*