

Draft Minutes  
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

August 31, 2011

1. Call to Order:

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

- Committee members: MCWD President Bill Lee, MCWD Director Howard Gustafson, Councilmember David Brown and Councilmember Jim Ford.
- General Manager Jim Heitzman and Deputy General Manager/District Engineer Carl Niizawa attended for Marina Coast Water District.
- Attending members of the public included: Jan Shriner and Dan Amadeo.

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

No comments.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of July 20, 2011:

Councilmember Ford made a motion to approve the draft minutes of July 20, 2011. President Lee seconded the motion. The motion was approved with Councilmember Brown and Director Gustafson abstaining.

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

a. Water Supply Assessment for Marina Downtown Revitalization Project:

Mr. Niizawa commented that City staff had requested the Water Supply Assessment (WSA) to be postponed.

b. Regional Desal

Mr. Heitzman commented that things are moving along and the members are preparing to go into mediation. He added that the District has submitted an application to the State Revolving Fund although the County refused to pay for their portion. Mr. Heitzman commented that every regulator, including State Revolving Fund, Coastal Commission staff, Bureau of Reclamation, and Department of Health, has helped the District in every way and is in support of the project.

Councilmember Ford commented that a member of the public makes comments at the City Council meetings and suggested that a District representative attend a Council meeting and address those comments. Director Gustafson said that he would be pleased to attend the meeting and address the public comments.

c. City of Marina Teen Center:

Mr. Niizawa commented that the City and District staffs are in agreement on the costs and construction details with the District performing the work and the City reimbursing the District. Councilmember Brown asked Mr. Niizawa for a brief background on this item. Mr. Niizawa commented that when the Teen Center was remodeled, the plans were not complied with and the District and City staff have been working on it ever since.

d. Possible Annexation of Fort Ord Lands by MCWD

Mr. Heitzman commented that the District will be bringing the annexation issue to the Board next month and asking for approval to move forward with the CEQA work with Denise Duffy and Associates and an application with LAFCO. Councilmember Brown asked which areas the District was planning to annex. Mr. Heitzman answered that it was all jurisdictions in the Ord Community. Director Gustafson commented that it would take a vote of the public before it can be annexed. Mr. Amadeo asked how many years the annexation has been discussed. Mr. Heitzman answered that it has been ongoing for many years and long before he started at the District.

e. Public Relations between Marina City Council and MCWD:

Commissioners Ford and Brown said that they didn't see any problems.

f. Professional Relations between the City of Marina and MCWD Staffs:

Mr. Heitzman commented that the staffs work well together and things have never been better.

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

Mr. Heitzman commented that he has been talking with the City Manager who believes that the City has adequate water supply for the Cypress Knolls project. He said the District had been holding off on doing anything about the District's small desal plant until the City took action on Cypress Knolls. Mr. Heitzman said that now that the Council has voted on Cypress Knolls, the District can begin talks with the developers regarding the small desal plant.

Councilmember Brown commented that members of the public have been speaking at City Council meetings saying that since the developers have reneged on their payments under the water contract, the water allocations are no good. Director Gustafson stated that he had asked for an opt-out option in the contract if the developers didn't pay, but the attorney didn't put one in. He said that with the rate of development right now, it really isn't relevant to do anything about the contract.

Agenda Item 4-g (continued):

Mr. Heitzman added that the small desal didn't have anything to do with the City's water allocation, but it does matter to the water allocation that came from the small desal. He added that only the City knows if the development needs that water or if the water supply is sufficient.

Director Gustafson said that the City should get something in writing from Mr. Heitzman regarding the agreement, and he will speak at the next Council meeting regarding the small desal.

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

Mr. Heitzman commented that there could be more detail on the small desal after the District talked with the developers.

Mr. Heitzman commented that the Water Supply Assessment could be removed from the agenda, as well as relations between the City/MCWD and the City/MCWD staffs.

President Lee commented that Ms. Riso will send out possible dates for the next meeting. Ms. Riso stated that she will try for the last week of the month. Mr. Ford announced that he has possible Jury Duty on the 26<sup>th</sup> of September.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.