

Draft Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

October 22, 2014

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Chair Moore. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Bill Lee, MCWD Director Tom Moore, and Councilmember Gail Morton.
- Staff: Layne Long attended for the City of Marina.
- Public members: Kenneth Nishi.

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

No comments.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of August 22, 2014 and Receive the Draft Minutes of September 24, 2014:

Vice Chair Morton made a motion to approve and receive the minutes of September 24, 2014. Director Lee seconded the motion.

Mr. Nishi asked that the word “property” at the end of the paragraph on item 4b be changed to “land”. Vice Chair Morton asked that the first words of that same paragraph be changed to “There was discussion that the City of Marina...”

Vice Chair Morton made a substitute motion to approve the minutes of September 24, 2014 with the clarification on item 4b. Director Lee seconded the motion. With a vote of 2-Ayes, 0-Noes, 1-Abstention (Moore), 1-Absent (Brown), the motion was passed.

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

a. CalAm Desal Application and Coastal Commission Permit Update; Slant Wells:

Vice Chair Morton stated that the City of Marina was in the process of having the minutes from their September 3 and 4th Council meetings transcribed by a court reporter by October 31st. Discussion followed.

Return to item 3.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of August 22, 2014:

Vice Chair Morton made a motion to approve and receive the minutes of August 22, 2014 with the time corrected to 9:00 a.m. Director Lee seconded the motion. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 1-Absent (Brown), the motion was passed.

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

b. Discuss the Fort Ord Veterinary Barracks Building:

Mr. Nishi commented that he suggested giving the barracks to the City of Marina and giving them 90 days to move it to another location.

Director Lee made a motion to recommend to the MCWD Board that the District give the building to the City of Marina with 90 days to move it to another location. Chair Moore seconded the motion. Discussion on the recommendation followed.

Chair Moore made a substitute motion to make a recommendation to the MCWD Board to work with the City of Marina in looking at giving the barracks to the City of Marina and getting the building moved off of District property.

Vice Chair Morton made an amendment to the substitute motion to have MCWD and the City of Marina work together to look at a transfer of ownership of the building and/or land to the City of Marina.

Mr. Layne Long, City of Marina, arrived at 5:22 p.m.

Mr. Long commented that he was having City staff look into the building, land and whether there was any feasibility of moving the building or leaving it where it was.

Chair Moore withdrew his motion.

Director Lee stated that the building was a nuisance. Director Lee made a motion to recommend to the MCWD Board that the District give the building to the City of Marina or another interested entity with 90 days to move it to another location. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Nishi voiced his concerns over not moving forward with this item. He was informed that the item would remain on the next agenda for more discussion.

c. Discuss the District's Requirement/Duty to Provide Augmented Water

There was discussion on the sustainability of the shallow and deep aquifers and who has rights to the water.

Mr. Long left the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

d. Well/Aquifer Production:

Vice Chair Morton stated that she was interested in the amount of water being pumped from the 900 foot aquifer. The information will be provided at the next meeting. There was discussion on desalination projects.

e. Discuss Water Allocation for the Roller Hockey Building:

Vice Chair Morton commented that she was charged with looking into the Roller Hockey water allocation that was possibly allocated to another project. There was discussion on whether the water allocation limits have been met.

f. Addressing Rate Increase/Fire Service Fees:

Chair Moore explained the private fire service charges, how they are calculated, and the concerns of ratepayers. Vice Chair Morton inquired on the fixed costs to water bills, especially those of low income housing tenants, and asked if they had special rates. Chair Moore explained the rate structure, including the capital component charges, and that the District cannot subsidize any ratepayers, even if they are low income. Discussion followed.

g. Median Irrigation and Run-Off:

Vice Chair Morton commented that the City was aware of the issue. There was discussion on whether the issue was overspray, wind, or just run-off. Chair Moore suggested the City staff meet with District conservation staff to look at the problem and try to find a reasonable solution.

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

The Committee agreed to continue discussion on the same topics at the next meeting.

6. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.