

Montara Water and Sanitary District

Serving the Community of Montara and Moss Beach

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Mission Statement: This District will manage and care for the resources with which it is entrusted in an open and ethical manner with active public involvement; provide through local control, reliable, high-quality water, wastewater and solid waste services for the people of Montara and Moss Beach at an equitable price; and ensure the fiscal and environmental vitality of the district for current and future generations

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

(Special Meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.; see Agenda for Special Meeting below)

AGENDA

Regular Meeting

District Board of Directors

8888 Cabrillo Highway
Montara, California 94037

September 18, 2014 at 7:30 p.m.

(Regular Meeting)

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT

ORAL COMMENTS (Items other than those on the agenda)

PUBLIC HEARING

CONSENT AGENDA

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Summary of New Groundwater Regulations in California.
2. Review and Possible Action Concerning District Comments to CCWD Draft Environmental Impact Report for Denniston / San Vicente Project.

REPORTS

1. Sewer Authority Mid-Coastside Meetings (Harvey)
2. MidCoast Community Council Meeting (Slater-Carter)
3. CSDA Report (Slater-Carter)
4. CCWD, NCCWD Committee Report (Harvey, Huber)
5. Attorney's Report (Schricker)
6. Directors' Reports
7. General Manager's Report (Heldmaier)

FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURN

AGENDA – SPECIAL MEETING (7:00 p.m.)

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

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CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

(Gov't. C. §54956.9(d)(1))

Names of cases:

- (i) Montara Water and Sanitary District v. County of San Mateo, etc. et al., Resp.; Big Wave LLC, Real Party in Interest, San Mateo Cnty. Super. Ct. No. CIV 505205

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

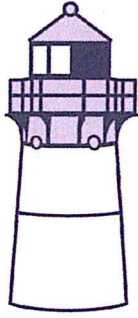
Initiation of litigation (Gov't. Code §54956.9(c))

Number of cases: 1

RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURN TO CONVENE FOR REGULAR MEETING

The District has a curfew of 11:00 p.m. for all meetings. The meeting may be extended for one hour by vote of the Board.

NOTE: In accordance with the Government Code, members of the public may address the Board on specific agenda items when that matter is discussed by the Board. Any other items of interest that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the District may be addressed during the Oral Comments portion of the meeting. Upon request, this agenda will be made available in appropriate alternative formats to persons with a disability. Request for a disability-related modification or an accommodation in order to participate in the public meeting should be made at (650) 728-3545. Materials related to an item on this Agenda submitted to the Board after distribution of the agenda packet are available in the District Clerk's office during normal business hours. Such documents may also be available on the District's web site (www.mwsd.montara.org) subject to staff's ability to post the documents before the meeting.



MONTARA WATER AND SANITARY DISTRICT AGENDA

For Meeting Of: **September 18, 2014**

TO: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FROM: Clemens Heldmaier, General Manager

SUBJECT: Review and Summary of New Groundwater Regulations in California.

At the last meeting the Board asked legal counsel to prepare a summarization of the new Groundwater Legislation, passed on August 29, The three bills signed by the Governor today – AB 1739 by Assemblymember Roger Dickinson (D-Sacramento) and Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 by Senator Fran Pavley (D-Agoura Hills) – create a framework for sustainable, local groundwater management for the first time in California history. California is the last western state to regulate groundwater extractions. The legislation allows local agencies to tailor sustainable groundwater plans to their regional economic and environmental needs.

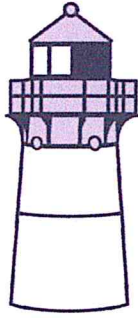
Groundwater is a critical element of the state's water system, making up more than one-third of California's water supply in normal years and up to 60 % in drought years. The bills establish a definition of sustainable groundwater management and require local agencies to adopt management plans for the state's most important groundwater basins. The legislation prioritizes groundwater basins that are currently overdrafted and sets a timeline for implementation:

- By 2017, local groundwater management agencies must be identified;
- By 2020, overdrafted groundwater basins must have sustainability plans;
- By 2022, other high and medium priority basins not currently in overdraft must have sustainability plans; and
- By 2040, all high and medium priority groundwater basins must achieve sustainability.

Additionally, the legislation provides measurable objectives and milestones to reach sustainability and a state role of limited intervention when local agencies are unable or unwilling to adopt sustainable management plans.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for Board information only.



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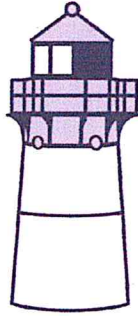
The Coastsidewater District (CCWD) Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Denniston/San Vicente Water Supply Project can be viewed at http://www.coastsidewater.org/reports_and_studies/Denniston-San-Vicente-Water-Supply-Project-DRAFT-EIR.pdf. The comment period closes on October 3.

The suggested project includes an increase in water diverted from Denniston Creek and the construction of a pipeline that allows CCWD to divert water from San Vicente Creek. CCWD also seeks to establish its existing water rights necessary for the new diversions. Both creeks contribute to the groundwater recharge in the airport aquifer that is also used by this District for municipal potable water extraction. MWSD has a total of 6 extraction wells in the affected aquifer. Three wells in the center, close to the airport administration building, and three wells in the Pillar Ridge community. Three additional wells are currently not used for water production, but are operated as monitoring wells by this District in the vicinity of the airport wells and in the northern section of the airport aquifer.

The Draft Environmental Impact Report is a substantial document that contains much new data and possibly some new information about the aquifer based on three years of scientific research. A request for extension of the comment period submitted by this District was declined at the September 9 CCWD meeting.

Initial areas of concern about the Draft EIR are:

- Data interpretation that excludes significant impacts to the groundwater recharge and therefore the lack of mitigation measures for potential decline in groundwater levels.
- Reliance on data from three years; Lack of drought analysis; lack of consideration of data from drought years and under different aquifer usage scenarios that currently are permitted.
- Non consideration of expected environmental changes like seawater level increase and drought periods.
- Non consideration of changing groundwater regulations in California.



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Staff is currently reviewing the Draft EIR with Balance Hydrologic and preparing district comments. An initial draft comment letter will be submitted before, or at the meeting.

CCWD General Manager Dave Dickson will be present to introduce the planned project. Balance Hydrologic will speaking about the groundwater and surface water related research portions as well as their review of the Draft EIR.

RECOMMENDATION:

This is for Board discussion and staff direction. While a draft comment letter will be available at the meeting more time is required to analyze the document and its potential effects to this district.

Attachments (some provided at the meeting)