

**SEASIDE GROUNDWATER BASIN  
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**Newsletter for March 18, 2008:**

Latest news from the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster:

**1) The Seaside Basin Watermaster Board of Director's last met on March 5 2008.** Actually, the Board had two meetings since the last newsletter: February 6<sup>th</sup> and March 5, 2008.

A) February 6, 2008 Board of Directors meeting:

- 1) The Board put the finishing touches on the "Specific Action Plan" to resolve the Court Ordered deficiencies in the well owners/operators reporting of well water levels and water quality component of the original Court Decision of March 2006. This Plan was completed and filed with the court on February 27, 2008 one day before the court imposed deadline of February 28, 2008
- 2) Approved a contract with Hydrometrics LLC to perform FY 2008 Monitoring and Management Program Consulting Services that will include preparing a generalized outline for both short-term and long-term basin management, prepare a seawater intrusion response plan and update the Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report
- 3) Approved a request for legal counsel to contact the Court for its guidance on what role the Watermaster should take with regards to State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) Cease and Desist Order (CDO) to California American Water (CAW). The Board's initial direction was to take the position of a **full-party** in the potential proceedings, and to request both the City of Seaside and MPWMD counsels to begin preparation of documents to proceed as **full-party** in the matter.
- 4) Approved a recommended action of Declaring no Artificial Replenishment Water available for Water Year 2008.

B) March 5, 2008 Board of Directors meeting:

- 1) Authorized up to \$100,000 in financing for MRWPCA to develop project reports on the Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWRP) for inclusion as a listed alternative project to the California American Water Moss Landing desalination Coastal Water Project to be presented in environmental review documents to the Public Utilities Commission in May, 2008 for possible project approval.
- 2) Ratified the City of Seaside's motion for court approval for Watermaster to participate as a **full-party** in the State Water Resources Control Board-Division of Water Rights hearing regarding Cease and Desist Order WR 2008-00XX-DWR issued to California American Water, received on January 15, 2008.
- 3) Continued the matter of authorizing the City of Seaside to move the court on behalf of the Watermaster to enforce provisions of the Final Court Decision to compel California American Water to promptly pay past due assessments.

## **2) Appointment of Watermaster Board of Directors Members and Alternates**

- A) The City Council of the City of Monterey appointed Councilmember Frank Sollecito as the regular voting member representing the City on the Watermaster Board of Directors.
- B) California American Water appointed Mr. Craig E. Anthony, General Manager/Central Division as the alternate member of the Board representing California American Water.

## **3) Watermaster Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) had two regular meetings since the last newsletter**

- A) The February 13, 2008 regularly scheduled TAC meeting took no official action for lack of a quorum
- B) March 12, 2008 the TAC met at City of Seaside City Hall and discussed the responses from the well owners/operators and that MPWMD has started data collection on most of these wells. There are some of the wells where gathering data is proving difficult because physical limitations or other problems. In some cases Mr. Oliver is looking for replacement wells to use for data collection. Mr. Williams of Hydrometrics LLC reported that they had started work on their contract and was working with Mr. Oliver of MPWMD on elements of the contract. The committee discussed methods that need to be addressed regarding future calculation of the Replenishment Assessments if no projects are available by January, 2009, except the Sand City desalination plant. Chair Ingersoll appointed a subcommittee to address these issues and report back to the TAC at the April or May TAC meetings. A plan to solicit quotations to perform well surveying work was discussed and Mr. Jaques will obtain cost proposals and bring those proposals back to the TAC for review and direction. The committee members requested that Mr. Jaques obtain the details of the scope of work for MRWPCA's \$100,000 funding for their Ground Water Replenishment Project (GWRP) that the Board approved at their last Board meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup>.
- C) The next regular TAC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 9, 2008 at 1:30 p.m. at the Seaside City Hall Portable Office Building Conference Room.

## **4) Watermaster Budget and Finance Committee met on February 20<sup>th</sup> to continue the discussion on MRWPCA request for financial assistance for the proposed Groundwater Replenishment Project (GWRP). The committee decided to recommend to the Board that the Board authorize up to \$100,000 in financing for MRWPCA to develop project reports on the GWRP for inclusion as a listed alternative project to the CalAm Water Moss Landing Desalination Project.**

## **5) Watermaster Board of Directors next regular meeting is scheduled for 2:00 pm Wednesday, April 2, 2008. The meeting will be the Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency (MRWPCA) offices at 5 Harris Court, Building "D" Monterey, California.**

If there is anything you would like to see added to the next newsletter please let me know.

Thank you,

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