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**Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster
Technical Advisory Committee
Special Meeting
August 20, 2008**

Attendees: TAC Members

City of Seaside – Rick Riedl
California American Water – Tom Bunosky (by telephone)
City of Monterey – Les Turnbeaugh
Laguna Seca Property Owners – Stan Powell (by telephone)
MPWMD – Joe Oliver
Public Member – John Fischer
MCWRA – Kathy Thomasberg
City of Del Rey Oaks – No Representative
City of Sand City – No Representative
Coastal Subarea Landowners – No Representative

Watermaster

Technical Program Manager - Robert Jaques

Consultants

HydroMetrics LLC - Derrik Williams

Others:

None

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

There was no set agenda for this Special meeting. Its focus was to continue discussions on the reports being prepared by HydroMetrics.

1. There was discussion leading to an agreement that Section 4 of the BMAP will be discussed today along with some discussion regarding Protective Water Level issues.

Section 2 of the BMAP will be targeted for discussion at the August 27 special TAC meeting, as will Section 4 of the SIRP for that same meeting.

One more section will come out and titled "Conclusions and Recommendations" which will probably be Section 5 of the BMAP. Section 1-Background and Purpose-has not yet been prepared nor reviewed by the TAC. Section 6-Implementation Plan and Schedule-will likely be consolidated into Section 5, so no Section 6 will likely be prepared.

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Also, the SIRP will be coming out October 1st for of approval at the October 8 regular TAC meeting.

2. Mr. Bunosky requested that in the future a footer be added to the documents as they are prepared showing the Document Revision Date.
3. Mr. Powell said he felt many actions listed are under the control of other agencies, not the Watermaster, for example development of supplemental water supplies. Mr. Williams will add language on this.
4. Mr. Williams will replace "life" of the Basin with clarifying wording such as that suggested in Mr. Powell's August 17, 2008 e-mailed comments.
5. The title of Section 4 of the BMAP will be retitled to read simply "Groundwater Management Actions".
6. They were numerous editorial changes for clarity per TAC member requests.
7. Mr. Bunosky asked whether or not Seaside needed to request a change from being an "Alternative" producer to a "Standard" producer, if they wish to transfer water from MCWD to serve the Seaside golf courses. There was much discussion on this subject, with no clear conclusion. It was felt that this was more a legal decision than a TAC issue.
8. Mr. Oliver asked if the Operating Yield would get a 10 percent reduction, as currently planned, even if actual production was more than 10 percent below the current Operating Yield of 5,600 acre feet per year. Mr. Powell felt the answer was "yes", but Mr. Jaques noted that even if that was the case, the 10 percent cutback would pose little problem for water users if they were already using amounts that would total less than the reduced amount.
9. There was discussion about clarifying the Phase 1 ASR work under Subsection 4.1.3 and noting that the project has only "incidental" benefit to the Seaside Basin.
10. Discussion on Section 4 the BMAP concluded at the end of Section 4.2.1. The discussion will resume with Subsection 4.2.2 at the August 27 Special TAC meeting. However, Mr. Bunosky pointed out that there would be a need for funding approval from CPUC for CAW to cover costs associated with such things as (1) redistributing pumping as described under Subsections 4.2.2, 4.2.3, and 4.2.4, (2) installation of additional piping for many of the alternatives, and (3) addressing water quality changes from pumping from new locations (might require additional treatment).
12. There was the following discussion with regard to protective water levels.

Mr. Williams explained that the protective water level development work currently included in the BMAP just prevents sea water intrusion problems at specific production wells. His \$285K

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proposal would develop levels to protective the entire basin via higher levels along the coast, because this would also protect the inland portions of the basin.

Mr. Jaques posed the question as to whether the Watermaster should budget for (1) no protective water level work to be performed in 2009, (2) approximately \$50,000 of work to be performed in 2009, or (3) the full \$285K scope of the proposal to be performed in 2009.

Mr. Bunosky said he was comfortable with option (2) at present, but did not feel he had enough information to make a decision with regard to option (3).

It was agreed that there will be further discussion on this subject at future TAC meetings, so that a recommendation can be made to the Board at a future date.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.