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WATER MANAGEMENT & LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE
Regular Meeting August 16, 2012

Chair Hanson called the regular Water Management & Long Range Planning Committee meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Present: Director Hanson, Chair; Director Merrifield

Others Present: John McInnes, General Manager; Dave Matson, Assistant General Manager; Tom Bunosky, Operations Manager; Beth Horn, Assistant Board Secretary

Members of the Public Present: none

Public Input: There was no public input.

Departmental Agenda:

ITEM 1 – CCWA DELIVERY REQUEST FOR 2013-2017

The Committee received a report from Mr. Bunosky which explained that each September, CCWA is required to submit requests for State Water Table A deliveries to the Department of Water Resources (DWR) for the next five calendar years. Mr. Bunosky's report highlighted the following details:

- CCWA issues a request to each member unit to ascertain their respective anticipated needs during the Five Year planning period, exclusive of the amount of water that is exchanged with Santa Ynez Improvement District (ID #1).

- Members are not bound in any way to the estimates provided. If the District needs additional water in any given year, the District can request the deliveries based on Table A amounts and the capacity of CCWA's water treatment plant and pipeline associated with the District's share of Table A amounts.

- The estimates have no effect on the amount of carryover storage, amount of carryover available for sale, the amount in the future, or any other decision-making parameter available to the District.

- In January, the District can confirm or revise the estimate of planned Table A deliveries for 2014 and that estimate will be based on current conditions of water supply, system demands, and resultant impact those combined conditions have on the District's planned production parameters.

- Estimates obtained from CCWA members are used to establish the 2013 – 2014 CCA annual budget as well as finalize deliveries from DWR for the coming 2013 calendar year.

- Last year, the District estimated and informed CCWA that it would not take State Water deliveries into Lake Cachuma for the 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 calendar years.

- Currently:
    - Lake Cachuma is at 78% of capacity.
    - The Goleta Groundwater Basin is at the highest level in over 40 years and well above 1972 levels of the SAFE Ordinance.
    - ID #1 has been exchanging approximately 1,000 Acre Feet (AF) per year and has indicated that this will continue.
    - The District purchased 333 AF of Lake Cachuma entitlement water for the current water year from Carpinteria Valley Water District.
    - Customer demands have remained relatively constant over the last year and are not anticipated to increase dramatically over the next year.

The Committee directed this item be forwarded to the Board of Directors at the September 11th Board meeting for consideration with a recommendation to direct staff to notify CCWA that the District does not anticipate requesting delivery of any Table A State Water into Lake Cachuma for calendar years 2013 – 2017.

ITEM 2 – MONTHLY POTABLE WATER ALLOCATIONS UPDATE

The Committee received an update regarding potable water allocations made through July, 2012.

ITEM 3 – MONTHLY FORECASTED DEMAND FOR NEW POTABLE WATER ALLOCATIONS UPDATE

The Committee received an update regarding potable water allocations made through early August, 2012.

ITEM 4 – MONTHLY WATER PRODUCTION UPDATE

The Committee received Mr. Bunosky's July, 2012 Water Production Report.

10:38 a.m. Meeting Adjourned.

Next regular meeting: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 20, 2012

Prepared by Beth Horn, Assistant Board Secretary, and reviewed by Chair Hanson