



MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

5:30 P.M. Closed Session

6:30 P.M. Open Session

SPECIAL MEETING

**CITY COUNCIL, AIRPORT COMMISSION,
MARINA ABRAMS B NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PRESTON PARK SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER
MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MARINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY
AGENCY**

Marina City Council Chambers
211 Hillcrest Avenue
Marina, Ca 93933

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, and Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members)

MEMBERS PRESENT: Lisa Berkley, Frank O'Connell, Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair, Gail Morton, Mayor/Chair Bruce C. Delgado

MEMBERS ABSENT: Adam Urrutia (Excused)
3. CLOSED SESSION: *As permitted by Government Code Section 54956 et seq., the (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, and Redevelopment Agency Members) may adjourn to a Closed or Executive Session to consider specific matters dealing with litigation, certain personnel matters, property negotiations or to confer with the City's Meyers-Milias-Brown Act representative.*
 - a. Conference with legal Counsel, anticipated litigation – initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 – One potential case
 - b. Conference with Legal Counsel, anticipated litigation – significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Govt. Code Section 54956.9 – One potential case

6:30 PM - RECONVENE OPEN SESSION AND REPORT ON ANY ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Robert Rathie, Assistant City Attorney reported out Closed Session: Council met in Closed Session on the matters listed on the agenda tonight and discussed both matters. Information was provided and some direction was received. The Council did not finish its discussion on one of the matters and will reserve the right to return to Closed Session at the conclusion of the meeting tonight. There was no reportable action taken in Closed Session.

MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Please stand)4. PUBLIC HEARING:

Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency consider adopting **Resolution No. 2019-106 (MSGA)**, receiving a presentation on the draft Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) for the Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MGSA) portion of the 180/400 Foot Aquifer Subbasin, and; provide comments and direction to staff on the draft GSP, and; approve a Notice of Intent to Adopt a GSP in accordance with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).

Council Questions: Who is responsible for the large area southwest of Marina? What is the relevance of the Cemex arrow? What is it making a reference to? What would happen if fresh water was taken away, what would happen to that zone of infusion? Is it in our best interest to try to increase the thickness of the freshwater component and with that help to move the zone infusion seaward? Heard a lot about slant wells, what other foreseeable circumstances might there be that we should be concerned about? Does the plan discuss that there will be a benefit by the cessation of the Cemex mining? Without monitoring wells in the deep aquifer how do we accomplish these measurable objectives, such as higher salinity? Why doesn't the monitoring include repeated every 2-5 years an AEM survey? Is the AEM 2D or 3D and why does that matter? Is inductance logging 3D? Inductance Log interpellation? Slide 19, what's known about the water sharing/communication between them in our area? Ch. 3, Direction of Groundwater movement on dunes sand aquifer, what is the significance of that as far as our concern about protecting our groundwater? 180ft aquifer eastward groundwater direction, what is the significance of that? Groundwater pumping in 2015, does pumping draw water down? What is projected groundwater elevation? If someone pumps from the 600ft aquifer is that coming from the deep aquifer? Confirmation of what depth Marina's drinking water comes from? Would it be unwise to take another look to consider using or encouraging MCWD and SVGWSA to have a discussion about considering using AEM more significantly in our monitoring program going forward? Does anything we're doing tonight endanger the other sustainability plans? Do we have the fiscal ability to be responsible in handling the costs a groundwater sustainability plan?

Public Comments:

- Anthony Lombardo, behalf of Calif. American Water Co. – This is an untimely attempt to interfere with the formation of the GSA for Salinas Valley. Your actions are not only scrupulous, you're threatening the viability of the Salinas Valley Basin GSA. The plan that you have before you is bits and pieces out of the Salinas Valley Plan, ignoring the portions which the city does not find consistent with or conducive to its decision. The plan developed by the Salinas Valley GSA includes a network of slant wells at the coast to intersect groundwater pollution coming in from the seawater. That data is based on two-years of test well operation with monitoring activities in the test wells that your consultant mentioned earlier. If the city really wants to develop a management strategy that fits into the local framework you should be accepting the Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency's plan. We respectfully request that you not move forward with adopting the Notice of Intent to Pursue the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for the 400-acre parcel.
- Kim Stemler, resident, Exec. Director of Monterey County Venters and Growers Association – For the past two-years has been working in some role around the Salinas Valley GSA. Have participated in many meetings and have been impressed with the way diverse opinions and people representing different groups through the community have come together to try and figure out how we make everything work and build consensus. Happy to see the other GSA's mentioned so strongly in this, it's critical that you work with Salinas Valley GSA and of course MCWD. Concerned about the responsibility we're taking on and the fiscal responsibility because if. You need to include the community in this process to explain what everything meant.

- Gary Petersen – Studied AEM and what its good for and the only thing that prevented us from not using it was the timing. The last time it got flown we couldn't put together an agreement quick enough. Thinks all of the science is important and needs to be understood in relationship to each other. One of the losses that would be significant in this process would not to be able to sit down and reconcile these plans and models being used. As your plan is currently written it does not coordinate based on state regulations as we're using two different models. Concerned about the definition of seawater intrusion which is very specific on SIGMA but we will submit a complete written analysis of that. The issue here is seawater intrusion and contrary to what Mr. Lombardo said understands why you do a plan. Does not understand CalAm's actions of inserting themselves into processes that manage groundwater. Our door is open, and we need to sit down and figure out how to get through this. Thinks seawater intrusion is the greatest single threat to quality of life in Monterey County and there are 200,000 people whose drinking water is on the line. Important to know that the Salinas Valley Basin GSA is not the County or the Water Resources Agency and that we don't do business the way that they do. We are open for the conversations. We will continue to work with staff.
- Paula Pelot – Wanted to address the question the Mayor asked about the 180ft aquifer on the former Fort Ord. There is an upper and lower 180 and there was an aquitard in between that and the 400ft and so that's where some of that confusion comes in. There's a seasonal flow, part of the earth flows out and part of it flows back and the aquitard also had holes in it. We discovered that through the BRAC process 15-20 years ago. We started monitoring the CTC Plume so that may be the origins of this confusion about the 180. A portion of it is totally trashed, a portion of is partially trashed and that portion sometimes leaks through this aquitard or the holes that exist in the aquitard. Looking forward to reading through this document so that I can comment on it. Appreciates this presentation because it makes it very understandable.

MORTON/BERKLEY: TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 106 (MSGA), RECEIVING A PRESENTATION ON THE DRAFT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN (GSP) FOR THE MARINA GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY (MGSA) PORTION OF THE 180/400 FOOT AQUIFER SUBBASIN, AND; PROVIDE COMMENTS AND DIRECTION TO STAFF ON THE DRAFT GSP, AND; APPROVE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A GSP IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT (SGMA). 4-0-1(Urrutia)-0 Motion Passes

5. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned back into Closed Session at 8:40 PM

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor