

Draft Meeting Notes

Non-Potable Water and Distribution System Work Group

April 5, 2007 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM

Members Present

Madeleine Clark	Elkhorn Slough Coalition
Al Budris	Central Coast Rainwater Harvesters
Kenneth Nishi	Marina Coast Water District
Andy Sturbenz	Marina Coast Water District
Marc Lucca	Marina Coast Water District
Keith Israel	Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency
Joe Oliver	Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Steven Leonard	California American Water Company
Mak Shatila	RBF

Observers

Jonas Minton	Planning Conservation League
George Riley	Citizens for Public Water
Eric Zigas	CPUC (ESA Water)

Chairperson Kasower convened the group and instructed the members that they were responsible for reporting the group's progress in a status report to the Regional Plenary Oversight Group REPOG at the next meeting.

The Non-Potable Work Group began deliberations with the question of "how much recyclable water exists that has not been identified in some planned project?" The discussion distinguished the recyclable water that has already been identified in project plans from that remaining that has not yet been identified for beneficial uses at some treatment level.

Issues that were raised included:

- Beneficial and feasible use of seasonally available flows,
- Potential storage sites and applications including additional groundwater recharge and construction of ponds
- The possibility of using the remaining recycled water to "freshen" up brackish water prior to treatment and ultimately remediate the degraded aquifers with barriers,
- Also discussed was the issue associated with cumulative impacts from the MRWPCA outfall as more water is recycled and more brines are discharged. The question was what agency is responsible for examining those impacts since they occur incrementally through time.

The group agreed that there were additional recycled water projects that could be identified that could more wholly use the wastewater flows from MRWPCA.

Next Steps

Marc Lucca, Keith Israel, and Joe Oliver are going to draft a moderately detailed list of additional projects to present as part of the status reporting to the REPOG at the next meeting on April 25.