

Report from Water Committee (ad hoc committee formed following the Groundwater Management Advisory Committee:

Ed O'Brien, Jim Sullivan, and Christina Aranguren met Friday, May 21, 2021 to review thirteen recommendations recently developed by the GWMAC. They agreed to briefly discuss each one and direct them to the appropriate standing committees for further review and/or BOD action.

To summarize:

1. Costs of Hydrological Studies: directed for review by the Finance Committee.
2. Well-sharing Among Parcels: Was not favored by the BOD in a Special Meeting on May 10, 2021, therefore, does not warrant further discussion other than to discourage the practice as much as possible in the future and seek to avoid any conflicts arising from it.
3. Development of Community Water Storage System(s): directed to the Groundwater Committee.
4. Amendment to the GWEP Ordinance to Allow for Surplus Extraction to account for trend in precipitation arriving one month later during California water years. Surplus extraction is currently for up to 2X a permittee's approved water allotment during specific months if rainfall levels exceed 120% of normal. Will require more data and trend analyses for direction to the Groundwater Committee.
5. Private Rainfall Catchment Systems: A brochure has been provided to staff as an example of a mailer that could be tailored to MCCSD needs for distribution later this summer so that MCCSD customers have an opportunity to get any system(s) in place prior to winter rains.
6. Amendment to GWEP Ordinance for Exceptions to the Hydrological Studies Requirement in Change of Use Cases: Is thought to need prompt attention and recommended for further review by the Groundwater Committee prior to BOD discussion and/or possible action.
7. Sharing Water between Neighbors: Was not favored by the BOD and does not warrant further discussion.
8. Increasing Individual Storage Capacities: Is thought that related information could be distributed by staff in mailer form.
9. Out-of-Compliance Property Owners: directed to the Groundwater Committee.
10. Community Water System: directed to the GW Committee for eventual BOD discussion and/or action.
11. Review of the 1985 DWR Report and Coastal Commission hearings by the BOD: This recommendation was made on the assumption the studies had not been previously consulted.
12. Further Information from Hydrologist Mike Maley, Todd GW Management: A presentation was made and was recorded for public viewing and consultation.
13. Annual Water Meter Readings to confirm accurate reporting: Agreed that this is easily accomplished via photos sent to staff. Requires BOD action.