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Consider receiving an update on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Committee Application Process, approving the submitted applications, and providing direction to Staff

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) by-laws were revised officially at the Board of Directors' (BOD) September 19, 2016 meeting. These changes brought about a change to the Agency's BOD committee rosters for committees with public members. These committees were the Reservoir Operations Committee and the Basin Management Planning Committee. With the change in the by-laws, these committees are now called the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee and the Basin Management Advisory Committee respectively. These committees are now 'advisory' committees since they have public members on their respective rosters.

The Agency began a Committee Application process to add members of the public to these two committees in December 2016. This application process is for the subarea and public member representatives. The other appointments from the entities named (San Luis Obispo County, Monterey County Parks, Salinas River Channel Coalition, and the others) are expected to provide two nominees to the Agency from which the selection committee will choose. Existing committee members currently on these committees were requested to reapply.

For a reminder, the two committee rosters now contain the following positions:

1. Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee. The Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee (ROAC) reviews all matters pertaining to Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs. The Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee consists of three Board members, the Board Chair, and non-Director members. The Chair shall appoint non-Director members to the Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee as follows: one representative of a Salinas Valley City; one representative each of the Pressure, East Side, Forebay, and Upper Valley groundwater subareas; three members of the public at large; and one representative each from the San Luis Obispo County Public Works Department, Monterey County Parks Department, the Lakes resort concessionaire, Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee, and the Salinas River Channel Coalition.

2. Basin Management Advisory Committee. The Basin Management (BMAC) Advisory Committee reviews all matter concerning basin management. The Basin Management Advisory Committee consists of three Board members and non-Director members. The Chair shall appoint non-Director members to the Basin Management Advisory Committee as follows: one representative of a Salinas Valley City; one representative each of the Pressure, East Side, Forebay, and Upper Valley groundwater subareas; and three members of the public at large.

The initial application phase did not result in enough applications to fill all of the seats on the committees. Staff is seeking direction on how the BOD wants to move forward regarding the committee application process.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The Monterey County Counsel office has provided guidance through this process

FINANCING:

None

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Attachments:

1. Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Roster with applicants names included
2. Basin Management Advisory Committee Roster with applicants names included