



Marina Coast Water District

Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
October 18, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Shriner called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. on October 18, 2021 via Zoom teleconference in Marina, California. She then proceeded with a land acknowledgement. “As Marina Coast Water District celebrates its 60th year providing publicly owned water service to its customers in Marina and the Ord Community, we acknowledge that our service area is located on the traditional lands of the Esselen people. They are known today as the Ohlone/Constanoan-Esselen Nation. We respect their elders, past, present, and emerging, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture, and hopes of the Esselen people. We also acknowledge the government of the Ohlone/Coastanoan Esselen Nation and appreciate the spiritual role it plays today in preserving the cultural, historical and heritage beliefs of the Esselen people. We are grateful that they share their traditional lands with us.”

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Jan Shriner– President
Thomas P. Moore – Vice President
Herbert Cortez
Gail Morton
Matt Zefferman

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager
Roger Masuda, District Counsel
Kelly Cadiente, Director of Administrative Services
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Jigar Shaw, District Engineer
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager
Teo Espero, IT Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Agenda Item 2 (continued):

Audience Members:

Yuri Anderson, Supervisor Root-Askew Staff
Vera Nelson, EKI Water & Environment
Peter Le, Marina Resident
Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler

Sarah Babcock, MCWD
Rene Magdaleno, MCWD
Don Wilcox, MCWD
Joe Pineda, MCWD

3. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss the following items:

4. Closed Session:

- 1) California-American Water Company v. All Persons Interested...., Complaint for Reverse Validation, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 20CV002436, and Marina Coast Water District's consideration of joining that case
- 2) City of Marina v. RMC Lonestar [CEMEX], California-American Water Company, Marina Coast WD, et al Defendants, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 20CV001387 (Complaint for Breach of Contract, Declaratory Relief under the Agency Act, and Tortious Interference with Existing Contract)

The Board ended closed session at 7:02 p.m. President Shriner reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:03 p.m.

5. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

Mr. Roger Masuda, District Counsel, stated there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

6. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Zefferman led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

7. Oral Communications:

Mr. Peter Le, Marina resident, commented that he had submitted his comments in written format to the Board and General Manager and he asked that the Board review his comments and provide responses.

Agenda Item 7 (continued):

Mr. Le submitted an emailed comment on October 15, 2021 and it will be attached as correspondence, as well as kept on file within the District.

8. Presentation

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-50 in Recognition of Rene Magdaleno, Electrical/Mechanical Technician, for 15 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, introduced this item thanking Mr. Magdaleno for his hard work and years of service to MCWD.

Vice President Moore made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-50 in Recognition of Rene Magdaleno, Electrical/Mechanical Technician, for 15 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District. Director Morton seconded the motion. Ms. Sarah Babcock, MCWD employee, congratulated Mr. Magdaleno on his 15 years with the District, and stated that it was an honor and joy to work with Rene. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Cortez	-	Yes	Vice President Moore	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Zefferman	-	Yes			

President Shriner read the narration on the Resolution. Mr. Magdaleno thanked everyone for giving him the opportunity to apply for the new position and noted that he loved his job and plans to retire from the District someday.

9. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Presentation:

1. Receive a Presentation on the Monterey Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (Plan):

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item. Ms. Vera Nelson, EKI Water & Environment, gave a brief presentation on the overall Plan. The Board asked clarifying questions and discussion followed.

Ms. Yuri Anderson, Supervisor Root-Askew staff member/Marina resident, commented that she and Supervisor Root-Askew would like to see more public outreach and opportunities for the public to learn more about the Plan. She added that the Board was being asked to join in a joint session with the County Board of Supervisors on December 8th. Ms. Anderson stated that other subbasins were also being invited to attend and share any planned regional projects.

Item 9-A1 (continued):

The Board asked to have more outreach to the community regarding the Plan. Mr. Breen stated that the outreach would be increased.

10. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

11. Consent Calendar:

Vice President Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of September 2021; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of September 20, 2021; and, C) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-51 to Amend the FY 2021-2022 Budget for the Unbudgeted Emergency Purchase of a Replacement Vertical Hollow Shaft Motor for Well 31 by Utilizing Ord Water Capital Replacement and Improvement Reserve Funds. Director Zefferman seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Cortez	-	Yes	Vice President Moore	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Zefferman	-	Yes			

12. Action Item:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-52 to Proclaim a Local Emergency, Ratifying the State of Emergency Proclaimed on March 4, 2020, and Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings of All District Legislative Bodies for the Following 30 Days:

Ms. Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board, introduced this item. Director Morton made the finding that the state of emergency exists in the County of Monterey; that there is substantial risk to the Board, staff and members of the public to attend these meetings; and, made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-52 proclaiming a local emergency, ratifying the State of Emergency proclaimed on March 4, 2020, and authorizing remote teleconference meetings of all District legislative bodies for the following 30 days. Vice President Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Cortez	-	Yes	Vice President Moore	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Zefferman	-	Yes			

13. Staff Reports:

- A. Receive an Update on the Fiscal Impacts to the District due to Covid-19:

Item 13-A (continued):

Ms. Kelly Cadiente, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and noted that the District was in line to receive funds from the State arrearages program to help towards delinquent accounts. The Board asked clarifying questions.

B. Receive a Report on Current Capital Improvement Projects:

Mr. Jigar Shah, District Engineer, introduced this item.

C. Receive the 3rd Quarter 2021 MCWD Water Consumption Report:

Ms. Cadiente reviewed this item. Vice President Moore suggested putting the Central Marina water allocation number of 3,020 acre feet in the chart. Director Morton suggested a separate graph for Central Marina. President Shriner asked that it be brought to the Executive Committee for review first.

D. Receive the 3rd Quarter 2021 Sewer Flow Report:

Ms. Cadiente reviewed this item. Vice President Moore asked for the numbers to be in acre feet as measure.

E. Receive 3rd Quarter Report on Pure Water Monterey and MCWD Recycled Water Flows through September 30, 2021:

Mr. Breen introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions.

F. Receive a Report on Potable Water Production through August 31, 2021:

Mr. Breen introduced this item. Director Zefferman noted the graph was difficult to read with the thin lines and asked that the graph be revised so it's easier to read. Director Morton asked for a footnote showing the population in 2013.

14. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger gave the following updates:

- 1) MCWD received their 13th Government Finance Officers Association Award;
- 2) BHI Consulting has been awarded a contract and will begin working with the District on the Strategic Plan;
- 3) the generator project completed by Mr. Cray was successful as the District remained 100% in power during the last PG&E power outage. Two water booster stations, 1 chlorination station, and three sewer lift stations were affected during the 3-hour outage;

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- 4) the arrearages grant for \$134,000 will help those District customers who have been struggling during Covid;
- 5) Mr. Shah has reached out to the Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSmart grant to change out District meters and upgrade them to Advanced Metering Infrastructure meters (smart meters); and,
- 6) thanks to President Shriner for writing individual thank you cards to all the District employees for Water Professional Week and the District provided pizza for the employees, thanking them as well.

B. Counsel's Report:

There was no report.

C. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Water Conservation Commission:

Mr. Breen stated no meeting was held.

2. Joint City District Committee:

Director Morton stated they met and gave a brief update noting that there were questions on fire flow. Mr. Scherzinger suggested forwarding that to the Executive Committee to discuss scheduling a fire flow workshop. Director Zefferman noted he has been giving updates on Eleanor Ostrom's work.

3. Executive Committee:

Vice President Moore stated they met on October 5th and the next meeting is November 2nd.

4. Community Outreach Committee:

President Shriner and Director Zefferman gave a brief update.

5. Budget and Personnel Committee:

No meeting was held.

6. M1W Board Member:

Vice President Moore gave a brief update.

7. LAFCO Liaison:

Director Cortez stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 25th.

8. JPIA Liaison:

Director Morton stated there was nothing to report.

9. Special Districts Association Liaison:

Vice President Moore stated the next meeting is scheduled for October 19th.

10. MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee:

Mr. Breen said the meeting was canceled.

15. Correspondence:

President Shriner noted there was a thank you note for the General Manager.

16. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

No additional requests were made.

17. Director's Comments:

Director Cortez, Director Zefferman, Director Morton, Vice President Moore, and President Shriner made comments.

18. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary