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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
July 17, 2023

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Shriner called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on July 17, 2023 both in-person at 920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; and, via Zoom teleconference. President Shriner then proceeded with a land acknowledgement. “As Marina Coast Water District celebrates its 63rd year providing publicly owned water service to its customers in Marina and the Ord Community, we acknowledge that our service 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
Herbert Cortez – Vice President – arrived at 6:03 p.m.
Thomas P. Moore
Gail Morton
Brad Imamura

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

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

Agenda Item 2 (continued):

Audience Members:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler
Mike McCullough, M1W
Phil Clark, Seaside Resident
Alexia Reppert, City of Seaside
Brian McCarthy, Marina Resident
Paula Pelot, Marina Resident

3. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the following items:

4. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54957 (a)
Threat to Public Services or Facilities
Consultation With District Counsel and Information Technology Administrator
- B. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
LandWatch Monterey County v Marina Coast Water District and Does 1 through 25, inclusive, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 18CV000877 (Petition for Writ of Mandate)
- C. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Negotiators (General Manager)
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 890

The Board ended closed session at 8:26 p.m. President Shriner reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:30 p.m.

5. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

Mr. Roger Masuda, District Counsel, stated that there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

6. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Moore led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

7. Oral Communications:

There were no public comments made.

8. Presentation:

A. Proposed Sewer Billing Change by Monterey One Water:

Mr. Mike McCullough, Monterey One Water, gave a brief presentation on their efforts to change their billing from bi-monthly to an annual fee on a property tax bill. He added that this would be a public process with plenty of opportunities for the public to participate in the decision-making.

9. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Action Item:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-GSA01 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item noting that this item was to approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water for the Monterey Sub-basin Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation. Director Morton asked for clarification on this item.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-GSA01 to approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. for Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation. Director Imamura seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-GSA02 to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement and Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement with the Seaside Watermaster and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for the Installation of Monitoring Well FO-9 Shallow:

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

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-GSA02 to Authorize the General Manager to Execute a Cost Sharing Agreement and Supplemental Memorandum of Agreement with the Seaside Watermaster and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District for the Installation of Monitoring Well FO-9 Shallow.

Agenda Item 9-A2 (continued):

Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

10. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

11. Consent Calendar:

Director Morton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of June 2023; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of June 19, 2023; C) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of July 10, 2023; D) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-24 to Approve Prepayment of Marina Coast Water District's CalPERS Annual Employer Unfunded Accrued Liability Contribution for FY 2023-2024; E) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-25 to Authorize the Purchase and Retrofit of a New Sewer Closed Circuit Television Camera and Equipment for the Operations and Maintenance Department; F) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-26 to Authorize the Sole-Source Purchase of Eleven Flygt Sewage Pumps for the District's Sewer Lift Stations from Shape Incorporated; and, G) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-27 to Execute a Mutual Assistance Agreement Between Marina Coast Water District and the Carmel Area Wastewater District. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

12. Action Items:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-28 to Approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Marina Coast Water District and California Department of Parks and Recreation:

Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding easements.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-28 to Approve the First Amendment to the Memorandum of Agreement Between Marina Coast Water District and California Department of Parks and Recreation. Director Imamura seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

B. Receive an End of Year Engineering Report:

Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, introduced this item. Director Moore suggested staff contact the Co-Op Education Center at North Eastern University regarding Civil Engineering Interns to work at the District to gain work experience.

President Shriner noted it was nearing 10:00 p.m. and asked if there was a motion to continue the meeting.

Director Moore made a motion to continue the meeting to complete the agenda. Vice President Cortez seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-29 to Amend the FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Budget to Fully Fund the A1/A2 Reservoir and B/C Booster Station Project and the Intermediate Reservoir Recoating and Replacement Projects:

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

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-29 to amend the FY 2022-2023 Capital Improvement Budget to Fully Fund the A1/A2 Reservoir and B/C Booster Station Project and the Intermediate Reservoir Recoating and Replacement Projects. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

13. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger stated he and President Shriner attended the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce and listened to a presentation by CalAm on their desal project. He added that he and President Shriner are planning on reaching out to the Salinas Chamber to see about giving a presentation on the District's perspective in the community in the greater region.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Budget and Engineering Committee:

Director Morton gave a brief update.

2. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

14. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Director Imamura asked to discuss an earlier meeting start time. President Shriner asked to have the Steering Committee and Joint City District Committees listed on the agenda under Committee and Board Liaison Reports; and, compensation for the Steering Committee.

15. Director's Comments:

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

16. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary