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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
August 21, 2023

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Shriner called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. on August 21, 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 6:39 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
Doug Yount, Shea Homes
Phil Clark, Seaside Resident
Stephenie Verduzco, MCWD
Joe Pineda, MCWD
Jack Gao, Shea Homes
Howard Gustafson, Marina Resident

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:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6
Conference with Labor Negotiators
Agency Negotiators (General Manager)
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 890
- B. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)
Conference with Legal Counsel – Threat of Potential Litigation
Two Potential Cases
- C. City of Marina vs. RMC Lonestar [CEMEX], California-America 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)

Vice President Cortez arrived at 6:39 p.m. The Board ended closed session at 7:17 p.m. President Shriner reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:20 p.m.

5. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

Mr. Roger Masuda, District Counsel, stated that Board voted unanimously to reject both claims with regard to Item 4-B.

- A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-30 to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Teamsters Local 890 and the Marina Coast Water District:

Agenda Item 5-A (continued):

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-30 to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Teamsters Local 890 and the Marina Coast Water District. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	No	Vice President Cortez	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

6. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Imamura led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

7. Oral Communications:

There were no public comments made.

8. 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 July 2023; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of July 17, 2023; C) Receive the 2nd Quarter Investment Report for Calendar Year 2023; D) Receive the 2nd Quarter 2023 MCWD Water Consumption Report; E) Receive the 2nd Quarter 2023 Sewer Flow Report; F) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-31 to Approve Adjusting the Starting Range of System Operator II from Range 19 to Range 20 to Coincide with the Changes to the New Memorandum of Understanding with the Marina Coast Water District Employees Association; G) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-32 to Approve a New Lead Customer Service/Billing Technician Classification, Job Description, Salary Range, and Fill a Current Vacant Customer Service/Billing Technician II as a Lead Customer Service/Billing Technician; H) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-33 to Approve an Engineering Job Family Classification Series Including Assistant Engineer, Associate Engineer, and Senior Engineer With a New Job Description While Maintaining the Current Salary Ranges; I) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-34 to Approve a New District Analyst Classification Series (District Analyst I, II and III), Job Description, Salary Ranges, and Create a New District Analyst Position for Administrative Services – Finance; and J) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-35 to Approve a Revision to the *Board of Directors Manual – Section 34. Standing Committees* - to Recognize the MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee as a Standing Committee. 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			

9. Action Items:

- A. Adopt Resolution Nos. 2023-36, 2023-37, 2023-38, and 2023-39 to Award Professional Services Agreements to Carollo Engineers, Schaaf and Wheeler, Wallace Group, and Harris and Associates for On-Call Engineering Support Services:

Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 2023-36, 2023-37, 2023-38, and 2023-39 to award Professional Services Agreements to Carollo Engineers, Schaaf and Wheeler, Wallace Group, and Harris and Associates for on-call engineering support services. 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			

- B. Adopt Resolution Nos. 2023-40, 2023-41, and 2023-42 to Award Professional Services Agreements to Schaaf and Wheeler, Wallace Group, and Harris and Associates for On-Call Engineering Support Services: Development Review:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item.

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 2023-40, 2023-41, and 2023-42 to award Professional Services Agreements to Schaaf and Wheeler, Wallace Group, and Harris and Associates for on-call engineering support services: Development Review. 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			

- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-43 to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement between MCWD and Shea Homes Limited Partnership and, Amend the FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Budget to fund the Del Monte Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Pipe Project:

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

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-43 to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement between MCWD and Shea Homes Limited Partnership and, Amend the FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Budget to fund the Del Monte Boulevard Sanitary Sewer Pipe Project. 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			

10. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger gave the following updates:

- He thanked Ms. Verduzco for leading the efforts in getting the District certified as a Blue Zone entity.
- He thanked Ms. Lagasca for her work on the investments and generating an income stream for the District to use towards assistance programs.
- He met with OceanWell representatives who build offshore desalinization projects.
- At the Executive Committee meeting, they decided to pull back the Strategic Plan and contract with Rauch Communications to rework the Plan and have it done by the end of the year.
- Monterey County is going to be repaving Inter-Garrison Road and the District has a project that goes into Inter-Garrison Road. Staff is hoping to be able to coordinate and insert the pipeline into Monterey County's project to avoid having to tear up the newly paved road. That request may come to the Board in the near future.
- In the next week or so, staff will be listening in on the State's direct potable reuse regulations, to see if the Pure Water Monterey Project, in the near future, will be going to direct potable and it may change how the water supply moves out to the peninsula, and change how recycled water plan and Phase II Pure Water Monterey Project.
- Mr. Cray and his crew have completed the D Boosted generator set.
- He and Director Moore met with the Deputy Commander at the Naval Post Graduate School to discuss supporting their Naval Innovation Center with a water supply.
- He has opened conversations between the District and the City of Monterey to see if there is not only the 65 Acre Feet for the South Boundary Properties, or any other assistance they may need.
- There was a question on the Maui Water Supply and when and how it was brought online and how would the District handle a similar situation here. Mr. Scherzinger stated that Mr. Cray has been instrumental in working with the local fire departments and in the case of an emergency, once the 911 call comes in, not only is the fire department alerted, so is the District's operator and the system will be 100% ready.

Director Morton asked for clarification on how water can be supplied to the peninsula, as Salinas basin water must stay within the basin. Mr. Scherzinger stated that the federal government's water allocation that the District is holding onto can be used at any Department of Defense site, such as NPS, DLI or Fleet Numerical. The City of Monterey must be supplied with an alternative water supply.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Budget and Engineering Committee:

Director Morton and President Shriner gave a brief update.

2. Executive Committee:

Vice President Cortez gave a brief update.

3. Community Outreach Committee:

Director Imamura gave a brief update.

4. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

5. Joint City District Committee:

Director Morton gave a brief update.

6. MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee:

Director Morton gave a brief update.

11. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

No items were requested.

12. Director's Comments:

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

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary