



Marina Coast Water District

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Special Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
February 22, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. on February 22, 2024, at 920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President
Jan Shriner – Vice President
Herbert Cortez
Brad Imamura
Thomas P. Moore

Board Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager
David Hobbs, Assistant District Counsel
Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Garrett Haertel, District Engineer
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting
Andrew Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler
Nisha Patel, City of Seaside
Doug Yount, Shea Homes
Deborah Krammerer
Martin Rauch, Rauch Communications
Sophia Fore
Layne Long, City of Marina
Peter Le, Marina Resident

3. Workshop:

A. Receive a Presentation on the Preliminary Findings of the 2024 Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water Rate Study from Hildebrand Consulting:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and Mr. Hildebrand, who gave a presentation on his preliminary findings of the 2024 Water, Wastewater, and Recycled Water Rate Study. Mr. Hildebrand reviewed the Prop. 218 process and requirements; preliminary findings; and, the rate setting process which went over the revenue requirements, cost-of-service, and rate design. He discussed the District's operating costs; growth and water demands; cost escalation assumptions; and, Capital Improvement Program goals. After reviewing the five cost center financial plans, Mr. Hildebrand noted that the scenarios in the preliminary financial plan findings are informational only and represent base level of funding. He then discussed rate design topics that looked at water rates, current and recommended; and, sewer rates, current and recommended. Mr. Hildebrand concluded by stating the next steps were to review capital spending projections and complete the financial plans; complete billing data analysis and rate design; and, present revised findings to the Board in March. The Board asked clarifying questions and asked to see some sample rate options and bills at the next workshop.

Mr. Doug Yount, Shea Homes, questioned if this rate study will have an effect on capacity charges, and he cautioned about underfunding and deferring maintenance with regards to renewal and replacement. Mr. Yount added that it is an obligation that the District has to provide the water services and infrastructure needed by developers to fulfil development.

Mr. Layne Long, City of Marina's City Manager, commented that the Board should never second guess past Board decisions. He stated that by looking at what is being presented to the Board, and keeping the public involved, the right decision will be made.

Mr. Scherzinger answered Mr. Yount's question stating that the rate study has no impact on capacity charges as they are fees, not rates.

4. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary