



# Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting  
March 18, 2024

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on March 18, 2024 both in-person at 920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; and, via Zoom teleconference.

#### 2. Roll Call:

##### Board Members Present:

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

##### Board Members Absent:

Herbert Cortez

##### Staff Members Present:

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

##### Audience Members:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers  
Garrett Beck, MCWD  
Joe Pinada, MCWD  
Kurt Gonzalez, MCWD  
Rene Magdaleno, MCWD  
Nisha Patel, City of Seaside  
Phil Clark, Seaside Resident  
Sarah Beeson, MCWD

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Garrett Beck, MCWD employee, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Presentation:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-12 to Recognize Garrett Beck, System Operator II, for 5 Year of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, introduced this item and voiced his appreciation of Mr. Beck's hard work and proactive tendencies. Mr. Cray thanked Mr. Beck for his positive attitude and stated he looked forward to many more years working with Mr. Beck.

Vice President Shriner thanked Mr. Beck for his service. Director Moore thanked Mr. Beck and noted that by taking care of the daily sewer and water needs, he was actually saving people's lives. Director Imamura thanked Mr. Beck for his service. President Morton thanked Mr. Beck for his service and stated she hoped he stays around for another 35 years.

Ms. Sarah Beesen, MCWD employee, thanked Mr. Beck for his hard work and voiced what a pleasure it was working with him.

Mr. Joe Pineda, MCWD employee, voiced his appreciation of Mr. Beck and wished him continued growth and success with the District.

Mr. Kurt Gonzalez, MCWD employee, thanked Mr. Beck and noted what a polite young gentleman he was. He appreciated Mr. Beck's strong work ethic and kindness.

Mr. Rene Magdaleno, MCWD employee, thanked Mr. Beck for his willingness to work hard and be proactive.

Mr. Jose Rodriguez, MCWD employee, thanked Mr. Beck for his work and looks forward to many more years working together.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-12 to recognize Garrett Beck, System Operator II, for 5 year of service to the Marina Coast Water District. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

President Morton, Director Moore, Vice President Shriner, and, Director Imamura shared in the reading of the Resolution. President Morton presented Mr. Beck with a plaque and gift certificate.

5. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:19 p.m. to discuss the following items:

6. Closed Session:

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiators  
Agency Negotiators (General Manager)  
Employee Organization: Marina Coast Water District Employees Association

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The Board ended closed session at 6:50 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 6:55 p.m.

7. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

Mr. Roger Masuda, District Counsel, stated that the Board voted unanimously with Director Cortez absent, to approve the safety clause side letter with the Marina Coast Water District Employees Association, as amended.

8. Oral Communications:

There were no public comments.

9. Consent Calendar:

Director Imamura requested to pull Item 9-A from the Consent Calendar.

Director Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of February 20, 2024; C) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of February 22, 2024; and, D) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of March 12, 2024. Director Imamura seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

A. Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of February 2024:

Director Imamura asked for clarification on the refunds listed in the check register. Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, explained what the refunds comprised of.

Director Imamura made a motion to receive and file the check register for the month of February 2024. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

10. Action Item:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 to Approve a Contract with an Independent Auditor for FY 2023/2024 through FY 2025/2026:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item explaining that staff reached out to eight independent audit firms and received and reviewed three proposals. She noted that of those three proposals, staff was proposing Chavan and Associates as they were the lowest bidder and had positive reviews from their clients. Ms. Lagasca added that although The Pun Group was the next lowest bidder, the Board had used them over the last several years and realized the need for a change of auditors.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-13 to Approve a Contract with Chavan and Associates, LLP. for FY 2023/2024 through FY 2025/2026. Director Imamura seconded the motion. Vice President Shriner voiced her appreciation of The Pun Group for their auditing services to the District over the last several years. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-14 to Place a Director in Nomination to the Coastal Network, Seat A, of the California Special Districts Association Board:

The Board discussed this item and took no action.

C. Provide Direction to the Board President Regarding Voting for Election of One Special District Regular Member to the Local Agency Formation Commission

President Morton introduced this item noting there were two nominations received, Mr. Russ Jeffries, Moss Landing Harbor District, and Mr. Chad Lindley, Monterey County Regional Fire District. Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, stated that the District received a letter from the Moss Landing Harbor District asking for support of their representative, Mr. Jeffries. Discussion followed.

Agenda Item 10-C (continued):

Vice President Shriner made a motion to support Mr. Russ Jeffries for the Special District Regular Member to the Local Agency Formation Commission. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

11. Informational Items:

A. General Manager’s Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. the District has now completed four Rate Workshops and is now preparing for the Public Meeting on the Draft Rate Study;
2. the District will volunteer their services at the Veteran’s Transition Center for Earth Day;
3. working with Veteran’s to acquire water for their proposed building on Engineer Lane and water from the Army for a parcel off 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue that has no meters on it;
4. continuing to work on, and almost done with Bay View, and working with CSUMB on the final settlement talks;
5. grants are moving along really well;
6. recycled water is moving along as well;
7. still dealing with Campus Town;
8. Monterey sent a letter requesting water supply for 1,600 homes along South Boundary Road;
9. the lands transaction that surrounded the acquisition of Bayonet Black Horse golf course and tank site where the District gave 2,500 acre feet of water for land was reviewed and discovered there were other land transactions that were never transferred to the District. Those are being resolved.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. MIW Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

12. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

There were no specific requests.

13. Director's Comments:

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

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:

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Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary