



Marina Coast Water District

Special Board Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
May 10, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Shriner called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on May 10, 2021 via Zoom teleconference in Marina, California.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Jan Shriner – President
Thomas P. Moore – Vice President – arrived at 6:34 p.m.
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
Donald Wilcox, Senior Engineer
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Rose Gill, Human Resources/Risk Administrator
Teo Espero, IT Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Doug Yount
Andy Sterbenz
Christina Medina Dirksen
Tami Young
Don Hofer

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Shriner led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:33 p.m. to discuss the following item:

5. Closed Session:

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

- 1) Marina Coast Water District v. Trustees of the California State University, and Does 1-20; Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 21CV001296 (Verified Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief)

The Board ended closed session at 8:16 pm. Vice President Moore reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:17 p.m.

6. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

Vice President Moore stated that there were no reportable actions taken.

7. Oral Communications:

There were no comments made.

8. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

There was no report.

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:

Vice President Moore stated they were meeting on May 26th.

3. Executive Committee:

Vice President Moore stated they met, and the next meeting is scheduled for June 1st.

4. Community Outreach Committee:

Director Cortez gave a brief update.

5. Budget and Personnel Committee:

Director Cortez gave a brief update.

6. M1W Board Member:

Vice President Moore stated they met on April 26th and the next meeting is May 24th.

7. LAFCO Liaison:

Director Cortez stated there was nothing to update.

8. JPIA Liaison:

Director Morton gave a brief update.

9. Special Districts Association Liaison:

Vice President Moore said they met April 20th and the next meeting is July 20th.

10. MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee:

Mr. Breen stated no meeting was held.

9. Correspondence:

Vice President Moore noted there was a customer comments card lauding Mr. Lord for his assistance on a water leak.

10. Budget Workshop:

A. Receive District Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Marina and Ord Community Service Areas:

Mr. Don Wilcox, Senior Engineer, introduced this item and reviewed the proposed Capital Improvements Plan. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Morton made a motion to receive the District Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Marina and Ord Community service areas. Vice President Moore seconded the motion.

Mr. Doug Yount questioned if pipeline sections P-6 and P-7 of the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project were scheduled to be installed during the next fiscal year. Mr. Wilcox answered that certain sections of the RUWAP pipeline were going to be installed and that P-6 and P-7 were scheduled to be installed provided there were enough funds for both.

Ms. Tami Young asked if she could ask questions on anything at this time. President Shriner answered that the time to ask questions on items not on the agenda was under Item 7, but she could ask questions on this item at this time. She added that the next Board meeting would also allow time for questions not on the agenda. Ms. Young answered she would return to the next meeting to ask her questions.

The motion to receive the District Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Marina and Ord Community service areas was passed by the following vote:

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

B. Receive a Presentation on the Proposed District FY 2021-2022 Budget, Rates, Fees and Charges for the Marina and Ord Community Service Areas and Provide Direction Regarding Preparation of the Final Budget Documents:

Ms. Kelly Cadiente, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and gave a presentation on the proposed District FY 2021-2022 budget. District management staff provided background budget information for their departments. The Board asked clarifying questions and suggested adding the 1” fire protection fee to the comparison chart and adding a footnote explaining the difference in costs.

Vice President Moore made a motion to receive the District Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Marina and Ord Community service areas. Director Morton seconded the motion. President Shriner stated that they would receive public comment before taking roll call.

Noting it was nearly 10:00 p.m., Director Morton made a motion to continue past 10:00 p.m. to allow for public comment. 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			

Agenda Item 10-B (continued):

Ms. Young asked several questions including: 1) who writes the vehicle policy; 2) doesn't the developer pay the fees so customers don't have to; 3) who represents the Ord Community; 4) who lives in the Ord Community; 5) the methodology used in the rate study is skewed and has an amendment in it regarding the inequity and inequality of having two water rates in one city; 6) why isn't Ord Community getting a break from Central Marina for the combined pipelines; 7) acronyms, what do they mean; 8) and, changing the login code of the meeting every time makes it difficult for people to find the meeting.

Ms. Christina Medina Dirksen commented that the legal fees were exorbitant and asked for some explanation as to why they are so high. She also stated that Ms. Young's questions should be more properly addressed in open session for transparency.

Ms. Cadiente answered Ms. Young's questions: 1) the Board approved the vehicle replacement policy by Resolution in 2008; 2) developer fees are charged based on the projects; 3) all five Board members represent both the Ord Community and Central Marina; 4) one candidate from the last election did live in the Ord Community; 5) the reasons for the higher rates in the Ord Community is that there are more lift stations and pipelines to maintain in the Ord Community compared to Central Marina. It is also memorialized by Ordinance and Resolution to keep the cost centers separate for the two areas; 6) each area pays for the cost to provide service to that particular area and unfortunately, it costs more to provide service to the Ord service area; and, 7) if the Board requests it, a glossary of acronyms can be placed in the budget, but the acronyms Ms. Young is referring to will be spelled out in the Consumer Confidence Report that is currently being mailed to all customers.

In response to Ms. Medina Dirksen's comment regarding legal fees, President Shriner answered that the District agenda lists many of the lawsuits that are ongoing, and the agendas can be accessed on the District website www.mcwd.org.

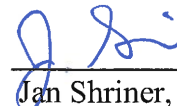
The motion by Vice President Moore to receive the District Five-Year Capital Improvements Plan for the Marina and Ord Community service areas was passed by the following vote:

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

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary