



Marina Coast Water District

Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
Via Zoom Teleconference
November 15, 2021

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Shriner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021 via Zoom teleconference in Marina, California. She then proceeded with a land acknowledgement. “As Marina Coast Water District celebrates its 60th year providing publicly owned water service to its customers in Marina and the Ord Community, we acknowledge that our service area 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
Thomas P. Moore – Vice President
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
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager
Rose Gill, Human Resources/Risk Administrator
Brian True, Senior Engineer
Teo Espero, IT Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Agenda Item 2 (continued):

Audience Members:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler
Skylar Wolfe, Public Member
Red G, CSUMB Student

Peter Le, Marina Resident
Hunter Isbell, Public Member

3. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:32 p.m. to discuss the following items:

4. Closed Session:

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

- 1) Bay View Community DE, LLC; Bryan Taylor; Greg Carter; and Brooke Bilyeu vs Marina Coast Water District; Board of Directors of Marina Coast Water District; County of Monterey and Does 1-25, inclusive, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 18CV000765 (Petition for Writ of Mandate or Administrative Mandate, and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Breach of Contract)
- 2) Appeal No. A-3-MRA-19-0034 by California-American Water Company to the California Coastal Commission over Denial by the City of Marina for a Coastal Development Permit for Construction of Slant Intake Wells for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project

The Board ended closed session at 7:38 p.m. President Shriner reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:39 p.m.

5. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

Mr. Roger Masuda, District Counsel, verified that there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

6. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Zefferman led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

7. Oral Communications:

Mr. Peter Le, Marina resident, commented that he had submitted his comments in written format to the entire Board and General Manager and he asked that the Board review his comments and provide responses.

Agenda Item 7 (continued):

Red G, CSUMB Student, said he had a comment on item 10-C. President Shriner said he could comment on that item when it is discussed later in the agenda.

Ms. Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board, noted that Mr. Le provided written comments and they were on file with the District.

8. Presentation

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-53 in Recognition of Tamela Hatfield, Accounting Supervisor, for 10 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Ms. Kelly Cadiente, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item thanking Ms. Hatfield for her hard work and years of service to MCWD.

Vice President Moore made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2021-53 in Recognition of Tamela Hatfield, Accounting Supervisor, for 10 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District. Director Morton 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			

President Shriner read the narration on the Resolution.

9. Consent Calendar:

Director Zefferman requested to pull Item B from the agenda.

Director Morton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of October 2021; and, C) Adopt Resolution No. 2021-54 to Proclaim a Local Emergency and Authorize Remote Teleconference Meetings of All District Legislative Bodies for the Following 30 Days. Director Zefferman 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			

- B. Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of October 18, 2021:

Director Zefferman stated that Mr. Le had made an oral comment under "Oral Communications" but asked if his email should be included under "Correspondence"? Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, commented that due to the executive order, Oral Communications may be submitted as written comment. He then suggested discussing this with legal counsel and bringing it back to the next meeting.

Agenda Item 9-B (continued):

Director Morton made a motion to table this item until the next meeting. Vice President Moore seconded the motion; asked for legal counsel to provide the exact wording of the law that pertains to this; and, agreed that this should be considered correspondence. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

10. Action Item:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-55 to Designate the General Manager as the Authorized Representative of the Marina Coast Water District for the California Water and Wastewater Arrearages Payment Program:

Ms. Cadiante introduced this item explained that the amounts in the arrearage program is for water only from March 2020 through June 2021. She stated that other costs, such as sewer, meter fees, and irrigation, are not included in the amount. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Vice President Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-55 to designate the General Manager as the authorized representative of the Marina Coast Water District for the California Water and Wastewater Arrearages Payment Program. Director Morton 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			

- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-56 to Authorize Change Order #1 with Process Measurement Group (dba Toledo Industrial Coatings) for the Intermediate Reservoir Recoating Project – CIP #GW-0311 and Corresponding Budget Adjustments:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions on water quality and procedures to recoat the tank.

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-56 to Authorize Change Order #1 with Process Management Group (dba Toledo Industrial Coatings) for the Intermediate Reservoir Recoating Project – CIP #GW-0311 and corresponding budget adjustments. Director Zefferman 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			

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2021-57 Approving the Application for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Gran Program:

Mr. Scherzinger introduced this item explaining that this is an annual grant and if the District gets in the program this year, it will make it easier to receive grants in this program next year. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2021-57 approving the application for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Gran Program. Vice President Moore seconded the motion.

Red G, CSUMB student, commented that while ambitious in a long-term investment, improving the meters is one small way to reduce water usage. They also stated they support the forward thinking of the Board members to embrace this opportunity as one of the many ways cities can begin to adopt smarter infrastructure and every action we can take towards sustainable systems should be explored.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

11. Staff Reports:

A. Receive an Update on the Fiscal Impacts to the District due to Covid-19:

Ms. Cadiante introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding payments applied to delinquent account and how to notify customers of the process.

12. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger gave the following updates:

- 1) MCWD received a letter from JPIA stating the District did really well with regards to risk assessment, training, liabilities, and worker compensation programs;
- 2) the Sanitary Survey was received from the Department of Drinking Water and the District received a thumbs up that the system is in good condition and being operated in a safe and appropriate manner;
- 3) the entirety of the water system is fully automated;
- 4) the District sent out a Request for Proposals for a Public Relations Firm to 19 agencies and received 9 responses. From those responses, the District received five proposals;
- 5) the District renewed its membership in the South Monterey Bay Sewer Publication Group;
- 6) the Strategic Planning process will begin in the next month; and,

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- 7) the District has extended an offer to the City of Marina to co-host a fire workshop in our community to address questions presented to the District in a public forum.

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:

Director Morton stated they did not meet.

3. Executive Committee:

Vice President Moore stated the next meeting is December 7th. President Shriner gave a brief update.

4. Community Outreach Committee:

Director Cortez gave a brief update.

5. Budget and Personnel Committee:

President Shriner and Director Cortez gave a brief update.

6. M1W Board Member:

Vice President Moore gave a brief update.

7. LAFCO Liaison:

Director Cortez stated there was no update.

8. JPIA Liaison:

Director Morton stated there was nothing to report.

9. Special Districts Association Liaison:

Vice President Moore stated the next meeting is scheduled for January 18th.

10. MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee:

Director Morton said the meeting was canceled.

13. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

President Shriner stated that any requests may be emailed to staff.

14. Director's Comments:

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

15. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary