



# Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting  
May 19, 2025

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on May 19, 2025 at 920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite B, Marina, California.

#### 2. Roll Call:

##### Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President  
Jan Shriner – Vice President  
Brad Imamura  
Thomas P. Moore  
Stacey Smith – arrived at 6:10 p.m.

##### 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  
Garrett Haertel, District Engineer  
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager  
Teo Espero, Information Technology Administrator  
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

##### Audience Members:

Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research	Andreas Baer, City of Seaside
Martin Rauch, Rauch Communications	Amp Media
Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers	
Joe Pineda, MCWD	
Warren Foster, MCWD	
Tobias Osborne, MCWD	
Sarah Beeson, MCWD	
James and Sabine Beeson	
Tina and Brian Babcock	

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Ms. Sarah Beeson, Operations and Maintenance Coordinator, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Public Hearing:

President Morton opened the Public Hearing at 6:04 p.m.

A. Receive the 2025 Marina Coast Water District's Recruitment and Vacancy Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2015:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and gave a brief presentation of the Recruitment and Vacancy Report and noted that both bargaining units were provided with the report. The Board asked clarifying questions.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

President Morton closed the Public Hearing at 6:19 p.m.

Director Moore made a motion to Receive the 2025 Marina Coast Water District's Recruitment and Vacancy Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2015. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Morton	-	Yes
Director Smith	-	Yes			

5. Presentations:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-29 to Recognize Sarah Beeson, Operations and Maintenance Coordinator, for 5 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, introduced this item and voiced his appreciation for Ms. Beeson's hard work and dedication.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-29 to recognize Sarah Beeson, Operations and Maintenance Coordinator, for 5 years of service to the Marina Coast Water District. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Morton	-	Yes
Director Smith	-	Yes			

Agenda Item 5-A (continued):

President Morton, Vice President Shriner, Director Imamura, Director Moore, and, Director Smith shared in the reading of the Resolution.

President Morton presented Ms. Beeson with a plaque, gift certificate, and signed resolution.

B. Receive a Presentation from Probolsky Research on the Marina Coast Water District 2024 General Survey and Accept the Survey Results:

Mr. Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research, provided a brief presentation of the survey of a random 400 customers of the District, noting that some were via phone, some via online. He stated that the languages spoken were English and Spanish and the survey took around 22 minutes to complete. Mr. Probolsky shared that the survey results were positive and noted that most were satisfied with the cost and taste of water, as well as supportive of modernizing and upgrading infrastructure. He also noted that 91% were in agreement with water conservation but added that there is still a need for more conservation outreach. The Board asked clarifying questions.

President Morton made a motion to receive the Marina Coast Water District 2024 General Survey and Accept the Survey Results. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Morton	-	Yes
Director Smith	-	Yes			

6. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

President Morton recessed the meeting from 7:39 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

The Board entered into closed session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss the following items:

7. Closed Session:

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Name of Case/Claimant – Peter Le - 1 claim

B. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
Application of California-American Water Company to Obtain Approval of the Amended and Restate Water Purchase Agreement for the Pure Water Monterey Groundwater Replenishment Project, Update Supply and Demand Estimates for the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project, and Cost Recovery, before the California Public Utilities Commission, Application 21-11-024

Agenda Item 6 (continued):

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54957  
Public Employee Performance Evaluation  
Title: General Manager

The Board ended closed session at 9:16 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:21 p.m.

8. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-30 to Approve Amendment No. 2 to the General Manager's Employment Agreement

President Morton stated that the Board unanimously approved Amendment No. 2 to the General Manager's Employment Agreement to include a 5% pay increase for \$334,141.49 and an additional 5 days of annual vacation.

President Morton added that with regards to Agenda Item 7-A, the Board voted unanimously to reject all claims.

Mr. Scherzinger stated that staff would recommend deferring Agenda Items 10-A1 and 13-B to the June agenda.

9. Oral Communications:

No comments were made.

12. Consent Calendar:

Director Imamura stated he had questions on Agenda Item 12-A from the Consent Calendar. He inquired on Check No. 76844, and hydrant meter refunds. Staff responded that Check No. 76844 was reimbursement for an agreement with Shea Homes, and the hydrant meter refunds were to refund the deposits made for hydrant meters.

President Morton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of April 2025; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of April 21, 2025; and, C) Receive the First Quarter Investment Report for Calendar Year 2025. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Morton	-	Yes
Director Smith	-	Yes			

13. Action Items:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-31 to Adopt the Marina Coast Water District Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2025-2026 and Waive Section 6.08.070 of the District Code for FY 2025-2026:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and reviewed the budget. The Board asked clarifying questions.

President Morton noted that the time was 9:58 p.m. and asked if there was a motion to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m.

Director Moore made a motion to finish the budget item. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Morton	-	Yes
Director Smith	-	Yes			

Director Imamura made a motion to increase the budget item for Board Conferences to \$20,000. The motion died for lack of a second.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-31 to adopt the Marina Coast Water District Operating and Capital Improvement Program Budget for FY 2025-2026 and waive Section 6.08.070 of the District Code for FY 2025-2026. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Abstained	Vice President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Morton	-	Yes
Director Smith	-	Yes			

Director Smith made a motion to extend the meeting for an additional 10 minutes. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

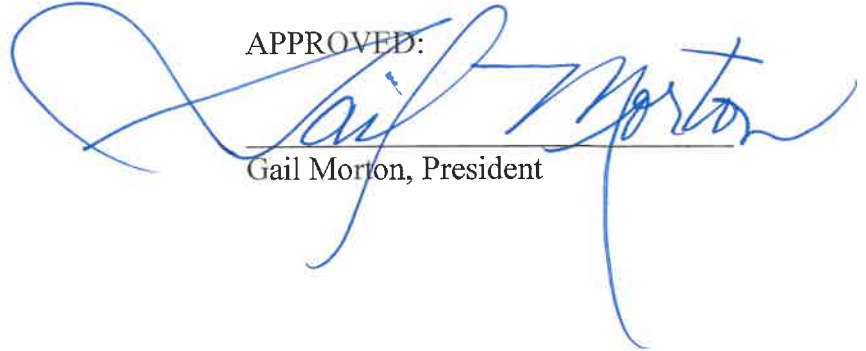
16. Director's Comments:

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

17. Adjournment:

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

APPROVED:

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Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paula Riso", is written over a horizontal line.

Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary