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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
June 16, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. on June 16, 2025 at 920 2nd 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

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
Andrew Racz, Senior Engineer
Teo Espero, Information Technology Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Andreas Baer, City of Seaside
Martin Rauch, Rauch Communications
Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers
Tina Wang, EKI Water and Environment
Katie Lampkin, MCWD
Tobias Osborne, MCWD
Don Hofer, Shea Homes
Amp Media

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:10 p.m. to discuss the following items:

5. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Name of Case/Claimant – Peter Le - 2 claims

The Board ended closed session at 6:19 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 6:22 p.m.

6. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated that with regards to Agenda Item 5-A, the Board voted unanimously to reject all claims.

7. Oral Communications:

No comments were made.

8. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Action Item:

- 1. Receive the 2024 Monterey Subbasin Annual Groundwater Sustainability Plan Report:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item and gave a brief presentation on the 2024 Monterey Subbasin Annual Groundwater Sustainability Plan Report. He reviewed the groundwater elevations in the Marina-Ord area and the Corral de Tierra Area. Mr. Breen also reviewed the actions taken during water year 2024 to implement the Monterey Groundwater Sustainability Plan. The Board asked clarifying questions.

9. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

10. Consent Calendar:

Vice President Shriner requested to pull Agenda Item 10-F from the Consent Calendar. Director Imamura stated he had questions on Agenda Items 10-A and 10-C.

Agenda Item 10 (continued):

With regards to Agenda Item 10-A, Director Imamura inquired on Check No. 77093 to Monterey Bay Technologies and was informed that it was to replace the Owl Camera used for Zoom meetings.

Director Imamura also inquired on Check Nos. 77024, and 77092 regarding oil changes for District vehicles. Staff responded that Check No. 77024 to Golden State Truck and Trailer Repair was for inspection and oil changes on the large Vactor Trucks that required special certifications. Check No. 77092 to Marina Tire & Auto Repair was for routine oil changes on other District trucks.

With regards to Agenda Item 10-C, Director Imamura asked how long the District was planning to use Regional Government Services for Human Resource Services. Mr. Scherzinger stated that it was temporary and now that several major recruitments have been completed, the District will soon look to fill the Human Resource/Risk Management position.

Director Moore 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) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-32 to Approve Prepayment of Marina Coast Water District's CalPERS Annual Employer Unfunded Accrued Liability Contribution for FY2025-2026; C) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-33 to Approve the FY 2025-2026 Professional Services Agreement with Regional Government Services Authority to Provide Human Resources and Risk Management Services to the District; D) Consider Adoption Resolution No. 2025-34 to Approve Revised Job Descriptions to Comply with Senate Bill 1100 (2023-2024); E) Approve the District's 2025 Sewer System Management Plan; G) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-36 to Award a Construction Contract to Monterey Peninsula Engineering for General Construction Services for the Construction of the Lift Station Improvements – Safety Grates Project (CIP # GS-2532); and, H) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-37 to Award a Construction Contract to Monterey Peninsula Engineering for General Construction Services for the Construction of the Lift Station Wet Well Lining Project (CIP # GS-2531). Director Imamura 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			

- F. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-35 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Professional Services Agreement with Rauch Communications Consultants, Inc. and Approve FY 2025-2026 Professional Services Agreement with Rauch Communications Consultants, Inc. to Provide Public Relations Services to the District:

Vice President Shriner questioned the analytics surrounding communication methods and how certain methods are reaching more older people and others are reaching more younger people. Mr. Martin Rauch, Rauch Communications Consultants, Inc., answered that certain platforms they can check analytics on age and gender etc. while others, such as NextDoor, they are unable to discern. Vice President Shriner questioned the newsletter mailing process.

Agenda Item 10-F (continued):

Mr. Rauch answered that any newsletters would be run through the Community Outreach Committee prior to distribution and will be sent via a mail program that ensures every household/postal customer would receive a copy.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-35 to amend the FY 2024-2025 Professional Services Agreement with Rauch Communications Consultants, Inc. and approve FY 2025-2026 Professional Services Agreement with Rauch Communications Consultants, Inc. to provide Public Relations Services to the District. 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			

11. Action Items:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-38 to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement between MCWD and Shea Homes Limited Partnership for the 1st Avenue 30” Sewer Main Project:

Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-38 to approve a Reimbursement Agreement between MCWD and Shea Homes Limited Partnership for the 1st Avenue 30” Sewer Main Project. Director Imamura 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			

- B. Receive an Update on the Fire Water System Preparedness Response Project:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item noting the goal is to assess the water system's readiness and capacity to support firefighting efforts during large-scale fire events beyond existing code requirement design. This project will convene a Fire Technical Advisory Committee (FTAC) of local fire authorities to define a large-scale fire event; evaluate the water system to meet the needs for the large-scale fire defined by the FTAC, field test the defined parameters with FTAC members, and develop a Technical Memorandum (TM) outlining potential water system upgrades or operational modifications. Mr. Haertel stated that the Fire Preparedness TM will be presented to local jurisdictions, the public, and the Board of Directors. He added that by modeling the system, collaborating with local fire authorities, and preparing for potential fire scenarios, MCWD will be better positioned to help safeguard the community and its infrastructure. The Board asked clarifying questions and received the update.

- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-39 to Consider Nomination and Support of a Candidate for the Position of President or Vice President to the Association of California Water Agencies Board of Directors for the 2026-2027 Term:

Mr. Scherzinger introduced this item and asked if a Board member was interested in running for President or Vice President of ACWA. There were no interested Board members so this item did not move forward.

12. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. he is now meeting with the new City Manager of Seaside and other City employees and all is going well;
2. held a productive meeting with the SVBGSA to discuss concerns regarding brine project;
3. the move into the B-Side of the building is going well while the IT is still in progress;
4. he and Ms. Muzzin, Friedman & Springwater, participated in calls with the CPUC Commissioners and that went well;
5. the Monterey One Water Easements for the Bayonet Black Horse and Pure Water Monterey Expansion are completed;
6. the District pulled a report of 90-day delinquent customers and letters were sent out which resulted in many customers reaching out to pay their debt. Those that don't pay, will be turned over to Monterey County Tax Roles for a lien to be place on their account. This would be brought to the Board in July for approval; and,
7. the customer service online forms are done and ready to go.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Community Outreach and Personnel Committee:

Director Smith gave a brief update.

2. Resources and Groundwater Sustainability Committee:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

13. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

There were no requests made.


14. Director's Comments:

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

15. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary