

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

July 24, 2019

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:40 p.m. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Tom Moore, MCWD Director Jan Shriner, Marina Councilmember Gail Morton, and Marina Councilmember Lisa Berkley.
- Staff: Keith Van Der Maaten attended for Marina Coast Water District, and Layne Long attended for the City of Marina.
- Public: none.

2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

Councilmember Morton wished Ms. Riso well on her surgery and a speedy recovery.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of March 6, 2019:

Director Moore made a motion to approve the minutes of March 6, 2019. Councilmember Morton seconded the motion with the following clarification: FORA Transition - Councilmember Morton commented that there was an attempt to reallocate water at the FORA Administration Committee.” and asked staff to review the tape and make the correction. Director Moore amended his motion to include the correction. Councilmember seconded the amended motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent, the March 6, 2019 minutes were passed.

4. Appoint Chair and Vice Chair:

Councilmember Morton noted that the Committee annually rotates the Chair and last year the Chair was an MCWD member, so this year it should be a City of Marina member.

Councilmember Berkley nominated Councilmember Morton as Chair. Director Moore seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent, the nomination was approved.

Chair Morton nominated Director Shriner as Vice Chair. Councilmember Berkley seconded the motion. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Abstained, 0-Absent, the nomination was approved.

5. The Joint Committee May Discuss the Following Items of Mutual Interest to the City and District:

a. Annexation:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that as of July 2, 2019 the annexation is complete, and the District's Outreach Committee is looking at how to share the information with everyone. Chair Morton suggested meeting with the Preston Park Tenant's Association and the various new developments Homeowners Associations. Mr. Long commented that the City of Marina is discussing the possible annexation of the Schoonover/Frederick Park areas and would like to meet with the District to discuss how it may impact the City.

b. FORA Transition:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that the District is still working on the proposed service agreements for water, sewer and recycled water; and, the anticipation of signing an agreement once the current FORA sunsets, stating that there is no longer a need for the 1998 Agreement. Councilmember Morton commented that there needs to be clear language regarding water, augmented water, and sewer fees so that the FORA CFD doesn't try to keep collecting them once the current FORA is gone. Discussion followed.

c. Sustainable Groundwater Management:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that the MCWDGSA is still working with the Salinas Valley Basin GSA on the plans for the 180-foot aquifer that are due in January and are currently working on Chapter 9. Mr. Long stated the City of Marina GSA is moving full steam ahead.

d. Outreach to Ord Community Cities:

Mr. Van Der Maaten stated that there was a public workshop at the City of Seaside on water and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Cal Am, and the District gave presentations.

e. Property Tax Authority:

Mr. Van Der Maaten noted that he didn't have any information to provide on this item and will revisit it at the next meeting.

f. What Does MCWD get from Zones 2 and 2A:

Mr. Van Der Maaten commented that Zones 2 and 2A are now called Zone 2C. Zone 2 was for the construction of Nacimiento Reservoir, and Zone 2A was for the construction of San Antonio Reservoir. He said the District signed an agreement in 1996 to join Zones 2 and 2A where the County was supposed to create a Best Management Plan and to pay for the management of the deep aquifer for Marina Coast. Mr. Van Der Maaten added that the US Army signed an agreement in 1993 to which the District was a successor in interest to, and that agreement was for the reservoirs and for CSIP. Director Moore said that the City of Marina was a signatory to the 1996 agreement, as well, in case the Lonestar (now CEMEX) property should be developed, they would have 500 acre feet of water for that property, and the Armstrong Ranch would be allowed 900 acre feet, should they develop. Mr. Van Der Maaten said that with Zones 2 and 2A, MCWD paid for the reservoirs, but it doesn't really provide anything to the District. Director Moore added that the agreement ensures that MCWD can pump as much as the City of Salinas should there be a cutback on pumping in the Salinas Aquifer; and, memorializes the allocations of 3,020 acre feet of water for Marina, 6,600 acre feet for Ord, 500 acre feet for Cemex, and 900 acre feet for Armstrong Ranch.

6. Committee Member Comments and Identification of Agenda Items for the Next Committee Meeting:

The same items will return to the next meeting. Councilmember Berkley asked to have an item on Public Relations regarding the Coastal Commission meeting scheduled for November. Chair Morton invited everyone to National Night Out. Vice Chair Shriner commented that she had heard that some people commented that the District wasn't treating all their customers the same and noted that wasn't true or legal. She encouraged anyone who heard false information, or incorrect claims, to refer them to the District so that they can be corrected.

Councilmember Berkeley asked to be included on the District's Board meeting email distribution list.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 3rd at 5:30 p.m.

7. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.