



# Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting

April 22, 2024

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on April 22, 2024 both in-person at 920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; and, via Zoom teleconference.

#### 2. Roll Call:

##### Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President  
Jan Shriner – Vice President  
Herbert Cortez  
Brad Imamura – arrived at 6:05  
Thomas P. Moore

##### Board Members Absent:

None.

##### Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager  
David Hobbs, Assistant 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, IT Administrator  
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

##### Audience Members:

Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting  
Vera Nelson, EKI Environment and Water  
Phil Clark, Seaside Resident  
Samantha MacLeod  
Peter Le, Marina Resident

#### 3. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:04 p.m. to discuss the following item:

4. Closed Session:

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

The Board ended closed session at 7:52 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:55 p.m.

5. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

6. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Morton led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

7. Oral Communications:

There were no public comments.

8. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Action Item:

- 1. Receive a Presentation on the 2023 Monterey Subbasin Annual Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) Report:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item and Ms. Vera Nelson, EKI Environment and Water. Ms. Nelson gave a presentation of the 2023 Annual Groundwater Sustainability Plan Report for the Monterey Subbasin. She gave a brief background on the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), reviewed the actions taken to implement the Monterey GSP, and reviewed the compliance schedule for the next 20 years. The Board asked clarifying questions.

9. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

10. Consent Calendar:

Director Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of March 2024; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of March 18, 2024; C) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of April 6, 2024; D) Receive the 1st Quarter 2024 MCWD Water Consumption Report; E) Receive the 1st Quarter 2014 Sewer Flow Report; F) Receive a Status Report update on Current Capital Improvement Projects; G) Receive the 2023 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water District Water System; and, H) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-15 Water Year Declaration. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

#### 11. Action Items:

- A. Receive a Presentation of the 2024 Five-Year Rate Study; and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-16 to Approve the District's 2024 Five-Year Water, Wastewater and Recycled Water Rate Study and Cost Allocation Plan:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and introduced Mr. Mark Hildebrand, Hildebrand Consulting. Mr. Hildebrand gave a brief presentation of the 2024 Five-Year Water, Wastewater and Recycled Water Rate Study and Cost Allocation Plan. The Board asked clarifying questions and suggested a letter be sent out prior to the first customer billing that includes information regarding their upcoming bill should the increase be approved in June.

Vice President Shriner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-16 to approve the District's 2024 Five-Year Water, Wastewater and Recycled Water Rate Study and Cost Allocation Plan. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

- B. Consider Approval of Proposition 218 Public Notice and Set Date, Time and Location for Public Hearing for Proposed Changes in Rates, Fees, and Charges for Marina and Ord Community Service Area:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item and reviewed the proposed public notice. The Board suggested correcting the date on the notice to June 17, 2024; adding language to the 5th bullet on the first page to include "and improved management of reserves to increase interest earnings."; and, make sure the website listed on the second to the last page is one continuous line without any hyphens.

Agenda Item 11-B (continued):

Director Moore made a motion to approve the amended Proposition 218 Public Notice and Set Date, Time and Location for Public Hearing as Monday, June 17, 2014, at 6:00 p.m., located at 920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, for Proposed Changes in Rates, Fees, and Charges for Marina and Ord Community Service Area. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Vice President Shriner made a motion to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. to complete the agenda. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

12. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. the District held a successful Public Rates Hearing on April 17<sup>th</sup> and he thanked everyone for attending and participating;
2. the District was accepted into NAWI which is the Berkley Labs water group;
3. attended the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce presentation from the Naval meteorological group;
4. in the process of putting together the next annexation for the District parcels that either receive service or have facilities moving through their parcels;
5. in conversation with UCMBEST to start development of the triangle parcel to the Northeast of Reservation Road;
6. congratulations to everyone for participating in Earth Day;
7. thanks for participating in the Strategic Planning Workshop as it was a successful day;
8. staff has been working with Seaside to prepare a cross-connection agreement;
9. also in the process of shifting gears with Campus Town who needs water, but not sure it is available; and,
10. met with Monterey to discuss water supply on their Fort Ord parcel.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Budget and Engineering Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

2. Executive Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

3. Community Outreach Committee:

Director Imamura and Director Moore gave a brief update.

4. MIW Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

5. MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

13. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

There were no specific requests.

14. Director's Comments:

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

15. Adjournment:

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

APPROVED:

  
Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:

  
Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary