



Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting

March 17, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on March 17, 2025 at 920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; 2526 W. Chanute Pass, Phoenix, AZ; and, via Zoom teleconference.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President
Jan Shriner – Vice President
Brad Imamura – via teleconference
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:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers
Mayra Magdaleno, MCWD
Jack Gao, MCWD
Andreas Baer, City of Seaside
Michael Cady, Marina Station
Andy Hunter, Marina Station

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Public Hearing:

President Morton opened the Public Hearing at 6:05 p.m.

A. Receive the 2025 Marina Coast Water District's Public Health Goal Report:

Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, introduced this item explaining that the California Health and Safety Code §116470 requires public water systems having more than 10,000 service connections to prepare a written Public Health Goal Report (PHG) every three years. He added that the report will include all contaminants that have been detected within the District's active groundwater sources within the past three years above their respective PHG levels. Mr. Cray stated that since the District's water meets all State and Federal requirements, staff recommends that the District continue to monitor for these and other constituents and report the levels annually in its Consumer Confidence Report.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

President Morton closed the Public Hearing at 6:21 p.m.

Director Moore made a motion to receive the Public Health Goal Report. Vice President Shriner 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. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:24 p.m. to discuss the following items:

6. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Name of Case/Claimant – Peter Le - 2 claims
- B. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Name of Case/Claimant – Lake Drive – 1 claim

Agenda Item 6 (continued):

- C. Marina Coast Water District vs California-American Water Company, Monterey County Water Resources Agency; and, California-American Water Company, Monterey County Water Resources Agency vs Marina Coast Water District, San Francisco Superior Court Case No. CGC-15-546632 (Complaint for Damages, Breach of Warranties, etc.)
- D. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)
Conference with Legal Counsel – Threat of Potential Litigation
One Potential Case

The Board ended closed session at 7:17 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:21 p.m.

7. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated that with regards to Agenda Items 6-A and 6-B, the Board voted unanimously to reject all claims. She added that there were no other reportable actions taken in closed session.

8. Oral Communications:

No comments were made.

9. Consent Calendar:

Vice President Shriner asked to pull Agenda Item 6-G from the Consent Calendar.

Director Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of February 2025; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of February 18, 2025; C) Receive the 2024 Consumer Confidence Report for the Marina Coast Water System; D) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-11 to Amend FY 2024/2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget to Fully Fund the Pure Water Monterey Turnouts at Armstrong Ranch Project (RW-2401) and Award a Construction Contract to Granite Rock Company for General Construction Services for Construction of the Project; E) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-12 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget and Award a Professional Service Agreement to Whitson and Associates, Inc. for Engineering Services for the Design of Water Distribution Pipeline Upsizing Project (MW-2518); F) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-13 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget for the Imjin Office Park B Side Improvements Project (WD-2401); and, H) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-15 to Approve the Job Description Change from Cross-Connection Control Specialist/System Operator to a Cross-Connection Control Specialist and Approve the Updated Salary Range. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 9 (continued):

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

G. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-14 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget to Fund RW-2501 Pure Water Monterey Isolation and Metering Station Building Project:

Vice President Shriner questioned what planned customers would receive water from the Pure Water Monterey pipeline through the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project, and in what year. Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, commented that this item was for the design of the facility to meter and adjust any water quality issues that may be present as it passes through the pipeline. Discussion followed.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-14 to amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget to Fund RW-2501 Pure Water Monterey Isolation and Metering Station Building Project. Vice President Shriner 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			

10. Action Items:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-16 to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement between Marina Coast Water District and Marina Station, LLC:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item and Mr. Andrew Racz, Senior Engineer. Mr. Racz explained that Marina Station developers will construct several Capital Improvement Projects for the District, M-P1, M-P2, and M-P3. He said that M-P3 will be to install a 12-inch water main pipeline for the District during construction of their development. He explained that this project will be paid for by future users.

Mr. Racz stated that the other projects, M-P1 and M-P2, are sewer projects which will be replaced by construction of the Tate Park Lift Station project which will be paid for by current and future users. Discussion followed.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-16 to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement between Marina Coast Water District and Marina Station, LLC. Director Imamura seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 10-A (continued):

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-17 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget to Fully Fund the Solar Array (WD-2514) and Award a Construction Contract to Scudder Solar Electrical Energy Systems for the Solar Panel System and Battery Energy Storage System Installation of the Solar Array Project:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-17 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget to Fully Fund the Solar Array (WD-2514) and Award a Construction Contract to Scudder Solar Electrical Energy Systems for the Solar Panel System and Battery Energy Storage System Installation of the Solar Array Project. President Morton 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	-	No			

- C. Consider the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 64, an Ordinance Amending Title 3, Water Service System, Chapter 3.28 Cross-Connection Control, Sections 3.28.010, 3.28.020, 3.28.030, 3.28.040, 3.28.050, 3.28.060, and Adding Section 3.28.025 of the Marina Coast Water District Code in Accordance With Updated State Law:

Mr. Cray introduced this item explaining the need to update Section 3.28 of the District Code to comply with the State Water Resources Control Board adopted Cross-Connection Control Policy Handbook. Discussion followed.

Director Moore made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 64, an Ordinance Amending Title 3, Water Service System, Chapter 3.28 Cross-Connection Control, Sections 3.28.010, 3.28.020, 3.28.030, 3.28.040, 3.28.050, 3.28.060, and Adding Section 3.28.025 of the Marina Coast Water District Code in Accordance With Updated State Law, in its entirety, and set the date for the Public Hearing for April 21, 2025. 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			

D. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-18 to Place a Director in Nomination to the Coastal Network, Seat B, of the California Special Districts Association Board:

Ms. Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board, introduced this item, noting that this was a routine nomination that happens every two years when there was an open seat on the CSDA Board. Director Imamura stated he would be interested in running for nomination to the Coastal Network, Seat B.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-18 to Place Director Brad Imamura in Nomination to the Coastal Network, Seat B, of the California Special Districts Association Board. 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			

E. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-19 to Amend Section 34 of the Board of Director's Manual – Committees:

Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, introduced this item noting that the Board of Director's Manual needs to be updated to include the recently created Resources and Groundwater Sustainability Committee.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-19 to Amend Section 34 of the Board of Director's Manual – Committees. 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			

11. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. he recently met with the General Manager of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Legal Counsel to expose them to the Administrative Hearing Office (AHO) draft referee report. They also agreed to put the Cal Am model into their model;
2. the B-Side of the office is on-tract;
3. staff has gone through all of the District wide budget sections and preparing to bring a draft budget to the Budget and Engineering Committee;

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4. staff will attend the East Garrison Homeowners Association meeting on April 19th.
5. the Management Plan was nearly complete and will be brought to the Board in April or May.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Executive Committee:

Vice President Shriner and President Morton gave a brief update.

2. Budget and Engineering:

President Morton gave a brief update.

3. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update on the M1W Board meeting.

4. SVBGSA/MCWD Steering Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

12. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

There were no requests.

13. Director's Comments:

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

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

APPROVED:

Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:


Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary