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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
August 18, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 18, 2025 at 920 2nd Avenue, Marina, California.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President
Jan Shriner – Vice President
Brad Imamura
Thomas P. Moore

Board Members Absent:

Stacey Smith

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
Garren Fisher, Controller
Derrell Parker, Customer Service Administrator
Teo Espero, Information Technology Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Access Media Productions
Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers
Martin Rauch, Rauch Communications Inc.
Tanisha and Grayson Parker

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Derrell Parker, Customer Service Administrator, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Introduction of New District Customer Service Administrator:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced Mr. Parker to the Board and welcomed him to the District. The Board extended their welcome to Mr. Parker and family and noted they look forward to his service to the District.

5. 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:

6. 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

The Board ended closed session at 7:05 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:09 p.m.

7. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated that there was no reportable action taken during closed session.

8. Oral Communications:

President Morton recognized Ms. Lagasca for the District's 17th Annual Government Finance Officers Association award.

9. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Action Item:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-GSA01 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. for the Monterey Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation for Fiscal Year 2025-2026:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item and explained the scope of work. President Morton asked that the Scope of Work be brought to the Resource and Groundwater Sustainability Committee for additional review.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-GSA01 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. for the Monterey Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. 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	-	Absent			

10. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

11. Consent Calendar:

With regards to Agenda Item 11-A, Director Imamura asked for clarification on Check No. 77334. With regards to Agenda Item 11-E, Vice President Shriner asked to clarify the Resolution No. Ms. Riso confirmed that the Resolution No. for Agenda Item 11-E should be 2025-43. President Morton inquired why CIP GW-0112 was not originally budgeted for FY 2025-2026 and is now being added. Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, explained that it was completing some outstanding tasks for that project that were anticipated to be completed in the last fiscal year, but now need to be carried over.

President Morton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items: A) Receive the Check Register for the Month of July 2025; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of July 14, 2025; C) Receive the Second Quarter Investment Report for Calendar Year 2025; D) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-42 to Adopt the FY 2025-2026 District Investment Policy; and, E) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-43 to Amend the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget. 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	-	Absent			

12. Action Items:

A. Receive an End of Year Engineering Report:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item and gave a presentation reviewing how the Capital Improvement Plan Projects are determined, scheduled, and how they are funded. He reviewed the projects that were completed in FY 2024-2025 and which ones are still ongoing. The Board asked clarifying questions.

President Morton stated the report was received.

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-44 to Approve an Inspection Services Contract between MCWD and Wallace Group for Inspection of the Tate Park Lift Station Capital Improvement Project (MS-2401)

Mr. Haertel introduced this item.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-44 to approve an Inspection Services Contract between MCWD and Wallace Group for inspection of the Tate Park Lift Station Capital Improvement Project (MS-2401). 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	-	Absent			

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-45 to Award a Professional Service Agreement to Wallace Group for Engineering Services for the Design of the Reservation Road Desalination Plant Renovation Capital Improvement Program Project (OW-2404):

Mr. Haertel introduced this item and Mr. Jack Gao, Senior Project Manager. Mr. Gao reviewed the revised contract that was included on the dais. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-45 to Award a Professional Service Agreement to Wallace Group for Engineering Services for the Design of the Reservation Road Desalination Plant Renovation Capital Improvement Program Project (OW-2404). 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	-	Absent			

- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-46 to Award a Construction Contract to Monterey Peninsula Engineering for General Construction Services for the Construction of the Imjin Lift Station Odor Control Project (OS-0348):

Mr. Haertel introduced this item.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-46 to Award a Construction Contract to Monterey Peninsula Engineering for General Construction Services for the Construction of the Imjin Lift Station Odor Control Project (OS-0348). 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	-	Absent			

13. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. three quitclaim deeds were received from the City of Seaside for properties that should have been transferred to the District after the completion of the 2010 Land Transfer Agreement;
2. Ms. Lagasca has worked with Monterey One Water and both agencies have come to an agreement on the Operation and Maintenance charges for the Pure Water Monterey Phase I;
3. following the execution of the Settlement Agreement, easements have been received from CSUMB and are ready to be recorded; and,
4. the Solar Project is underway and MCWD is on its way to becoming its own microgrid.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Budget and Engineering Committee:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

2. Community Outreach and Personnel Committee:

Director Imamura gave a brief update.

3. Resource and Groundwater Sustainability Committee:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

4. Special Districts Association of Monterey County:

Vice President Shriner gave a brief update.

5. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

14. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Vice President Shriner asked to discuss SB1255, a low income assistance program.

15. Director's Comments:

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

16. Adjournment:

President Morton adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary