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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
October 20, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. on October 20, 2025 at 920 2nd Avenue, Marina, California.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President
Jan Shriner – Vice President
Thomas P. Moore
Stacey Smith

Board Members Absent:

Brad Imamura

Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager
David Hobbs, District Counsel
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services
Garrett Haertel, District Engineer
Charly Liscomb, Interim Water Resources Manager
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
Garren Fisher, MCWD
Katie Lampkin, MCWD
Tobias Osborne, MCWD
Erin Harwayne, Denise Duffy & Associates

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Charly Liscomb led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Public Comments on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:07 p.m. to discuss the following items:

5. Closed Session:

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

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.)

The Board ended closed session at 6:49 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 6:55 p.m.

6. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated that there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

7. Oral Communications:

There were no comments made.

8. 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 September 2025; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of September 22, 2025; C) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of October 7, 2025; D) Receive the 3rd Quarter 2025 MCWD Water Consumption and Wastewater Flow Report; E) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-51 to Adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Zone B Tank 2 Project and Approving the Project; F) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-52 to Adopt the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration and Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Tate Park Lift Station Project and Approving the Project; and, G) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-53 to Adopt the Notice of Determination for the Blight Removal - Ord Wastewater Treatment Blight Removal Project. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

9. Action Items:

- A. Review the Marina Coast Water District Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Unaudited Year End Financials:

President Morton stated that this item was pulled from the agenda and will not be discussed at this meeting.

- B. Consider the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 65, an Ordinance Amending Title 5, Sewer Service System, Chapter 5.20 Use of Public Sewers, Sections 5.20.050, and 5.20.060, and Adding Sections 5.20.045, 5.20.062, and 5.20.065 to the Marina Coast Water District Code in Accordance with Updated Standards and Requirements for the Reduction of Fats, Oil, and Grease in Public Sewer Systems and Set a Public Hearing Date for November 17, 2025:

Mr. Cray introduced this item and reviewed the latest suggested changes to Title 5 of the District's Code following discussion at the last Board meeting. The Board asked more clarifying questions and suggested clarifying the definition of the term 'grease'. Mr. David Hobbs, District Counsel, suggested the following change to the first sentence in Section 5.20.060, D. "All fats, oils, grease, or similar material, in grease traps and interceptors shall be removed...". The Board concurred with the suggested revision.

President Morton made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 65, an Ordinance Amending Title 5, Sewer Service System, Chapter 5.20 Use of Public Sewers, Sections 5.20.050, and 5.20.060, and Adding Sections 5.20.045, 5.20.062, and 5.20.065 to the Marina Coast Water District Code in Accordance with Updated Standards and Requirements for the Reduction of Fats, Oil, and Grease in Public Sewer Systems in its entirety, as amended, and set a Public Hearing Date for November 17, 2025. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

10. Informational Items:

- A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

- the audit will be brought to the Board in November as staff is doing one last review to make sure all i's are dotted and t's are crossed;
- staff hosted the City of Marina on a tour of the District owned veterinary barracks building;
- the City of Marina has reached out with information that the Cypress Knolls development is changing its conception which will also change the water demands;

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- the 4th Avenue monitoring well is moving along at a good pace and there have been no complaints being raised by the nearby residents over the noise;
- staff has completed the master meter agreement of which will be used going forward as needed;
- staff is completing an update of an encroachment agreement of which will soon be brought to the Board to set a fee for the permit established;
- the engineering team is working with the operations team to bring recycled water to the 247 recycled water meters, and they should soon be online;
- the Pure Water expansion permit is complete, and the project is running. Staff is meeting to begin work on amendment #2 to the agreement;
- the MPWMD is voting to rescind the Cease and Desist on meter moratorium; and,
- the Castroville Intertie has finally been recognized by Judge Wills as a suitable alternative for Castroville;
- CPUC rehearing and stay are moving along, and the judge reissued a new order that reduced Cal Am's water requirement for their 25 year project to about 2 million gallons per day.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Executive Committee:

President Morton and Vice President Shriner gave a brief update.

2. Community Outreach and Personnel Committee:

Director Smith gave a brief update.

3. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

4. Joint City District:

Director Smith and Mr. Scherzinger gave a brief update.

5. Special Districts Association of Monterey County:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

6. MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

11. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Director Moore asked for a “comprehensive” briefing on the District’s Joint Powers Insurance Authority membership.

12. Director’s Comments:

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

13. Adjournment:

President Morton adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary