

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting
May 28, 2025

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee meeting was called to order at 5:33 p.m. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Stacey Smith, MCWD Director Brad Imamura, Councilmember Kathy Biala, and, Councilmember Liesbeth Visscher
- Staff: Remleh Scherzinger, Garrett Haertel, and Paula Riso 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:

There were no comments.

3. Approve the Draft Minutes of August 21, 2024:

Director Imamura made a motion to approve the draft minutes of August 21, 2024. Councilmember Visscher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 3-Ayes (Imamura, Biala, Visscher), 0-Noes, and 1-Abstention (Smith).

4. Receive Updates on District and City Activities/Projects:

Mr. Scherzinger gave updates on the following:

Marina Station – the Marina Station project is moving forward and reimbursement agreements are in place.

Dunes – the location for the proposed Mercedes dealership is right on top of a 16” sewer line, which will have to be figured out. The District will be prepared should Kaiser decide to locate in the Dunes area.

Sea Haven – the development is coming along.

Recycled Water – in the process of connecting the system here for use.

CSUMB – moving forward with Admin 4 and recycled water for their field.

Sea Pointe – apartment building located across from Walmart is moving forward.

General Plan Update – the District will be ready with the WSA for the city when it’s needed.

Engineering Inspections – the District and city need to work more closely on projects to ensure that the proper inspections are being done and each is aware and prepared for what is coming down the line.

CIP – the A1/A2 and B/C Booster plant is operational.

Solar Project – the District was awarded a grant to put solar on their building and start a microgrid.

District Budget – the FY 2025-2026 budget is complete.

Delinquent Accounts – accounts that are 120 or more days late will be referred to the county tax rolls for collection.

CPUC – Ex-Parte meetings with commission members are taking place.

Salinas River frontage – Mr. Scherzinger thanked the city for allowing the District to put in monitoring wells along the river.

Agenda Item 4 (continued):

Mr. Long stated that the city has hired a Public Relations firm to get a story out with facts on the CPUC, the Salinas Valley GSA, and CalDesal. He suggested working together to make sure all the facts are straight.

Mr. Scherzinger stated that the District is in the process of doing a fire study with a flow model to see if the system can handle a large urban/wild land interface fire would look like in our community. Depending on the results of the model, the District will invite local fire departments to simulate a real-life fire to test how the system would handle the flows.

Mr. Long shared that they were working with the developer of Cypress Knolls on how to make as many affordable homes as possible.

5. Discuss Use of District's Beach Office Parking Lot:

Mr. Scherzinger stated that although the District understands the city's request for use of the parking lot at the beach office, the District's insurance company turned down the request due to liability. There was discussion on property the District owns on Dunes Drive and perhaps looking at a land swap with the city so they can put in a larger beach parking lot.

6. Discuss Joby Construction at the Marina Airport:

Mr. Haertel noted that Joby Aviation had recently added a 2,000 square foot building without the District's knowledge. He said that once the District was made aware of it, they have reviewed the information, and staff also looked at the water usage and has determined that Joby is using less water than originally allocated. Mr. Haertel also noted that District and city staff have set a schedule to meet regularly to discuss projects, keep each other in the loop, and make sure plans and permits are being received and reviewed properly.

7. Discuss Transfer of the Historical Veterinary Barracks Building:

Mr. Scherzinger stated that a property appraisal was being completed and then it will be ready to share with the city in the next couple of months.

8. Identification of Agenda Items for Future Committee Meetings:

General updates from both agencies will continue, and a General Plan update to include Sand Gilia will be discussed in the future. The next meeting will be scheduled for October 15th at 5:30 p.m.

9. Committee Member Comments:

Director Smith voiced her pleasure at meeting everyone. Councilmember Biala commented that these were becoming very productive meetings.

10. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.