

Marina Coast Water District

District Offices
11 Reservation Road
Marina, California

Regular Board Meeting
August 27, 2003
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call:

President Nishi called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on August 27, 2003.

Board Members Present:

Ken Nishi – President
Charles Scholl – Vice-President
Tom Moore – arrived at 7:02 p.m.
Ron Russo
David Brown

Board Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Mike Armstrong, General Manager
Lloyd Lowrey, Legal Counsel
Suresh Prasad, ASO Finance and Technology
David Meza, District Engineer
Jade Sullivan, Water Conservation Specialist
Connie Chavoya, ASO Administration and Personnel
Paula Carina, Board Clerk

Audience:

Peder Jorgansen, Schaaf & Wheeler Engineering
Thomas Barkhurst
Tom Buell, MRWPCA
Francis Coen, Clark Pinnacle Family Communities LLC

Director Moore arrived at 7:02 p.m.

2. Oral Communications:

Mr. Francis Coen stated he represented Clark Pinnacle Family Communities LLC, who is a partner with the U.S. Army in the Residential Communities Initiative (RCI) which will replace the existing family housing units in the Ord Military Community. They would like to go on record showing they object to the proposed District In-Tract Policy and a letter stating their concerns was provided to the Board.

3. Presentation

- A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-38 in Recognition of Evelina Adlawan, Technical Services Manager, and Awarding a Plaque and Gift Certificate for 25 Years of Service to MCWD;

Mr. Armstrong read the narration commending Mrs. Adlawan for her 25 years of dedicated service to the District.

On motion by Director Moore, seconded by Director Brown; the Board recognize Evelina Adlawan for her 25 years of dedicated service to the MCWD. The motion was passed.

Director Moore	-	Yes	Vice-President Scholl	-	Yes
Director Russo	-	Yes	President Nishi	-	Yes
Director Brown	-	Yes			

Mrs. Adlawan thanked the Board and District for the recognition. President Nishi recessed the meeting from 7:05 until 7:15 p.m. for everyone to enjoy a celebratory slice of cake.

4. Consent Calendar:

Vice-President Scholl requested item 4-B (Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-39 to Approve a Resolution of Intention to Approve a Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employee's Retirement System and the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District) to be pulled from the Consent Calendar. President Nishi requested item 4-C (Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-40 to Approve an Engineering Feasibility Study for the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project and Receive the Final Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Document (EIR)) to be pulled from the Consent Calendar.

On motion by Director Brown, seconded by Vice-President Scholl; the Board approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items (including item G as amended): A) Consider Approval of the July 2003 Expenditures; D) Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-41 to Authorize

Agenda Item 4 (continued):

Financial Disbursement to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority for District Infrastructure Included in the 2nd Avenue Roadway Improvements Project; E) Consider Rejecting all Bids Received on May 22, 2003, for the Design/Build of the Marina Disinfection Replacement Project, Approving a Revised Scope of Work, and Directing Staff to Distribute a New Request for Proposals; F) Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-43 to Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Winzler and Kelly Consulting Engineers to Provide Additional Wastewater Collection System Conceptual Planning for the Proposed East Garrison Development Project and Amending the FY 2002-2003 and FY 2003-2004 Budgets; G) Consider Approval (Accepting) of the Regional Urban Recycled Water Distribution Project Report; H) Review Draft Deed and Resolution No. 2003-44 to Accept and Authorize Conveyance of Six Parcels and Improvements Consisting of 12.62 Acres from FORA by No-Cost Economic Development Conveyance; I) Consider Approving Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 23, 2003; J) Consider Approving Minutes of the Special Board Meeting of July 30, 2003; and K) Consider Approving Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 13, 2003. The motion was passed.

Director Moore	-	Yes	Vice-President Scholl	-	Yes
Director Russo	-	Yes	President Nishi	-	Yes
Director Brown	-	Yes			

- B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-39 to Approve a Resolution of Intention to Approve a Contract Between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employee's Retirement System and the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District:

Vice-President Scholl asked if the District could get the consensus of the employees as to their intention to join PERS before going through the actuarial. President Nishi stated he believes employees are interested in joining PERS as long as the District pays the buy-in share. Discussion followed.

On motion by Director Moore, seconded by Director Russo; the Board adopts Resolution No. 2003-39 to approve a Resolution of Intention to approve a contract between the Board of Administration of the California Public Employee's Retirement System and the Board of Directors of the Marina Coast Water District.

Director Moore requested a head-to-head comparison of the two retirement systems (Districts and PERS) from both the employees and Board perspectives and an amortization of the buy-in; i.e. a lump sum to PERS verses buy in overtime to PERS. He would like the comparisons to assist the Board in better understanding its options: 1) Do nothing and stay with the current plan; 2) lump sum buy-in to PERS; and, 3) PERS buy-in over time.

Agenda Item 4-B (continued):

The motion was passed.

Director Moore	-	Yes	Vice-President Scholl	-	Yes
Director Russo	-	Yes	President Nishi	-	Yes
Director Brown	-	Yes			

- C. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-40 to Approve an Engineering Feasibility Study for the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project and Receive the Final Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Document (EIR):

President Nishi stated he pulled this item so he could vote no on it. Mr. Armstrong stated this Resolution was revised to “Accept” an Engineering Feasibility Study.

On motion by Director Moore, seconded by Vice-President Scholl; the Board adopt Resolution No. 2003-40 as amended. The motion was passed.

Director Moore	-	Yes	Vice-President Scholl	-	Yes
Director Russo	-	Yes	President Nishi	-	No
Director Brown	-	Yes			

5. Informational Items:

A. General Manager’s Report:

Mr. Armstrong reminded the Board that there would be a Public Scoping Session on September 8th at 4:00 p.m. on the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project environmental document. He also informed the Board that approximately 70 people from the Governor’s State Desalination Task Force visited the District earlier that morning to receive a presentation of the Augmentation Project and to tour the Desalination Plant.

B. Counsel’s Report:

No comments.

C. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

Agenda Item 5-C (continued):

1. Water Conservation Commission:

No comments.

2. Joint City-District Committee:

Director Moore stated the Committee discussed issues regarding development on the former Fort Ord and the availability of water.

3. MRWPCA Board Member:

No comments.

4. LAFCO Liaison:

No comments.

5. JPIA Liaison:

No comments.

6. FORA:

No comments.

D. District Correspondence:

President Nishi questioned the expenditure referenced in the letter provided in the packet from the superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District.

E. Director's Comments:

Vice-President Scholl commented that the new Board meeting format looked to be working well, but he would like to consider holding one of the meetings during the day. Director Brown and President Nishi stated that day meetings are not conducive to public participation. Vice-President Scholl stated over the last year, there has been very little public participation and he does not feel this is an issue.

6. Planning Workshop:

President Nishi voiced his concern over the August 15, 2003 letter written by Mr. Armstrong, addressed to Mr. Curtis Weeks. He believes this is a policy issue and has concerns regarding the deep aquifer. Discussion on the deep aquifer followed. President Nishi requested to see an agenda item on whether the District would like to seek groundwater in the Salinas basin. The Board then discussed the groundwater rights in the Salinas basin. President Nishi suggested an agenda item on the Joint City-District Committee to discuss raising the 6,600 afy cap. Mr. Armstrong stated he suggested in his letter that the Boards hold an ad hoc committee meeting and discuss this issue. Discussion followed.

On motion by Vice-President Scholl, seconded by President Nishi; the Board add an agenda item to consider groundwater as an alternative on the September 24, 2003 agenda. With a vote of 5-Ayes, 0-Noes, 0-Absent, the motion was passed.

7. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

APPROVED:

Kenneth K. Nishi, President

ATTEST:

Michael D. Armstrong, General Manager