Marina Coast Water District

Holiday Inn Express 189 Seaside Court Marina, California and 12209 Hercules Avenue Hobe Sound, FL 33455 Dual Locations Regular Board Meeting December 10, 2003 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call:

President Nishi called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. on December 10, 2003.

Board Members Present:

Ken Nishi – President Charles Scholl – Vice-President – via telephone Tom Moore David Brown Ron Russo

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Mike Armstrong, General Manager Lloyd Lowrey, Legal Counsel Suresh Prasad, ASO for Finance & Technology Connie Chavoya, ASO for Administration & Personnel Jade Sullivan, Project Engineer Pete Koehn, Plan Check Engineer Rich Youngblood, Water Conservation Coordinator Paula Carina, Board Clerk

Audience:

Patrick Breen	Tommie Poe	Michael Shaw	Curtis Gandy
Lance Houston	Tony Altfeld	Brad Klemek	Brian Congleton
Mike Owen	Rob Wellington	Patrick Allan	Fred Seamon
Fred Scharinger	John Davies	Bruce Delgado	Robert Campbell
Dan O'Brien	Curtis Weeks	Bob Drake	Augie Dent
Robert Kimball	Marwan Bairakdar	Robert Waibel	

2. Oral Communications:

None.

3. Action Items:

A. Election of Board President and Vice-President:

President Nishi suggested taking item 3-C first. Director Brown noted that he would like to begin with 3-A to allow members of the public time to arrive for the meeting just in case anyone went to the District office by mistake. President Nishi concurred and opened the floor for nominations.

Director Moore nominated Vice-President Scholl for President. Director Brown seconded the nomination. With no other nominations forthcoming, the motion was passed.

Director Moore	-	Yes	Vice-President Scholl	-	Yes
Director Russo	-	Yes	President Nishi	-	Yes
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Director Brown nominated Director Moore for Vice-President. Director Russo nominated Director Brown for Vice-President. President Scholl seconded the nomination of Director Moore for Vice-President. Director Nishi nominated Director Russo for Vice-President.

On Director Brown's nomination for Director Moore for Vice-President, the motion failed.

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

On Director Nishi's nomination for Director Russo for Vice-President, the motion was passed.

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

Director Nishi handed the meeting over to President Scholl. President Scholl requested the gavel be passed to Vice-President Russo for this meeting as President Scholl was participating via telephone. Vice-President Russo asked if he could have Director Nishi conduct the meeting for him. Mr. Lowrey stated the District policy states the Vice-President presides over the meeting when the President is not present but that the Board could vote to suspend the rule.

Action Item 3-A (continued):

Vice-President Russo made the motion to suspend the rule and have Director Nishi conduct the meeting. Director Nishi seconded the motion.

Director Brown made a substitute motion to suspend the rule and have Director Moore conduct the meeting. President Scholl seconded the motion.

Director Nishi withdrew his name from the first motion.

The substitute motion was passed.

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

B. Consider Director Appointments to Board of Director's Standing Committees and to Outside Agencies for 2004:

President Scholl asked each Director to submit his committee and liaison preferences to the General Manager for consideration at the next meeting. He then made the motion to postpone the Director appointments until the next Board meeting. Director Brown seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

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

C. Consider Adoption of the Draft Water Supply Assessment and Written Verification of Supply for the Marina Heights Development Project:

Mr. Armstrong introduced this item and Mr. Byron Buck of Byron Buck & Associates. Mr. Buck provided an overview of the Water Supply Assessment (WSA) and recommended changes based upon comments received in the draft. The recommended changes are:

- 1) Table 2-1 change the single family demand factor from .25 to .33;
- 2) Table 3-1 correct the years, and Ord Community production for year 2002 should be 2137, not 2306;
- 3) Table 4-1 group the groundwater numbers together;

Action Item 3-C (continued):

- 4) Section 3.4 change the proposed acre-feet and percentage of the allotment resulting from the changed demand factor; and, add Abrams and Preston Park's water usage to the City of Marina numbers; and,
- 5) Section 11.0 Add additional references.

Director Brown asked if Mr. Buck was suggesting increasing all the water demand factors in Table 2-1 with the exception of estate units. Mr. Buck stated it was just the single family units. Director Brown inquired on the inclusion of future developments. Mr. Buck stated the Urban Water Management Plan, which included anticipated future developments, was used as a guideline.

Director Moore questioned the amount of Parkland in Table 2-1. He also wanted to know if a school site was included. Mr. Buck noted the information and description used was what was on the City of Marina's web site.

Director Nishi asked for clarification of the reason for the WSA. He then asked what the higher water demand factor does to the future developments. Mr. Buck stated the higher water demand factors do not change the conclusion of the assessment, but it leaves less water available for future developments in Marina.

Mr. Lowrey asked Mr. Buck to state for the record that he has compared the Water Supply Analysis, Water Supply Assessment, and Water Supply Certification with the requirements of the statutes and has included all the elements of the statutes within this document. Mr. Buck affirmed he had done so.

Director Moore made a motion to: 1) direct staff to have Table 2-1 of the WSA revised to reflect a demand factor of 0.33 af/unit/yr for all residential unit types except estate units; 2) direct staff to ensure that Table 2-1 of the WSA contains the correct acreage of parkland and demands for all other uses that may occur on the property to be sold to the Marina Heights developers; 3) direct staff to develop a demand estimate table in the WSA for all currently proposed projects under Marina's Land Use Jurisdiction on the former Fort Ord within a 20 year time horizon using best available, data based, conservative demand factors; and, 4) direct staff to bring the revised WSA for a public hearing before the Board no later than January 21, 2004. Director Brown stated he would second the motion if Director Moore would set a firm date. Following discussion, the date of January 28, 2004 was chosen. Director Moore amended his motion to include the date of January 28, 2004. Mr. Lowrey explained the time frame in which the District must respond to the request for a Water Supply Analysis and Water Supply Certification made by the jurisdiction. Discussion followed.

Action Item 3-C (continued):

Director Moore opened the floor for public comment.

Mr. Patrick Breen commented the water is already allocated to the City of Marina; the statutes don't apply on this project; and, encouraged the Board to approve the WSA.

Mr. Lance Houston asked for a copy of the data used for this document. He also asked why the document does not mention the contaminants TCE and other chemicals.

Mr. Mike Owen commented the developers know what they are doing and encouraged the Board to approve the WSA.

Mr. Fred Scharinger encouraged the Board to approve the WSA.

Mr. Dan O'Brien commented on the contaminant TCE, and he would like the 1175 afy, allocated by FORA for Marina's use, to be reduced by an equal amount to that which the District has reduced pumping from Well 29. Mr. O'Brien requested maps showing the toxic plume to be included into the WSA.

Mr. Robert Waibel stated three independent water studies indicate there is sufficient water for this project and encouraged the Board to approve the WSA.

Ms. Tommie Poe encouraged the Board to approve the assessment.

Mr. Tony Altfeld, City Manager of the City of Marina, commented on the letter provided to the Board at the beginning of the meeting from the City of Marina and inquired on the new information that changed the water demand factor from 0.25 to 0.33 for single family residences. He would appreciate receiving a copy of that information for the Marina City Council's use in determining water demand factors.

Mr. Rob Wellington, Legal Counsel for the City of Marina, commented on the letter provided to the Board at the beginning of the meeting from the Wellington Law office stating in their opinion the assessment fully complies with all the requirements of the Code. He also stated in regard to Ms. Paula Pelot's letter received by the District, the WSA has adequate discussion of Code Section 66473.7 to meet all requirements.

Mr. John Davies gave a brief presentation which included three studies showing the total water demand to be very close. He encouraged the Board to use a total demand between 290 and 298 afy for the Marina Heights Project.

Action Item 3-C (continued):

Mr. Curtis Weeks, Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), stated the Water Resources Agency agreed with Mr. Buck's study and that there is not a problem with the water supply from the Salinas groundwater basin.

Mr. Marwan Bairakdar encouraged the Board to support affordable housing by approving the WSA.

Mr. Michael Shaw, Marina Heights developer, stressed the need to move forward and encouraged the Board to approve the WSA.

Mr. Brad Klemek stated that only a small group is trying to stop the development but the support for the development is very strong. He encouraged the Board to approve the WSA.

Mr. Patrick Allen encouraged the Board to approve the WSA.

Mr. Bruce Delgado stated he is concerned there is not enough water for this large project and still allow for all other developments including Cypress Knolls and the University Villages.

Director Brown stated he takes issue with the assertion that the District needs to act by receiving an email. He believes the District receiving an email is not sufficient to begin a ninety day timeline. Director Brown referred to a letter from Ms. Paula Pelot stating not enough public review and comment have been allowed for this WSA. He pointed out several problems that he believes exist with the WSA: 1) an assumption that desalinated water is available; 2) desalination is a problem and water availability means potable water not just groundwater; and, 3) new information presented at this meeting demands further review of water demand factors. Director Brown encouraged the Board to bring this item back to the January 28, 2004 meeting, allowing for further review.

Vice-President Russo agreed with Director Brown in bringing this item back on January 28, 2004 to allow for further review.

President Scholl stated the economics of providing the water might be feasible, but the cost could be inconsistent with affordable housing goals. A high level of confidence in sustainability and reliability is needed. President Scholl stated he is in support of the proposed motion of bringing the item back on January 28, 2004.

Director Moore stated it is his belief that the District is not in the business of allocating water. It is the purview of FORA to allocate water to each jurisdiction and in turn each jurisdiction to suballocate their allocation of water. The District is in the business of ensuring that all of the land use jurisdictions abide by the allocations provided to the District by FORA.

Action Item 3-C (continued):

Director Moore agrees there is enough water for the Marina Heights specific project and it is the District's responsibility to make it clear to the land use jurisdictions what the current best estimates are of the consequences of current and future plans for land use. Although the Urban Water Management Plan is two years old, and the District is using that information for future uses, land use jurisdiction's plans change and will continue to change on the former Fort Ord. Director Moore would like the District to routinely provide WSA's to all land use jurisdictions to include planned future projects and current District data showing actual water developments use. He stated he could support approving the WSA subject to staff making the directed changes.

Director Nishi questioned why, if the City gave the District ninety days to complete an assessment, the Board was given the draft WSA so late that they are now under pressure to complete the process. He was not aware Mr. Buck had been hired to complete the WSA. Director Nishi agreed with Director Moore that the District was not in the business of allocation. He stated he could support the WSA, but only if 0.33 afy is used for single family residences. Discussion followed.

Mr. Armstrong and Mr. Buck clarified future development and what was taken into consideration when the WSA was developed. Mr. Lowrey added that the District needs to look at the allocations limited by the 1996 agreement with the MCWRA that limits groundwater extractions as well as the limitation inherited from the U.S. Army's agreement with MCWRA as the limiting factors. Director Nishi stated the agreements limit groundwater, not other alternative sources of water. Mr. Lowrey agreed and added the District could add language to the WSA stating the concerns of the District that when all of the future developments are on line, there may not be sufficient groundwater and alternative water sources available to support them. Director Moore asked if, under the law, the District could approve a WSA that found there is sufficient water for the Marina Heights Project and with regard to a then current list of future planned projects for the City, there is not enough water for all those projects. Mr. Lowrey stated he believed the District could do so. He also recommended, with the concurrence of the City of Marina, the Board undertake to complete action on this matter no later than December 21, 2003. Director Brown asked if the date Mr. Lowrey mentioned is due to the date the email was received. Mr. Lowrey answered electronic communications are regarded as legally sufficient communications to predicate legal obligations. Discussion followed.

Director Brown called the question. The call to question failed.

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

Director Brown - Yes

Action Item 3-C (continued):

On a substitute motion by Director Nishi, seconded by Vice-President Russo; the Board approve the WSA using 0.33 afy for single family residences. Director Brown voiced his concerns over rushing this action without more public comment. Director Nishi voiced his concern over the order of the motions and public comment. Director Moore opened the floor for more public comment due to the substitute motion.

Mr. O' Brien stated that CEQA requires public comment and urged the Board to allow for adequate public comment before making any final decisions.

Mr. Owen reiterated the Marina City Council meets on December 22, 2003.

Director Brown suggested holding a morning or afternoon meeting on December 22, 2003 and holding more public comment at that time.

Director Moore asked for a vote on the substitute motion made by Director Nishi. The substitute motion failed.

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

Director Moore amended his original motion to direct staff to bring the revised WSA to a special meeting at 5:00 p.m. on December 22, 2003. Director Brown seconded the amendment. Mr. Bob Drake commented the time for the special meeting does not allow for the Marina City Council which meets at 6:30 p.m. that evening. Mr. Curt Gandy commented on the hazardous waste which has not been removed from the former Fort Ord. Mr. Robert Waibel stated the public comments received have met requirements. Mr. Robert Wellington corrected the City Council's meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. on the 22nd and encouraged action this evening or as early as possible. Mr. Mike Owen urged having a District representative present at the City Council meeting to answer questions.

Director Moore withdrew his motion and made a new motion to hold the meeting on December 15th at 7:00 p.m. President Scholl seconded the motion. Director Nishi would like to see the WSA approved tonight. President Scholl stated he will still be in Florida but will participate by telephone. Vice-President Russo agreed with Director Nishi. The motion was passed.

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

Director Nishi asked how many Board members needed to be present on December 15th to approve the WSA. Mr. Lowrey answered three needed to be present in the room for a quorum.

President Scholl left the meeting at 9:20 p.m. Director Moore recessed the meeting from 9:20 until 9:30 p.m.

D. Receive Additional Information Regarding Contracting with the California Public Employees Retirement System and Provide Direction to Staff:

Mr. Armstrong introduced this item. He stated he met with the two bargaining units and that staff is very interested and desirous of joining PERS. No immediate conclusions were reached. Director Nishi asked what the Board needs to do this evening. Mr. Armstrong mentioned the schedule previously provided to the Board for dealing with the current actuarial with PERS, and that the Board should consider providing him direction whether they are still inclined to stay on this schedule and hold a special meeting on January 7, 2004 in anticipation of considering adopting a Resolution of Intent.

On motion by Vice-President Russo, seconded by Director Brown; the Board schedule a meeting to consider adopting a Resolution of Intent. Vice-President Russo amended his motion to include considering the Resolution of Intent at the meeting on December 15th if it is plausible. Director Brown seconded the amendment. With a vote of 4-Ayes, 0-No, 1-Absent, the motion was passed.

E. Consider Approval of Phase I Design Concept; and Provide Direction to Staff for Phase II of the Corporation Yard Master Plan:

Mr. Sullivan introduced this item. Vice-President Russo inquired how staff determined the design fees. Mr. Sullivan answered they are a typical percentage that is applied to a construction estimate and can range from 7% to 12% of the architectural fees of a construction project. The complexity of a project can also impact the fees. Director Nishi asked what percentage was used to determine the fees on this project. Mr. Brian Congleton answered that design fees may include more than architectural fees. They may include civil engineering, soil reports, and landscape design. A cost estimator, who uses an industry standard schedule, determined the design fees. Discussion on cost estimates followed. Director Nishi questioned the demonstration garden. Mr. Congleton explained the size and cost of the garden. Discussion followed. Director Nishi inquired on reserving a portion of the property for generating revenue. Mr. Congleton handed out a map showing options for revenue generation.

Director Moore noted it was 10:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to adjourn. Hearing none, the meeting continued.

Action Item 3-E (continued):

Mr. Armstrong commented that there are two parts to the item before the Board this evening. So far, discussion has concentrated on the second part, the ultimate design in Phase II. He suggested the Board consider holding a workshop for more discussion and guidance on Phase II. Mr. Armstrong asked about the Board's desires on Phase I.

Director Brown made a motion to approve Phase I as proposed. Discussion regarding building placement, demonstration garden, and layout in Phase I followed. Director Moore seconded the motion. Vice-President Russo inquired if the costs were figured using today's dollars? Mr. Sullivan answered they were. Mr. Armstrong asked Mr. Congleton to clarify what the Board is expected to consider this evening. Mr. Congleton answered the approval of the design concept for Phase I. Director Moore clarified the motion was Phase I as proposed with the comments provided. The comments are: 1) look into the possibility of doing it less expensively; and, 2) examin possible slight reconfigurations of O & M buildings to generate a little more space to the north. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 1-No, 1-Absent, the motion was passed. Mr. Armstrong asked if Mr. Congleton would like to see a workshop with Board participation; or, if he had received enough information to proceed with Phase II design. Mr. Congleton stated he had not received enough Board participation and would recommend a workshop or some further discussion at a future Board meeting before going further with Phase II. The Board concurred and decided to wait for President Scholl to be present to decide on a workshop date.

Mr. Curtis Weeks, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, requested to postpone item G (Consider Providing Requested Projected Water Demand Information to Monterey County Water Resources Agency for Use in Developing a Project Concept Description for a Regional Desalination Plant) to the January 14, 2004 Board meeting. The Board concurred.

F. Receive Report from Board Ad Hoc Committee and Consider Staff Recommendation to Terminate Contract with Oases International for the Seawater Desalination Facility Retrofit Project:

Mr. Armstrong introduced this item. Director Nishi reported the Ad Hoc Committee recommends to table this item and hire a third party to interpret the agreement. Mr. Armstrong stated the District will probably have to engage legal counsel with regard to contract review, and engage a technical consultant who is capable of looking at the plans and specs developed by Oases and come to some conclusion as to their adequacy.

Action Item 3-F (continued):

On motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Moore; the Board approve staff recommendation to terminate contract with Oases International for the Seawater Desalination Facility retrofit project. Director Moore asked if there was a dollar amount the Ad Hoc Committee was considering spending in hiring the third party. Director Nishi stated they did not know what the cost would be. Director Moore inquired of Mr. Lowrey the costs involved. Mr. Lowrey stated he had not been involved with the process and did not have a basis of cost or scope. Mr. Armstrong estimated it should not take more than 10 hours for a legal opinion, and approximately the same for a technical evaluation. Director Moore withdrew his second on the motion.

On motion by Vice-President Russo, seconded by Director Brown; the Board directed the General Manager to hire a third party to review the contract and the submitted plan and specifications. Director Nishi suggested the Board hire the third party. Mr. Lowrey asked for clarification on the motion. He wanted to know if the motion asked for one firm to handle both the legal and technical opinions, or two separate firms. Director Russo stated his motion meant to include whatever it takes. One firm if they have the expertise in both fields, or two firms if one can't be found. The motion was passed.

Director Moore - Yes Vice-President Russo - Yes

Director Nishi - No President Scholl - Absent

Director Brown - Yes

H. Consider Approval of the Draft Construction and Transfer of Water and Sewer Infrastructure Agreement for Seaside Highlands Subdivision – Phase II:

Mr. Koehn introduced this item and Mr. Augie Dent, Vice-President of KB Homes for the Seaside Highlands subdivision. Director Nishi asked if KB Homes paid the District for the hot water recycling systems that are to be installed and audited in Marina? Mr. Dent affirmed they did. Director Moore asked for clarification of Section F of the Infrastructure Agreement. It was agreed to modify the second sentence to read, "...fee of \$400 per unit plus 3% of in-tract, offsite water and sewer facilities construction costs." Director Moore also asked for clarification of Section H. It was agreed to modify the first sentence to read, "...participate in the offsite, out-of-tract, water distribution..."; the third sentence to read, "...will not be responsible for those projects share of the costs."; and, the last sentence to read, "....its obligations for off-site, out-of-tract, improvements."

On motion by Director Moore, seconded by Director Brown; the Board approve the draft construction and transfer of water and sewer infrastructure for Seaside Highlands subdivision – Phase II with the modifications mentioned above.

Action Item 3-H (continued):

The motion was passed.

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

N. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-60 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Harris and Associates for the Ord Community Valve Replacement Project:

Mr. Sullivan introduced this item. Director Nishi inquired how many valves Monterey Peninsula Engineering has completed to date. Mr. Sullivan stated they had completed fifteen. Director Nishi asked who inspected the fifteen completed valves. Mr. Sullivan answered the General Manager approved payment of up to \$5000, as is within his authority, for inspection of the first fifteen valves. Discussion followed.

On motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Moore; the Board adopt Resolution No. 2003-60 to approve a Professional Services Agreement with Harris and Associates for the Ord Community Valve Replacement Project. The motion failed.

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

I. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2003-58 to Approve the Project Budget for the Bayer Tank Structural/Operational Improvements Project and to Amend the FY 2003-2004 Budget:

Mr. Sullivan introduced this item. Mr. Lowrey stated that fixing or replacing existing facilities is exempt from CEQA and a Notice of Exemption will be filed. Director Brown asked to what capacity the Bayer tank is filled. Mr. Sullivan stated it is set at a maximum of seventy feet. In the early 1990's, the structure was evaluated and found to have structural and buckling problems. The District has voluntarily decreased the volume of water in the tank until it can be reevaluated. It is not known if any improvements were done after the first evaluation. Director Nishi asked if \$50,000 is sufficient to cover the analysis, recommendation and design service costs. Mr. Sullivan stated it is the best estimate staff could acquire. Discussion followed.

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	Director Moore Director Nishi Director Brown	- - -	Yes Yes Yes	Vice-President Russo President Scholl	-	Yes Absent
9.	Adjournment:					
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Michael D. Armstrong, General Manager