

Marina Coast Water District

District Offices
11 Reservation Road
Marina, California

Special Board Meeting
March 10, 2004
7:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order/Roll Call:

President Scholl called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on March 10, 2004.

Board Members Present:

Charles Scholl – President
Tom Moore– arrived at 7:05 p.m.
David Brown
Ken Nishi

Board Members Absent:

One vacant seat.

Staff Members Present:

Mike Armstrong, General Manager
Lloyd Lowrey, Legal Counsel
Rich Youngblood, Water Conservation Specialist
Pete Koehn, Plan Check Engineer
Jade Sullivan, Project Engineer
Marc Lucca, District Engineer
Paula Carina, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

Audience:

Jim Brezack, RBF Consulting
Doug Yount, City of Marina
Simon Whitmey

2. Oral Communications:

None.

Mr. Armstrong informed the Board that the District received a letter from Monterey County earlier that afternoon requesting the Water Supply Assessment for the East Garrison Development Project be pulled from the agenda for further review and discussion.

3. Action Items:

- A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2004-16 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with RBF Consultants to Review the Imjin and Second Avenue Irrigation Design Projects:

Mr. Sullivan introduced this item.

Director Moore arrived at 7:05 p.m.

The Board consensus was to move this item to the March 24, 2004 Consent Calendar.

- B. Consider Approval of the Water Supply Assessment and Written Verification of Supply for the East Garrison Development Project:

This item was pulled from the agenda.

- C. Consider Receipt of the Draft Urban Water Conservation Feasibility Study:

Postponed until later in the meeting.

4. Review Draft Board Items:

- A. Review Draft Board Transmittal to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2004-xx to Authorize Repayment of Internal Loans:

Mr. Armstrong introduced this item. Director Moore asked if the District should loan money to the Ord Community cost center from the Marina cost center instead of using the line of credit. Director Nishi stated the District needs to stay liquid. Discussion followed. Director Moore questioned what payback terms were in place, i.e. balloon payment, or mortgage type payment. Mr. Armstrong said the District knew it would be a while before the Fort Ord cost centers would be able to pay back the loaned money, but when they generated enough revenue, the internal loans would be paid off. Discussion followed. President Scholl requested to place this item as an action item on the March 24, 2004 agenda.

- B. Review Draft Board Transmittal to Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2004-xx to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Harris & Associates for the RCI Hayes Park Housing Replacement Project:

Mr. Koehn introduced this item.

Agenda Item 4-B (continued):

Director Moore asked if the fees are billed direct to the developer. Mr. Koehn stated they were. Director Moore asked for an estimate of the internal services provided. President Scholl requested this item to be placed on the March 24, 2004 Consent Calendar.

3. Action Items:

C. Consider Receipt of the Draft Urban Water Conservation Feasibility Study:

Mr. Youngblood introduced this item. President Scholl verified the Urban Water Conservation Feasibility Study needs to be provided to the Department of Water Resources by March 15, 2004. Director Nishi voiced his concern about the Board not being asked what they wanted in the report. Director Nishi made suggestions and asked clarifying questions of Mr. Brezack regarding the Urban Water Conservation Feasibility Study.

On motion by Director Brown, seconded by Director Moore; the Board receive the Draft Urban Water Conservation Feasibility Study as presented. With a vote of 3-Ayes, 1-No, 1-Vacant, the motion was passed.

4. Review Draft Board Items:

C. Review Draft Board Transmittal to Consider Status of District Desalination Plant:

Mr. Armstrong introduced this item. Director Nishi stated he would like the District to get the plant back on-line. President Scholl stated the main issue with the City of Sand City is a concern that the policy established by one elected board may be different from a future elected board. He also stated the District shouldn't sell the desal plant and that the District needs a higher level of confidence about several ongoing issues before going forward with any agreement regarding the desalination plant. Discussion followed. Director Moore commented he did not support selling the desal plant but could support a long-term lease. He requested staff to begin preliminary engineering investigation into the maximum extent the District could expand without running into problems with the Coastal Commission. Discussion followed.

Mr. Doug Yount, City of Marina, requested the Board to defer this item until the District has more information.

The Board requested the General Manager put more pressure on Ionics by sending a letter to the CEO of Ionics requesting a response. They further directed the General Manager to respond to the City of Sand City letting them know the desal plant is not for sale and the District doesn't want to rush into a deal.

D. Review Draft Board Transmittal to Consider Approval of February 2004 Expenditures:

With no forthcoming comments, President Scholl requested this item to be placed on the March 24, 2004 Consent Calendar.

E. Review Draft Board Transmittal to Consider Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 11, 2004:

With no forthcoming comments, President Scholl requested this item to be placed on the March 24, 2004 Consent Calendar.

F. Review Draft Board Transmittal to Consider Approval of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 25, 2004:

Director Nishi wants the minutes to show there was not an opportunity to make comments under Director Comments. President Scholl stated the minutes should show the Director Comments were deferred. Director Nishi stated the minutes did not quote him correctly on the comments he made regarding the Executive Committee. President Scholl requested verbatim minutes be prepared on the conversation regarding the Executive Committee.

President Scholl requested this item to be placed on the March 24, 2004 Consent Calendar with the changes requested.

5. District Correspondence:

No comments.

President Scholl recessed the meeting from 8:35 until 8:40 p.m. The Board entered into closed session at 8:40 p.m.

6. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
Public Employee Performance Evaluation
Title: General Manager

The Board returned to open session at 8:50 p.m.

7. Possible Action on Closed Session Item:

President Scholl reported no action was taken in closed session and requested a closed session item on the March 24th agenda to discuss compensation for the General Manager. Mr. Lowrey stated a negotiator needed to be appointed first. President Scholl asked for an item to appoint an agency negotiator to be placed on the agenda as well. He asked if the General Manager could provide additional information regarding changes in compensation during the past twelve months for the managers on the handout as well as changes to the District employees salaries. Mr. Armstrong stated District employees received a 3% raise last year and he would try to provide information on the other agency managers as well.

8. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m.

APPROVED:

Charles H. Scholl, President Date

ATTEST:

Michael D. Armstrong, General Manager