

Marina Coast Water District

District Office  
11 Reservation Road  
Marina, California

Regular Board Meeting  
September 11, 2012  
6:00 p.m.

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Burns called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2012.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Dan Burns – President  
Howard Gustafson – Vice President  
Jan Shriner  
Kenneth K. Nishi  
Bill Lee

Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Members Present:

Jim Heitzman, General Manager  
Terra Chaffee, District Counsel  
Carl Niizawa, Deputy General Manager/District Engineer  
Jean Premutati, Management Services Administrator  
Kelly Cadiente, Director of Administrative Services  
James Derbin, Operations and Maintenance Superintendent  
Patrick Breen, Project Manager  
Brian True, Capital Projects Manager  
Sean Knight, Associate Engineer  
Peter Spiro, Associate Engineer  
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

Audience Members:

Hebard Olsen  
Pete Talbot, HDR  
Brian McCarthy, Marina Resident  
Denise Duffy, Denise Duffy & Associates  
Alison Imamura, Denise Duffy & Associates  
Michael Cady, UCP East Garrison  
Jim Fletcher, UCP East Garrison

Tom Moore, Marina Resident  
Dan Amadeo, Marina Resident  
Joyce Simon, Marina Resident  
Erick Peterson  
Andy Hunter, Whitson Engineers

Ms. Terra Chaffee, District Counsel, announced that the Board was going to convene into closed session for items 3A1, 2, and 3 - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9; B - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c); C - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) and 54956.9(b)(3)(C); D - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8; E and F - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c); G and H - Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 as set forth on the agenda.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:01 p.m.

3. Closed Session:

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation  
(Subdivision (a) of Section 54956.9)

1) Ag Land Trust v. Marina Coast Water District and Does 1-100, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. M105019 (First Amended Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory Relief)

2) In the Matter of the Application of California-American Water Company (U 210 W) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to Construct and Operate its Coastal Water Project to Resolve the Long-Term Water Supply Deficit in its Monterey District and to Recover All Present and Future Costs in Connection Therewith in Rates, California Public Utilities Commission No. A.04-09-019

3) In the Matter of the Application of California-American Water Company (U210W) for Approval of the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project and Authorization to Recover All Present and Future Costs in Rates, California Public Utilities Commission No. A.12-04-019

B. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Potential Initiation of Litigation  
One Case – MCWD Claims against Monterey County and MCWRA

C. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(b)(1) and 54956.9(b)(3)(C)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Potential Litigation  
One Case – Claims of MCWRA and Monterey County against MCWD

- D. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8  
Conference with Real Property Negotiator (General Manager, District Counsel)  
Property: Water Rights  
Negotiating Parties: Clark Colony Water Company and MCWD  
Under Negotiations: Price and Terms
- E. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c)  
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Potential Initiation of Litigation  
One Case
- F. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9 (c)  
Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation  
Potential Initiation of Litigation  
One Case
- G. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Negotiator (General Manager)  
Employee Organization: Marina Coast Water District Employees Association
- H. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6  
Conference with Labor Negotiator  
Agency Negotiator (General Manager)  
Employee Organization: Teamsters Local 890

The Board ended closed session at 7:00 p.m.

President Burns reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:00 p.m.

4. Possible Action on Closed Session Items:

Ms. Chaffee reported the following:

- 3-A1-3 – the Board conferred with legal counsel, direction was given, no action was taken.
- 3-B – the Board conferred with legal counsel, direction was given, no action was taken.
- 3-C – the Board conferred with legal counsel, direction was given, no action was taken.
- 3-D – the Board conferred with the negotiator, direction was given, no action was taken.
- 3-E – the Board conferred with legal counsel, direction was given, no action was taken.
- 3-F – the Board conferred with legal counsel, direction was given, no action was taken.
- 3-G – the Board conferred with the negotiator, direction was given, no action was taken.
- 3-H – the Board conferred with the negotiator, direction was given, no action was taken.

5. Pledge of Allegiance

President Burns led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

6. Oral Communications:

Mr. Dan Amadeo, Marina resident, announced that on October 13<sup>th</sup> from 10-11:30 am at the Marina Council chambers, Marina in Motion will be holding a debate for the MCWD candidates. He said that the debate will be filmed and shown on Channel 25.

Ms. Joyce Simon, Marina resident, voiced her concern over high water bills at her residence. She stated that over a period of time she had made 25 to 30 complaints and the District had even changed out her meter. Ms. Simon said that the only people living in the house are her and her husband but her water bill keeps getting higher. She noted that when they were out of town last month, the bill went up to \$190. Ms. Simon stated that the high water bills have been ongoing and she is frustrated and would like some answers. President Burns asked the General Manager to get Ms. Simon's address and look into the issue.

Mr. Tom Moore, Marina resident, commented that the filming of these meetings was paid for by donations and anyone can make a donation to More Transparency, PO Box 693, Marina, CA, 93933.

Mr. Brian McCarthy, Marina resident, commented that he has approached the Board regarding his fire sprinkler water meter for almost two years and was still seeking resolution. He noted that over the last two years he has spent over \$2,300 in fees and has used very little water. Mr. McCarthy asked what was being done regarding fire sprinkler water meters, when was it going to be addressed, and if there would be any compensation for ratepayers.

Mr. Jim Heitzman, General Manager, answered that the new rate study would be looking into the fire sprinkler issue.

Mr. Heitzman introduced Mr. Peter Spiro, new Associate Engineer for the District. Mr. Spiro stated that he was pleased to be working for the District.

7. Consent Calendar:

Director Nishi requested to pull agenda items 7-A and 7-C from the Consent Calendar. Director Shriner requested to pull agenda item 7-B from the Consent Calendar.

Vice President Gustafson made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of:

- D) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 10, 2012
- E) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 14, 2012

Agenda Item 7 (continued):

Director Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	Yes	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-53 to Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District Regarding the In-School Water Conservation Education Program:

Director Nishi noted that \$21,000 was being budgeted for this item and suggested budgeting an additional \$21,000 to carry the program over to the Salinas area and receive more bang for the buck.

Mr. Heitzman suggested approving this item as presented and then staff could look into extending the conservation education program efforts into the Salinas school district.

Director Nishi made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-53 approving a Memorandum of Understanding between Marina Coast Water District and the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District regarding the in-school Water Conservation Education Program. Director Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	Yes	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2012-54 to Amend the Professional Services Agreement with Harris & Associates for Inspection Services for the East Garrison Development:

Director Shriner asked when this agreement was established and how often there are amendments. She noted that it seemed to be amended every six months. Mr. Patrick Breen, Projects Manager, answered that this is the second amendment for Harris & Associates for inspection services for the East Garrison Development. He added that these services are paid for by the developer.

Vice President Gustafson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-54 to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Harris & Associates for inspection services for the East Garrison Development. Director Lee seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	Yes	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

C. Approve the Expenditures for the Month of August 2012:

Director Nishi questioned Check No. 54626 to Sanco Pipelines, Inc. and asked why the District paid for this inspection and not Sanco. Mr. Breen answered that the District wanted to verify the condition of the existing line and make sure there were no problems like the one that was found earlier. Director Nishi suggested that if the District isn't going to use developer installed infrastructure right away, they should look into having a bond applied to the work in case there are issues found when the infrastructure is finally used. Mr. Heitzman said that staff would look into it and bring it back in the near future. President Burns added that the warranty begins the day the item is installed, so if there is a long delay in using the item, the warranty may already be expired.

Director Nishi made a motion to approve the expenditures for the month of August 2012. Vice President Gustafson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	Yes	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

8. Action Items:

A. Consider Variance Request Regarding Relief from New Water and Sewer Connection Fees and Charges at 2847 3<sup>rd</sup> Avenue:

Mr. John Garsky, Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, gave a brief background regarding the project for homeless and disabled veterans. Mr. Garsky noted that he was not familiar with variance requests and asked if there was a way to change his request to defer payment for 1-2 years. Mr. Heitzman said that Mr. Garsky could meet with him to set up a payment plan that wouldn't require Board approval.

Mr. Heitzman suggested tabling this item because he would like to work with staff regarding several other questions on Ord Community buildings and it would give him time to talk with Mr. Garsky.

Director Nishi stated that if a building on the former Fort Ord had a use with water or sewage, the capacity fees have already been paid. He added that he would like staff to address these issues before they come to the Board. Director Nishi reiterated that any building on the former Fort Ord or Central Marina that has water and sewage has credit for capacity fees. Mr. Heitzman asked that the Board give him a chance to look into this issue and possibly resolve it. Director Nishi asked that this issue be agendaized to try to solve the questions of capacity charge credits.

Director Shriner thanked Mr. Garsky for his work with the veterans.

B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-55 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement to Provide a Five-Year Financial Plan and Rate Study to the District:

Ms. Kelly Cadiente, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and noted that an evaluation matrix was prepared by staff.

Director Shriner thanked staff for putting the matrix together and providing the information in a clear manner. She asked if there was flexibility with timeline and if there were certain benchmark times that would be targeted. Ms. Cadiente answered that the District sets the timeline and that they were trying to get the rate study done as soon as possible so that the rate analysis would be ready for the budget process.

Director Nishi complimented Ms. Cadiente on a job well done. He noted that he preferred Carollo Engineers over Municipal Financial Services to perform the rate study. Director Nishi stated that in looking over the proposals, there were different strong points in each proposal and he would like to see them all incorporated in the final rate study.

Director Shriner asked if there was a conflict with Carollo Engineers because they have done prior work for the District. Ms. Chaffee said she didn't see a conflict with Carollo Engineers.

Director Nishi made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-55 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Carollo Engineers to provide a five-year financial plan and rate study to the District. Vice President Gustafson seconded the motion. President Burns commented that he preferred going with the staff recommendation, and he would like staff to contact Mr. McCarthy so he could participate in the study when the meter issue is discussed. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	No	President Burns	-	No
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

C. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-56 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Denise Duffy and Associates for On-Call Environmental Services:

Director Shriner asked for a specific example of "small tasks" under the on-call service agreement. Mr. Carl Niizawa, Deputy General Manager/District Engineer, answered that almost every project the District does has some kind of a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance or documentation, and Denise Duffy and Associates are professionals in CEQA work who help the District with their many projects.

Director Gustafson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-56 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Denise Duffy and Associates for on-call environmental services. Director Nishi seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 8-C (continued):

The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	Yes	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

- D. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-57 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Denise Duffy and Associates for Environmental and Permitting Services for the Marina Coast Water District Regional Desalination Project under the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project:

Mr. Moore noted that there was a proposed expenditure of \$71,500 and cautioned that although FORA is estimating 3,400 homes being built in the next 20 years, this project may be premature.

Director Shriner noted that in July the Board approved a review of the documents including a programmatic EIR that was done in 2005 and asked what the results were of the review. Mr. Niizawa commented that the review of the documents has allowed the District to move forward in a more efficient and effective manner.

Ms. Denise Duffy, Denise Duffy and Associates, commented that the work done by Denise Duffy and Associates (DDA) in Phase I of the project looked at many of the documents and agreements the District had, and the recent review allowed them to consider what information was valuable and could be reused to avoid repeating work that was already completed. She commented that the initiation of the EIR would be moving out towards the public to finalize a checklist required under CEQA and prepare the Notice of Preparation. Director Shriner asked if there would be public workshops. Ms. Duffy answered affirmatively. Director Shriner asked what timeline Ms. Duffy was looking at to complete the workshops. Ms. Duffy answered that it would be within the next two months. Mr. Niizawa clarified that this scope is for the initial phase only and would not be for the entire EIR. He said that there will be facts and other things discovered in the initial phase and then the full EIR will be completed after that.

Director Gustafson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-57 approving a Professional Services Agreement with Denise Duffy and Associates for Environmental and Permitting Services for the Marina Coast Water District Regional Desalination Project under the Regional Urban Water Augmentation Project. Director Lee seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	No	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			



- E. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-58 Directing the General Manager to Prepare and Issue a Request for Qualifications to Design/Build Entities for the Engineering Design, Construction, and Start-up of the MCWD Regional Project Desalination Plant:

Mr. Heitzman introduced this item.

Director Shriner commented that she was concerned about the timing and the amount of money the District will have to withdraw from reserves.

Director Gustafson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-58 directing the General Manager to prepare and issue a Request for Qualifications to Design/Build entities for the engineering design, construction, and start-up of the MCWD Regional Project Desalination Plant. Director Lee seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	No	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

- F. Discuss the East Garrison Lift Station and Provide Direction to Staff:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Project Manager, introduced this item.

Mr. Jim Fletcher, UCP East Garrison, commented that he had the pleasure of working with District staff on a number of items and he feels UCP East Garrison (UCP) and the District have a good working relationship and partnership. Mr. Fletcher stated that the East Garrison Lift Station has been in the District's CIP schedule for many years and the work needs to be done. He added that the lift station is factored in and paid for through the capacity fees the District collects.

Mr. Moore noted that the lift station FORA built several years ago was never used and has sat idle. He questioned why it would take so much money to make it operable. Mr. Breen commented that the District doesn't anticipate it costing much to make operable, but the pipelines and electrical components need to be scoped to make sure they are in good condition.

Director Shriner voiced her appreciation of starting with affordable homes in this project and noted her concern over working on projects before they are needed. She questioned the reimbursement agreement and asked if there was room for negotiations. Mr. Brian True, Capital Projects Manager, answered that the reimbursement agreement was with the previous developer and a new agreement would need to be drafted with the current developer to consider any other reimbursements. Mr. Breen stated that the existing lift station can handle half of the development and when the remaining homes are built, connection fees are anticipated to cover the expansion of the facility.

Agenda Item 8-F (continued):

Director Nishi stated that he was the one who asked the original question and asked if the conclusion was that the District would have to pay. Mr. Breen answered affirmatively. Director Nishi asked how many units were in the original development. Mr. Breen answered that the original development had 1,400 units, but when FORA built the lift station in 1999, the scope of the project was not for 1,400 units. Director Nishi asked when the 1,400 units came into play. Mr. Fletcher noted that it was when the County of Monterey approved the development application. Director Nishi asked when the reimbursement agreement was negotiated. Mr. True answered that it was about two years after the County approved the development. Director Nishi asked who was going to pay for the 700 unit additional lift station. Discussion followed.

Mr. Andy Hunter, Whitson Engineers, commented that in 2006 meetings were held with all the developers to discuss projects and costs. He said that at that time, the East Garrison project was chosen as being paid for by capacity charges which set the rate for what each developer would pay per unit. Mr. Hunter stated that at that time, the development was voted on by both FORA and the District. He then explained that the reason the reimbursement agreement was drawn up was because the developer was going to put in a roadway upgrade. Discussion followed.

President Burns asked if the Board of Directors wanted to move forward with the CIP project. Director Shriner said not without a new reimbursement agreement. The Board agreed 4 to 1 to move forward with the project.

G. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-59 to Accept the Infrastructure Improvements Installed Under a Construction and Transfer of Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Infrastructure Agreement between the Marina Coast Water District and UCP East Garrison, LLC and Accept Ownership of the Property for the East Garrison Lift Station:

Mr. Niizawa introduced this item. Mr. Moore cautioned the board to consider accepting ownership of a small fraction of Phase 1 since it could be over ten years before the entire Phase is in use.

Vice President Gustafson asked if there was a way to work out idle details in the contract. Mr. True said that there wasn't anything in place at the moment. Director Nishi asked what happens if the District doesn't take ownership at this meeting. Mr. Heitzman stated that it would be brought back to the next meeting. Mr. Fletcher commented that the developer lived up to their side of the bargain and expects the District to do the same.

Director Nishi made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2012-59 to accept the infrastructure improvements installed under a Construction and Transfer of Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Infrastructure Agreement between the Marina Coast Water District and UCP East Garrison, LLC and accept ownership of the property for the East Garrison Lift Station. Vice President Gustafson seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 8-G (continued):

Director Shriner asked if there would be a problem with the equipment operating on only 65 homes instead of the 735 homes it was intended for. Mr. True answered that he didn't see a problem from the water side, but it would be preferable to see higher usage on the sewer side although it wasn't detrimental.

The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	No	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

H. Consider Providing Direction to Staff Regarding a District Policy for Transfer of Capacity Charge Credits:

Mr. Niizawa introduced this item. Director Shriner asked if there was a precedent for this. Director Nishi answered that this would set a precedent. Director Shriner asked what the value to the District ratepayers was to make this happen. Director Nishi said the value to the District is moving the Army mission forward.

Director Nishi made a motion to direct staff to move forward. Vice President Gustafson seconded the motion. The motion was passed.

Director Lee	-	Yes	Vice President Gustafson	-	Yes
Director Shriner	-	No	President Burns	-	Yes
Director Nishi	-	Yes			

I. Consider Placing the District's 11 Reservation Road Office Up For Lease:

Mr. Heitzman introduced this item. Director Shriner asked if there was room at the Imjin office for the staff and laboratory from the Reservation Road office. Mr. Heitzman answered that there was. Director Shriner asked for clarification on surplussing the Reservation Road office. Mr. Heitzman answered that the Reservation Road office has been surplussed prior to sale of the property. Director Shriner stated that she was interested in the District leasing the Reservation Road office. Mr. Heitzman commented that the City and State could have restrictions on the Reservation Road property.

President Burns stated that the Reservation Road property was originally surplussed and appraised for sale before the market fell and then the plans changed. Vice President Gustafson commented that the Imjin office site provided better opportunity and location for a customer to lease.

No action was taken on this item.

J. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2012-60 to Revise the District's Expense Reimbursement and Travel Policy:

Ms. Jean Premutati, Management Services Administrator, introduced this item and explained the suggested revisions. Director Shriner asked for clarification on page 157 of the packet where it refers to "designee". Mr. Heitzman answered that if something happened to him the Deputy General Manager would be the designee. He said that the Board would be notified if someone was appointed as designee. Director Shriner stated that she would like to see the procedure formalized into written policy.

Director Shriner said that out-of-state travel that is not required by the State or a mandate, should be restricted until there is enough revenue that the District is not dipping into reserves. Director Nishi disagreed stating that there might be an occasion where the District needed to send someone out-of-state on short notice.

Director Nishi commented that the policy needs to differentiate between employees and elected officials and gave an example of use of private vehicles. He also recommended leaving in the charter of airplanes noting that the Board needs the flexibility in case of emergency.

President Burns suggested tabling this item and putting in a Director section. Director Nishi also asked that the travel costs for food and lodging be easier to find.

K. Discuss Board Member Use of Digital Tablets and Provide Direction to Staff:

Ms. Cadiente introduced this item. Director Nishi questioned the cost of paper used for printing packets. Ms. Cadiente explained the costs involved with printing packets and purchasing tablets. Director Nishi asked staff to look into a way to reduce the number of copies that are made.

The Board agreed not to move forward with the tablets.

L. Consider Providing Direction to the Board President on Nomination to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Region 3, Seat A:

The Board agreed not to make a nomination to the California Special Districts Association Board of Directors Region 3, Seat A.

9. Staff Reports:

A. Receive a Report on SB 90/State Mandated Cost Reimbursement and the Brown Act:

Ms. Chaffee introduced this item. Director Nishi asked staff to look into the City of Carmel and why their reimbursement is so much higher than the District's estimate.

- B. Receive 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter 2012 Ord Community Water Consumption and Sewer Flow Report:

Director Shriner inquired on the water used on the Bayonet and Blackhorse Golf Course and asked what basin it was coming from. Mr. Heitzman answered that the water was within the Seaside allocation and it came from the Salinas basin.

10. Informational Items:

- A. General Manager's Report:

No report.

- B. Counsel's Report:

No report.

- C. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Water Conservation Commission:

Director Shriner stated that they had a full house and Mr. Lord reviewed reductions that need to be made by 2020. Director Nishi commented that there was discussion at the August meeting to allow missing a meeting for work as excusable. Director Shriner answered that it was clarified that the language was from a Government Code and that work was not an excused absence.

2. Joint City-District Committee:

The meeting was canceled as there was no quorum.

3. Budget and Personnel Committee:

Director Nishi commented that the minutes were in the packet.

4. Executive Committee:

Director Nishi commented that the minutes were in the packet.

5. Community Outreach:

Vice President Gustafson said that staff was still working on a newsletter. He added that everyone was awaiting the Governor's signature for the cemetery.

6. MRWPCA Board Member:

Director Nishi noted that the Recycled Water Committee held a closed session and they didn't report out after closed session.

7. FORA

Director Nishi stated that there was a special meeting on August 29<sup>th</sup> and he attended from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

8. LAFCO Liaison:

Director Nishi reported that there was nothing of interest to the District.

9. JPIA Liaison:

Director Shriner commented that ACWA reported that there is a bill on the Governor's desk where water should be a human right rather than a commodity. She said the Governor has until the end of September to sign the bill. Director Shriner noted that JPIA sent a letter asking for several improvements, such as signage, to be made and asked if the District complied. Mr. Heitzman answered that they did.

10. Special Districts Association Liaison

Vice President Gustafson commented that the next meeting is in October.

11. CalDesal:

Mr. Heitzman stated that he went to Sacramento and met with the State Water Resources Control Board on intake and brine discharge.

11. Correspondence:

President Burns congratulated Mr. Derbin and the city fire department on helping a customer resolve an issue.

12. Director's Comments:

Director Shriner commented that there was a native plant sale at the Carmel Middle School from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm on September 29th.

Vice President Gustafson thanked everyone for their hard work.

Agenda Item 12 (continued):

Director Nishi congratulated everyone on a good job.

13. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

APPROVED:

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Dan Burns, President

ATTEST:

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Jim Heitzman, General Manager