



# Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting

Hybrid Meeting

December 13, 2022

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order:

President Shriner called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. on December 13, 2022 with Board members and staff present at 920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; and, via Zoom teleconference for the public in Marina, California. President Shriner then proceeded with a land acknowledgement. “As Marina Coast Water District celebrates its 62nd year providing publicly owned water service to its customers in Marina and the Ord Community, we acknowledge that our service area is located on the traditional lands of the Esselen people. They are known today as the Ohlone/Coastanoan-Esselen Nation. We respect their elders, past, present, and emerging, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture, and hopes of the Esselen people. We also acknowledge the government of the Ohlone/Coastanoan Esselen Nation and appreciate the spiritual role it plays today in preserving the cultural, historical and heritage beliefs of the Esselen people. We are grateful that they share their traditional lands with us.”

President Shriner invited Ms. Lyvesha Franklin to give a meditative speech prior to the Oath of Office. Ms. Franklin proceeded to give a meditative and introspective speech.

#### 2. Administer Oath of Office:

Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, administered the Oath of Office to Brad Imamura, Gail Morton; and Jan Shriner. Mrs. Kathy Imamura pinned a MCWD lapel pin to Director Imamura’s lapel. Director Imamura commented that he was looking forward to serving with the other Directors in the interest of District customers and the environment. Director Morton commented that she was looking forward to working with the existing and new Board members and the ability to efficiently solve problems both within the organization, and regionally. Director Shriner voiced her appreciation to the voters for her election to the Board and looked forward to working with her fellow Board members.

#### 3. Roll Call:

##### Board Members Present:

Jan Shriner – President  
Herbert Cortez – Vice President  
Thomas P. Moore – arrived at 6.41 p.m.  
Gail Morton  
Brad Imamura

##### Board Members Absent:

None.

Agenda Item 3 (continued):

Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager  
David Hobbs, Assistant District Counsel  
Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services  
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager  
Garret Haertel, District Engineer  
Teo Espero, IT Administrator  
Paul Lord, Water Conservation Specialist  
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler  
Phil Clark, Seaside Resident  
Matt Zefferman, Marina Resident  
Cynthia Ludwig  
Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research  
Martin Rauch, Rauch Communication Consultants  
Bob Nolan, Marina Resident  
Mark Kelly  
Lyvesha Franklin

4. Election of Board President and Vice President for 2023:

Director Cortez nominated Director Shriner for President. Director Moore seconded the nomination. The nomination was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Cortez	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

Director Morton nominated Director Cortez for Vice President. Director Moore seconded the nomination. The nomination was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Cortez	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

5. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:56 p.m. to discuss the following item:

6. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4)  
Conference with Legal Counsel – Liability Claim  
Claimant: Peter Le  
Agency claimed against: Marina Coast Water District

The Board ended closed session at 7:13 p.m. President Shriner reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:14 p.m.

7. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

Mr. David Hobbs, Assistant District Counsel, stated that there was one reportable action which was to reject the claim of Peter Le against the Marina Coast Water District with direction to counsel to provide a notice of rejection.

8. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Imamura led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

9. Oral Communications:

Ms. Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board, stated that comments had been received by the Board of Directors and will be included as part of the meeting's record.

10. Presentations:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-54 to Recognize Matt Zefferman for 4 Years of Outstanding and Dedicated Service as a Director to the Marina Coast Water District:

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-54 to recognize Matt Zefferman for 4 years of outstanding and dedicated service as a Director to the Marina Coast Water District and commented that it was a pleasure working with him. Director Moore seconded the motion and also noted that it was a pleasure working with him. Director Imamura commented that Mr. Zefferman served this Board very honorably and he would strive to achieve the same outstanding service during his tenure. Vice President Cortez read the narration of Resolution No. 2022-54. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Cortez	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

Mr. Zefferman thanked the Board for the recognition and noted that it was his honor and privilege to serve on the Board.

B. Receive a Presentation from Probolsky Research on the Marina Coast Water District General Survey and Accept the Survey Results:

Mr. Scherzinger introduced this item and Mr. Probolsky. Mr. Adam Probolsky, Probolsky Research, provided a brief presentation of the survey of a random 300 customers of the District, noting that some were via phone, some via online. He stated that the languages spoken were English and Spanish and the survey took between 20-25 minutes to complete. Mr. Probolsky shared that the survey results were very positive but noted that conservation messaging could use some improvement. The Board asked clarifying questions. Mr. Scherzinger stated that staff intends to bring this information into the Outreach Committee for further action.

Mr. Marc Kelly commented that he was puzzled why household income wasn't part of the survey.

Vice President Cortez asked that strategic messaging be discussed in the Executive Committee and implementation and application be discussed at the Outreach Committee.

11. Consent Calendar:

Vice President Cortez stated that items 11-H and 11-I were pulled from the Consent Calendar.

Director Morton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of October 2022; B) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of November 2022; C) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of October 17, 2022; D) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of November 7, 2022; E) Approve the Draft Minutes of the 5:00 PM Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of November 29, 2022; F) Approve the Draft Minutes of the 6:30 PM Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of November 29, 2022; and, G) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of November 30, 2022. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Abstained	Vice President Cortez	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

H. Approve the Proposed Regular Board/GSA Meeting and Workshop Meeting Schedule for 2023:

Director Morton made a motion to approve the proposed regular Board/GSA meeting and workshop meeting schedule for 2023. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Cortez	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

I. Receive the Validated 2021 Water Loss Report:

Director Moore made a motion to receive the validated 2021 Water Loss Report. Director Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Cortez	-	Yes
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

12. Action Items:

A. Receive Information on AB 2449 and Consider Authorizing a Return to Traditional Brown Act Requirements for Teleconference Attendance by Board Members:

Mr. Hobbs introduced this item and the options for the Board to consider.

Director Morton made a motion to table this item until February 2023. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Cortez	-	Abstain
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	Yes
Director Morton	-	Yes			

B. Discuss Reconfiguring the Standing Committees of the Board and Director Participation of the Standing Committees:

Mr. Scherzinger introduced this item and explained staffs suggestion to move the Water Conservation Commission to Stage 3 of the Water Shortage Contingency Plan; change Budget and Personnel to Budget and Engineering Committee; and, change to Outreach to Outreach and Personnel Committee. Following discussion, President Shriner suggested the following for consideration at the January meeting:

- Joint City District Committee – (MCWD host two meetings per year [April, October] with the City able to host additional meetings if they want) – Morton, Imamura, Alternate-Cortez
- Budget and Engineering Committee – Morton, Shriner, Alternate-Cortez
- Community Outreach and Personnel Committee – Imamura, Moore, Alternate-Cortez
- Monterey One Water – Moore, Alternate-Cortez
- LAFCO – Cortez, Alternate-Shriner
- JPIA – Morton, Alternate-Imamura
- SVBGSA – Morton, Alternate-Shriner
- Climate Action Plan – Moore, Zefferman
- Executive Committee – Shriner, Cortez

13. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger gave the following update:

- 1) The Notice of Decision was given by the California Coastal Commission on November 30<sup>th</sup> which begins the 30-day clock.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Executive Committee:

This meeting was canceled.

2. Community Outreach Committee:

This meeting was canceled.

3. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update noting they met on November 28th.

14. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

President Shriner suggested any requests can be emailed to staff.

15. Director's Comments:

Director Moore, Director Morton, Director Imamura, Vice President Cortez, and President Shriner made comments.

16. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary