



Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
March 20, 2023

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Shriner called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. on March 20, 2023 both in-person at 920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; and, via Zoom teleconference. 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 is located on the traditional lands of the Esselen people. They are known today as the Ohlone/Constanoan-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.”

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Jan Shriner – President
Herbert Cortez – Vice President
Thomas P. Moore
Gail Morton
Brad Imamura

Board Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager
Roger Masuda, District Counsel
David Hobbs, Assistant District Counsel
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager
Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager
Garret Haertel, District Engineer
Rose Gill, Human Resources/Risk Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Agenda Item 2 (continued):

Audience Members:

Phil Clark, Seaside Resident
Paul Ligorski, Blue Zones Project
Jack Gao, Shea Homes
Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler
Stephenie Verduzco, MCWD
Jean McCauley, Rauch Communications

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Morton led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Oral Communications:

Mr. Phil Clark, Seaside Resident, commented that at last year's Marina Children's Party, the District's Vactor Truck was very well received, and the kids and parents were very excited to check it out. He suggested the District do the same thing again at the Salinas "Touch a Truck" event next month. Mr. Clark shared that MCWD would be present at the Earth Day event on April 15th at the Marina Library.

5. Presentations:

A. Receive a Blue Zones Project Presentation and Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-08 to Become a Blue Zones Organization:

Mr. Paul Ligorski, Blue Zones Project, presented this item to the Board. The Blue Zones Project encourages communities to lead a healthier lifestyle by promoting the Power 9 Lessons for living longer and better. The Power 9 Lessons consist of moving naturally; having purpose; taking time to down shift; eating until 80% full; eating mostly a plant based diet; spending time with friends and family; having positive support; and having a sense of belonging. Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, stated that by the District joining and becoming a Blue Zones Project member, it will promote a healthier lifestyle for employees and be an attraction to new recruitments. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-08 to Become a Blue Zones Organization. Director Moore 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			

- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2023-09 in Recognition of Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board, for 25 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-09 in recognition of Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board, for 25 years of service to the Marina Coast Water District. Director Morton seconded the motion.

Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, congratulated Ms. Riso on her achievement and voiced his pleasure in working with her over the last 5 years. Mr. Scherzinger thanked Ms. Riso for her dedication to the District Board members and employees and shared some very kind words. Vice President Cortez, Director Morton, Director Moore, President Shriner, and Director Imamura voiced their appreciation of Ms. Riso and thanked her for her service.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

6. Consent Calendar:

Director Morton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: A) Receive the Check Register for the Month of February 2023; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of February 21, 2023; and, C) Adopt Resolution No. 2023-10 to Execute a Mutual Assistance Agreement Between Marina Coast Water District and the City of Seaside. Director Moore 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			

7. Action Items:

- A. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2023-11 to Place a Director in Nomination to the Coastal Network, Seat C, of the California Special Districts Association Board:

The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Imamura made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2023-11 to place himself in nomination to the Coastal Network, Seat C, of the California Special Districts Association Board. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

Director Imamura	-	Yes	Vice President Cortez	-	No
Director Moore	-	Yes	President Shriner	-	No
Director Morton	-	Yes			

B. Receive Ralph M. Brown Act Training:

Mr. David Hobbs, Assistant District Counsel, introduced this item and provided Brown Act Training to the Board from 7:55 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

8. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger gave the following update:

- 1) The Strategic Plan and Year in Review will be brought to the Board in April.
- 2) Cyber Security will be discussed in closed session in April.
- 3) The budget is moving along.
- 4) CPUC continues discussions over the Water Purchase Agreement.
- 5) CalAm filed a request to start Phase 2 of the water rates hearing.
- 6) CalAm filed to dismiss the District's case because they have an issued CDP.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Budget and Engineering Committee:

Director Morton gave a brief update.

2. Executive Committee:

Vice President Cortez gave a brief update.

3. Community Outreach Committee:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

4. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore gave a brief update.

9. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

President Shriner suggested any requests can be emailed to staff.

10. Director's Comments:

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

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11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Jan Shriner, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary