



# Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting  
May 20, 2024

### Minutes

#### 1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on May 20, 2024 both in-person at 920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; and, via Zoom teleconference.

#### 2. Roll Call:

##### Board Members Present:

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

##### Board Members Absent:

Brad Imamura

##### Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager  
Roger Masuda, District Counsel  
Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager  
Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services  
Garrett Haertel, District Engineer  
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager  
Teo Espero, IT Administrator  
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

##### Audience Members:

Vera Nelson, EKI Environment and Water  
Phil Clark, Seaside Resident  
Doug Yount, Shea Homes  
Jewelina Fletcher, CSUMB Student  
Abby Ostovar, Montgomery & Associates  
Victoria Hermosilla, Montgomery & Associates  
Piret Harmon, SVBGSA  
Liesbeth Visscher, Marina City Councilmember  
Kathy Biala, Marina City Councilmember  
Layne Long, Marina City Manager  
Don Hofer, Shea Homes

Agenda Item 2 (continued):

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers  
Steve Lucas  
Marc Kelly  
Tobias Osborne, MCWD

3. Introduction of New Hires:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced Mr. Reinel Lagman who was recently hired to fill the Financial Analyst position with the District. Mr. Lagman has over 13 years of experience in finance and accounting and a BA in Business Administration.

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:06 p.m. to discuss the following item:

5. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8  
Conference with Real Property Negotiator  
Property: Armstrong Ranch Property  
Negotiating Parties: Sunberry Growers, LLC. and MCWD Negotiators (Legal Counsel and General Manager)  
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms

The Board ended closed session at 7:15 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:18 p.m.

6. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-18 to Approve a Twelve-Year Farm Lease with Sunberry Growers, LLC. for the District's Parcel 175011049000:

Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, introduced this item and read an amended Resolution.

Vice President Shriner made a motion to Adopt Resolution No. 2024-18 to Approve a Twelve-Year Farm Lease with Sunberry Growers, LLC. for the District's Parcel 175011049000 as amended. Director Cortez seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

7. Pledge of Allegiance:

President Morton asked Ms. Piret Harmon, SVBGSA, to lead everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

8. Oral Communications:

There were no public comments.

9. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Action Item:

1. Receive a Presentation on the Deep Aquifer Study:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item and Ms. Abby Ostovar and Ms. Victoria Hermosilla, Montgomery & Associates. Ms. Ostovar gave a brief background and Ms. Hermosilla gave the presentation. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding how the aquifers are connected and replenished and how the modeling for the aquifers work.

Ms. Jewelia Fletcher, CSUMB Student, asked where this information on the deep aquifer is located, and how can the public help reduce the amount of groundwater extraction while maximizing their usage.

Mr. Doug Yount, Shea Homes, asked if it was known when a significant issue in the 900' aquifer would be realized at the current extraction and demand rate, with regards to overdraft and seawater intrusion. Ms. Ostovar answered that the 900' aquifer is susceptible to seawater intrusion, but there is no way to put a timeframe on it.

Ms. Kathy Biala, Marina Councilmember, questioned who the largest user in the deep aquifer was. Ms. Harmon answered that the pumping was 2/3 agriculture and 1/3 urban. Ms. Biala also inquired about measuring levels and if there is any land subsidence within the aquifer. Ms. Ostovar stated there was no subsidence within the Salinas Valley.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-GSA02 to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget and Approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. to Provide Updates to the Regional Seawater Intrusion Computer Model:

Mr. Breen introduced this item.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-GSA02 to Amend the FY 2023/2024 Operating Budget and Approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. to Provide Updates to the Regional Seawater Intrusion Computer Model. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 9-A2 (continued):

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

10. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

11. Consent Calendar:

Vice President Shriner made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of April 2024; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of April 17, 2024; C) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of April 22, 2024; D) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Special Joint Board/GSA Meeting of April 29, 2024; E) Receive the First Quarter Investment Report for Calendar Year 2024; F) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-19 to Approve a Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Infrastructure Agreement between MCWD and Shea Homes Limited Partnership for the Enclave at Cypress Grove at Seaside Resort Phase 4 Development in Seaside, CA; and, G) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-20 Ordering an Election, Requesting County Elections to Conduct the Election, and Requesting Consolidation of the Election Set for November 5, 2024. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

12. Action Items:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-21 to Amend the FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Budget to Fund Water and Sewer Improvements Coinciding with the City of Marina's Imjin Parkway Widening Project:

Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, introduced this item.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-21 to Amend the FY 2023-2024 Capital Improvement Budget to Fund Water and Sewer Improvements Coinciding with the City of Marina's Imjin Parkway Widening Project. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

B. Consider the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 63, An Ordinance Amending Title 6 of the Marina Coast Water District Code:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item and reviewed the proposed Ordinance.

Director Cortez made a motion to waive the reading of Ordinance No. 63, An Ordinance Amending Sections 6.08.010, 6.08.020, 6.08.030, 6.08.040, 6.08.050, 6.08.060, 6.08.080, 6.08.090, 6.08.100, 6.08.110, 6.12.020, 6.12.030, 6.12.040, 6.12.050, and 6.16.010 of the District Codes Changing Rates, Fees and Charges for Water and Sewer Services for the Marina Coast Water District Service Areas. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

13. Budget Workshop:

A. Receive Presentation on the Proposed FY 2024-2025 District Budget and Provide Direction Regarding Preparation of the Final Budget Documents:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item and noted that she would only highlight the budget assumptions, budget summary, CIP and reserves. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Moore made a motion to continue the meeting past 10:00 p.m. to end at 10:05 p.m. Director Cortez seconded the motion. Director Moore amended his motion to end the meeting at 10:10 p.m. Director Cortez seconded the amended motion. The amended motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Mr. Yount asked when the CIP project OS-010 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue 30” sewer line would be completed; questioned the CIP OW-2401 corporation yard demo/restoration item on the scope and time frame; and clarified that the number of anticipated 2025 development units is 84 not 97 for the Dunes 1B Rooftops, and that all of the affordable housing units will be completed by FY 2024. Mr. Haertel answered that the 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue sewer line project will be completed contingent upon working with multiple players with the hopes it will be done expeditiously. He stated that as to the corporation yard, it was contingent on the availability of possible sites, or the District would look into refurbishing the current offices. President Morton stated that staff would reach out to Shea Homes for clarification on Mr. Younts comments regarding the number of proposed developments.

14. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

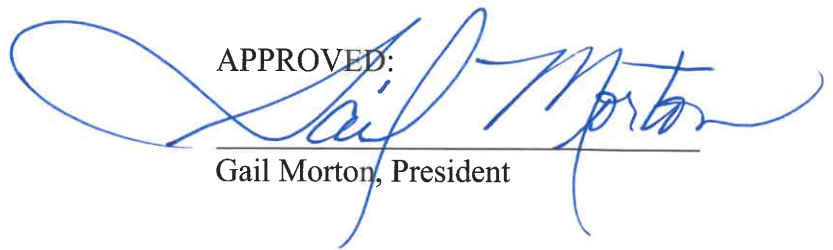
1. the District was invited to join NAWI which is the Berkley Labs water group;
2. he and Mr. Breen attended the ACWA State Legislative Committee conference in which the Governor gave a presentation, and Wade Crowfoot was also there;
3. the District is aware of a 15M Water Bond and looking to get portion of that bond;
4. the District will be working with Feldman & Rolapp to get the new bond ready for release in August;
5. requested to present the proposed rate increase at the City of Marina Council meeting in June;
6. will soon meet with the interim Seaside City Manager;
7. having successful meetings with the SVBGSA;
8. there is finally a successful Easement Agreement with CSUMB and PG&E which will allow the A1/A2 project to finally commence;
9. met with Fred Meurer regarding a non-profit project with NPS, Innovation Center, regarding water supply;
10. met with the City of Monterey to discuss the homes on South Boundary Road.

Items 14-B, 15, and 16 were not discussed.

17. Adjournment:

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

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary