



Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
August 19, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. on August 19, 2024 at 920 2nd Avenue, Suite A, Marina, California; and, via Zoom teleconference.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President
Jan Shriner – Vice President
Brad Imamura – arrived at 6:01 p.m.
Thomas P. Moore

Board Members Absent:

Herbert Cortez

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:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers
Tina Wang, EKI Environment & Water
Kurt Gonzalez, Maintenance Worker
Helen Gonzalez, Marina Resident
Isaiah Gonzalez
Elijah Gonzalez
Warren Foster, System Operator II
Rene Magdaleno, Electrical/Mechanical Technician
Joe Pineda, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
Jose Rodriguez, System Operator II

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Kurt Gonzalez, MCWD Employee, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Oral Communications:

There were no public comments.

5. Presentation:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-35 to Recognize Kurt Gonzalez, Maintenance Worker, for 15 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, introduced this item and voiced his appreciation for Mr. Gonzalez and wished him many more years with the District.

Vice President Shriner made a motion to recognize Kurt Gonzalez, Maintenance Worker, for 15 years of service to the Marina Coast Water District and present him with a plaque and gift certificate. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Mr. Joe Pineda, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor, stated that it was a privilege to work with Mr. Gonzalez and wished him more years with the District.

Mr. Jose Rodriguez, System Operator II, congratulated Mr. Gonzalez and stated he enjoyed working together with him.

Mr. Rene Magdaleno, Electrical/Mechanical Technician, congratulated Mr. Gonzalez and said he was a good person to work with.

Mr. Warren Foster, System Operator II, stated he enjoyed working with Mr. Gonzalez and wished him many more years with the District.

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, congratulated Mr. Gonzalez and wished him many more years with the District.

Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, thanked Mr. Gonzalez for his dedication and hard work and wished him many more years with the District.

President Morton, Vice President Shriner, Director Moore, and, Director Imamura shared in the reading of the Resolution, and voiced their appreciation of Mr. Gonzalez. President Morton presented Mr. Gonzalez with a plaque and gift certificate.

President Morton recessed the meeting from 6:20 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.

6. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:29 p.m. to discuss the following items:

7. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Marina Coast Water District, and Does 1-100 v, County of Monterey, Monterey County Board of Supervisors, and Does 101-110 (California-American Water Company, Real Party in Interest), Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 19CV003305 (Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief); Sixth District Court of Appeals Case Nos. H049146 and H049170
- B. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2)
Conference with Legal Counsel – Threat of Potential Litigation
One Potential Case

The Board ended closed session at 8:30 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 8:37 p.m.

8. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated the Board gave direction and there were no reportable actions taken during closed session.

9. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Action Item:

- 1. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-GSA03 to Approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. for the Monterey Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item explaining that this agreement was for the Monterey Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Agenda Item 9-A1 (continued):

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-GSA03 to approve a Professional Services Agreement with EKI Environment & Water, Inc. for the Monterey Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Implementation for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

10. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

Mr. Scherzinger advised the Board that staff pulled item 12-B from the agenda.

11. Consent Calendar:

Director Imamura asked to pull item A from the consent calendar, Director Moore asked to pull item I from the consent calendar, and President Morton asked to pull item D from the consent calendar.

Director Moore made a motion approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of July 15, 2024; C) Receive the Second Quarter Investment Report for Calendar Year 2024; E) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-37 to Award a Sole Source Contract to Calcon Systems Inc. for the Programmable Logic Controller Replacement Project Phase 2; F) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-38 to Approve FY 2024-2025 Professional Services Agreement with Regional Government Services Authority to provide Human Resources and Risk Management services to the District; G) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-39 to Accept the Infrastructure Improvements Installed Under a Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Infrastructure Agreement between Marina Coast Water District and Shea Homes Limited Partnership for the Dunes 2 East Development Project; and, H) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-40 to Approve a Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Infrastructure Agreement between MCWD and Shea Homes Limited Partnership for the Dunes Phase 3 North Development. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

A. Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of July 2024:

Director Imamura asked for clarification on the refunds listed in the check register.

Agenda Item 11-A (continued):

Director Imamura made a motion to receive and file the check register for the month of July 2024. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

D. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-36 to Approve the Purchase of a New John Deere 210P Loader from Pape Machinery for the Operations and Maintenance Department:

President Morton inquired on the availability of electric Loaders. Mr. Cray commented that the electric loaders did not have the capability of providing enough battery hours to allow for a full day's work.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-36 to approve the purchase of a New John Deere 210P Loader from Pape Machinery for the Operations and Maintenance Department. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

I. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-41 to Approve a Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Infrastructure Agreement between MCWD and Marina Station, LLC, for the Marina Station Phase 1 & 2 in Marina, CA:

Director Moore inquired about the blanks in the agreement regarding capacity charges and asked that they be filled in before the agreement is signed.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-41 to approve a Water, Sewer, and Recycled Water Infrastructure Agreement between MCWD and Marina Station, LLC, for the Marina Station Phase 1 & 2 in Marina, CA, with the capacity charge information filled in before execution. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

12. Action Items:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-42 to Approve the 2024 Strategic Plan:

Mr. Martin Rauch, Rauch Communications, introduced this item.

Agenda Item 12-A (continued):

The Board suggested several edits and agreed to include additional Objectives 6.3 and 6.4 to the Strategic Plan with slight wording revision. Discussion followed.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-42 to approve the 2024 Strategic Plan. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

13. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. the Committee meetings are being moved to September 10th due to the Labor Day Holiday;
2. the Joint City District Committee was scheduled for August 21st;
3. the quarterly financial statements would come before the Board in September;
4. staff is looking into a Brine Pilot Desalination plant on the District's Armstrong property;
5. the Bond sale went exceptionally well and the District was given the ranked of AA-/Positive.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Executive Committee:

Vice President Shriner gave a brief update.

2. Budget and Engineering Committee

President Morton and Vice President Shriner gave a brief update.

3. Community Outreach Committee

Director Imamura and Director Moore gave a brief update.

4. M1W Board Member Liaison

Director Moore gave a brief update on the M1W Board meeting.

5. Special Districts Association

President Morton gave a brief update.

14. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

When the time was appropriate, Vice President Shriner asked to give recognition to Director Cortez for his service on the Board.

15. Director's Comments:

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

16. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary