



Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
September 16, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on September 16, 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
Herbert Cortez – arrived at 6:33 p.m.
Brad Imamura
Thomas P. Moore – via Zoom teleconference

Board Members Absent:

None.

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
Teo Espero, IT Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers
Warren Foster, System Operator II
Joe Pineda, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor
Jose Rodriguez, System Operator II
Travis Enzweiler, Lead Operator
Barbara Montanti, Customer Service Supervisor
Santino Montanti
Peter Le, Marina Resident
Marc Kelly
Andreas Baer

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Ms. Barbara Montante, Customer Service Supervisor, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Oral Communications:

Mr. Peter Le, Marina resident, commented that he submitted a written notice of claim demanding reimbursement from the District and also filed one with the District's legal counsel. He noted that he received a letter from the District informing him that his average winter usage was 7 HCF. Mr. Le stated that he had a lot of guests last winter and the usage was higher than usual. He said his latest bill showed 6 HCF. Mr. Le asked the Board to look at his claim and provide a response. He said that at the last meeting, Mr. Hobbs said he and the General Manager would draft a process and procedure for responding to questions from ratepayers, but Mr. Le stated that he hasn't received any response from customer service or the District. Mr. Le said he is concluding that the District is discriminating against him, a minority, because if he were a white man he would have received several calls or letters already. He added that he believes the District is continuing to practice hidden racism against minority ratepayers and is asking the Board to address his claim. Mr. Le stated that in his experience, the Board has a culture of hidden racism at the District and that's his observation for several years and asked the Board to address it. He said the bottom line is that he explained to the Board of the overcharge of the sewer flow on his house and he would like the board to direct the General Manager to address and provide a response and also talk with the District counsel to address his claim and demand for reimbursement.

5. Presentations:

- A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-43 to Recognize Barbara Montanti, Customer Service Supervisor, for 25 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item, voiced her appreciation for Ms. Montanti and presented her with flowers. Ms. Montanti thanked everyone for the recognition.

Vice President Shriner made a motion to recognize Barbara Montanti, Customer Service Supervisor, for 25 years of service to the Marina Coast Water District and present her with a plaque and gift certificate. Director Moore seconded the motion. Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, congratulated Ms. Montanti on her achievement. 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. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, commented that working with Ms. Montanti and her team was very pleasant and he appreciated the care Ms. Montanti showed for her staff and the customers.

Agenda Item 5-A (continued):

President Morton, Vice President Shriner, Director Moore, and, Director Imamura shared in the reading of the Resolution.

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-44 to Recognize Travis Enzweiler, Lead Operator, for 5 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Mr. Cray introduced this item and voiced his appreciation of Mr. Enzweiler and his strong work ethics.

Vice President Shriner made a motion to recognize Travis Enzweiler, Lead Operator, for 5 years of service to the Marina Coast Water District and present him with a plaque and gift certificate. 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			

Mr. Enzweiler thanked everyone for their support and recognition. President Morton, Vice President Shriner, Director Moore, and, Director Imamura shared in the reading of the Resolution.

President Morton presented Ms. Montanti and Mr. Enzweiler with their plaques and gift certificates.

Mr. Joe Pineda, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor, congratulated Mr. Enzweiler on his achievement.

Mr. Warren Foster, System Operator II, voiced his appreciation of Mr. Enzweiler and congratulated him on his achievement.

Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, thanked Mr. Enzweiler for his hard work and support and wished him many more years with the District.

Mr. Jose Rodriguez, System Operator II, congratulated Mr. Enzweiler on his achievement.

Mr. Scherzinger voiced his thanks and appreciation of Mr. Enzweiler's leadership and professionalism and congratulated him on his achievement.

Vice President Shriner thanked everyone for making time to come support their coworkers and thanked everyone for their hard work.

President Morton commented that she is thankful for the hard work, dedication, and family-type atmosphere everyone shares as it makes these employee recognitions a special experience.

Agenda Item 5-B (continued):

Director Cortez arrived at 6:33 p.m.

President Morton recessed the meeting from 6:38 p.m. to 6:50 p.m.

6. Consent Calendar:

Mr. Marc Kelly asked to comment on Agenda Items 6-G and 6-H. Director Imamura asked to pull items C and D from the consent calendar.

Mr. Kelly stated that he wanted to compliment the District on both items 6-G and 6-H, and that Item 6-G has a tremendous amount of potential and hopes that MCWD is working with the SVBGSA on this grant as it can be substantially informational, especially in the North County. He added that Item 6-H could be very valuable to those in the North County and again hoped that MCWD was working with the SVBGSA on this grant. President Morton noted that MCWD does work very closely and shares with the SVBGSA.

President Morton made a motion approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of August 2024; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of August 19, 2024; E) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-47 to Approve a Reimbursement Agreement between Marina Coast Water District and Seaside Peninsula Acquisition Group, LLC for McClure Way Phase II Water Pipeline Improvements related to the Seaside Resort Hotel Project; F) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-48 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Budget to Fund the Coe Avenue Water Pipeline Upsizing Project; G) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-49 Approving the Application for the California Department of Water Resources Water Desalination Grant Program Continuous Application Process 6 for the Armstrong Ranch Brine Treatment Pilot Study; H) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-50 Authorizing the Marina Coast Water District's Application, and Approving Negotiation and Execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Drought Resiliency Grant; and, I) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-51 Approving the Application for the California Office of Emergency Services State & Local Cybersecurity Grant Program Fiscal Year 2024/2025. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

Director Imamura stated he would like to discuss both items at the same time.

- C. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-45 to Approve Controller and Senior Accountant Job Descriptions and Salary Ranges; and, Approve Addition of One New Time Full Time Employee and Convert One Full Time Employee from Accounting Supervisor to Senior Accountant for the Administrative Services Department – Finance Division:

Agenda Items 6-C and 6-D (continued):

- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-46 to Approve a New Water Resources Technician Classification Series (Water Resources Technician I and II), Job Description, Salary Ranges, and Create a New Water Resources Technician Position for Water Resources Department:

Director Imamura asked for clarification if these were new or reclassified position. Ms. Lagasca explained that with regards to Item 6-C, one position was new, and the other position was being reclassified; and with regards to Item 6-D, this was a new position. She noted that the employee in the position being reclassified (Item 6-C) is qualified and welcome to apply for the new Controller position, but the position will also be open to the public so the best qualified person will be considered for the position.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-45 to approve Controller and Senior Accountant job descriptions and salary ranges; and, approve addition of one new full time employee and convert one full time employee from Accounting Supervisor to Senior Accountant for the Administrative Services Department – Finance Division; and, adopt Resolution No. 2024-46 to approve a new Water Resources Technician Classification Series (Water Resources Technician I and II), job description, salary ranges, and create a new Water Resources Technician position for Water Resources Department. Director Imamura seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

7. Action Items:

- A. Review the Marina Coast Water District FY 2023-2024 Preliminary Unaudited Year End Financials:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding Operating Reserve versus Operating Expenses, CalPERS costs, and depreciation. Discussion followed.

President Morton stated that this item has been received by the Board.

- B. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-52 to Accept the Proposal from Qovo Solutions, Inc., in the Amount of \$702,420.18 for Phase 1 of the Security and Access Improvements Project:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item explaining that this includes locking doors and key cards. The Board asked clarifying questions regarding key cards, licensing, and storage.

Agenda Items 7-B (continued):

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-52 to accept the proposal from Qovo Solutions, Inc., in the amount of \$702,420.18 for Phase 1 of the Security and Access Improvements Project. Director Cortez seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

8. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. the Strategic Plan has been completed and now management will start developing action plans to achieve the Plan;
2. there was a Deep Aquifer Study given to the Board of Supervisors;
3. met with the City Manager of Sand City to discuss acquisition of their Desal Project, and Sand City also mentioned that they are having sewer issues. Staff will follow up with more discussion;
4. went to Sacramento to meet with Paul Gosslin (Department of Water Resources), Nancy Vogel (CA National Resources Agency), and Eric Oppenheimer and Erik Ekdahl (SWRCB);
5. conducted meetings with PUC staff members;
6. the MCWDGSA's first weather station recorded 0.7 inches of rain;
7. the MCWDGSA water monitoring troll is underway and will work with the Operations Department to put the well measurements against the water depth measurements to see the pump down and recovery curves;
8. received a Water Resources 'Customer of the Year' award for the Pure Water Monterey project.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Executive Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

2. Budget and Engineering Committee:

Vice President Shriner gave a brief update.

3. Joint City District Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

Agenda Items 8-B (continued):

4. M1W Board Member Liaison:

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

9. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

No items were requested.

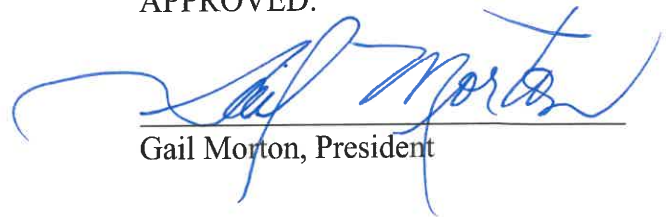
10. Director's Comments:

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

11. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary