



Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
October 21, 2024

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. on October 21, 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
Brad Imamura – via Zoom teleconference
Thomas P. Moore

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
Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager
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
Reinal Lagman, District Analyst
Kurt Gonzalez, Maintenance Worker
Josh Goncalves, System Operator II
Mike McCullough, Monterey One Water
Andreas Baer, City of Seaside

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Mr. Josh Goncalves, System Operator II, led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Presentations:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-53 to Recognize Joshua Goncalves, System Operator II, for 5 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. Goncalves.

Director Moore made a motion to recognize Joshua Goncalves, System Operator II, for 5 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District and present him with a plaque and gift certificate. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion.

Mr. Joe Pineda, Operations and Maintenance Supervisor, commented that working with Mr. Goncalves was a pleasure and wished him many more years with the District.

Mr. Kurt Gonzalez, Maintenance Worker, voiced his appreciation of Mr. Goncalves and his hard work and dedication. He complimented him on being a well-rounded individual and pleasant to work with.

Mr. Warren Foster, System Operator II, stated that Mr. Goncalves was one of the top performing individuals in the group and he really enjoyed working with him.

Mr. Jose Rodriguez, System Operator II, congratulated Mr. Goncalves on his achievement and stated that he enjoyed working with him and was proud to call him a friend and co-worker.

Director Moore noted that Mr. Goncalves plays an important part in the safety of the water provided to the MCWD customers and he thanked him for his service.

Vice President Shriner voiced her appreciation of Mr. Goncalves and all he does in his position at the District.

Director Cortez voiced his appreciation of Mr. Goncalves and was impressed by the initiative he took to make sure he passed all his certifications in excess of what was required.

Director Imamura thanked Mr. Goncalves for his service at the District and wished him many more years with MCWD.

President Morton commented that she hopes that Mr. Goncalves feels the District fulfills his needs and desires to continue to work here and be provided the skills and opportunities he needs to excel in his job.

Agenda Item 4-A (continued):

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-54 to Recognize Adam Miller, Accounting Technician, for 5 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item and voiced her appreciation for Mr. Miller.

President Morton made a motion to recognize Adam Miller, Accounting Technician, 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.

President Morton commented that she had received an email from Mr. Miller thanking her for the recognition during Water Professionals Week and how he enjoys working for MCWD and wishes to continue his tenure for many more years to come. He also thanked the Board for their work in ensuring MCWD thrives.

Vice President Shriner thanked Mr. Miller for his work and enjoyed getting to know him over the years.

Director Moore thanked Mr. Miller for his hard work in the incredibly complicated process of maintaining the District's finances.

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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

5. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

President Morton recessed the meeting from 6:29 p.m. to 6:36 p.m.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:36 p.m. to discuss the following items:

6. Closed Session:

- A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
Name of Case/Claimant – Peter Le

The Board ended closed session at 7:03 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:05 p.m.

7. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

District Counsel, Roger Masuda, stated the Board voted unanimously to reject Peter Le’s claims of September 13, 2024 and October 18, 2024.

8. Oral Communications:

No comments were made.

9. Consent Calendar:

Director Imamura requested to pull Item 9-H, and President Morton requested to pull Item 9-B and 9-E from the Consent Calendar.

Vice President Shriner made a motion approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of September 2024; C) Receive the 3rd Quarter 2024 MCWD Water Consumption and Sewer Flow Report; D) Receive the Capital Improvement Program – Project Update Report; F) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-56 to Award a Contract to Sanco Pipelines, Inc., J&M Inc., and Garney Pacific, Inc. for On-Call Construction Services; G) Adopt Resolution No. 2024-57 to Approve the Application for the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and, H) Annual Review of the Investment Policy. President Morton 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			

- B. Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of September 16, 2024:

President Morton requested the word “all” be removed from page 6 under Item 8-A bullet 5.

Agenda Items 9-B (continued):

President Morton made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the regular joint Board/GSA meeting of September 16, 2024 as amended. Director Moore seconded the motion.

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

- E. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-55 to Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers for Engineering Services for the Improvements, Recoating Design, and Project Bid Support of Reservoir 2:

President Morton asked how often the reservoir needed to be recoated. Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, answered approximately every 10 years.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-55 to Authorize a Professional Services Agreement with Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers for Engineering Services for the Improvements, Recoating Design, and Project Bid Support of Reservoir 2. Director Moore 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			

- H. Annual Review of the District's Investment Policy:

Director Imamura asked clarifying questions regarding the Policy. Ms. Lagasca answered that the Policy was reviewed annually and there are no suggested changes for this year.

Director Imamura made a motion to approve the annual review of the District's Investment Policy. President Morton 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			

10. Action Items:

- A. Accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item and proudly reported that the audit found no significant findings. She introduced Mr. Sheldon Chavan, Chavan & Associates, LLP. who gave a brief background of the audit and noted that there were no significant deficiencies or material weaknesses to report to the Board. The Board asked clarifying questions and discussion followed.

Agenda Items 10-A (continued):

Director Moore made a motion to accept the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report and the Independent Auditor's Report for the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2024. 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			

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-58 to Approve an Interfund Loan of \$11,400,000 at 1% Interest to Address Recycled Water Fund Carryover Liability:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item, giving a brief explanation of the cost center funding and how this loan will formalize the interfund borrowing terms and repayment schedule. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-58 to approve an Interfund Loan of \$11,400,000 at 1% Interest to address Recycled Water Fund Carryover Liability. 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			

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2024-59 to Amend the Board Conference Line Item in the FY 2024/2025 Budget:

Mr. Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, introduced this item and explained there was plenty of available funds in the reserve to transfer \$1,500 to the Conference Line Item and during the next budget process, staff will work with the Board to increase the line item accordingly. Discussion followed.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2024-59 to amend the Board Conference Line Item in the FY 2024/2025 Budget. 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			

11. Informational Items:

A. District Counsel's Report:

Mr. Masuda gave a brief explanation of the Lavine Act regarding campaign contributions for publicly elected officials and what they must disclose. Discussion followed.

B. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. the District received a Recycled Water Customer of the Year Award from Water Reuse;
2. the MCWDGSA is working on a Water Conservation Program that extends beyond the District and will provide services to the SVBGSA in that way, and move the grant forward and how to best make the grant funds work;
3. presented at the Seaside Watermaster Ad Hoc Water Replenishment Committee who were interested in receiving a proposal from the District on waters that may be available to the Seaside basin for its use in providing protective water levels to the basin;
4. PG&E has landed its electric on the A1/A2 and the teams have begun to put water into the tanks;
5. California Avenue leaks have all been found and it is ready to go into service;
6. the B side of the Imjin Office Park office is out to bid and soon the rest of the office will be ready for Board meetings and bringing the servers and customer service into the fold;
7. the SBITA is moving the Springbrook software system to the current version;
8. meeting with Judge Fritz in San Francisco in the morning regarding Tort Claims from Cal Am and the County.

C. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Executive Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

2. Budget and Engineering Committee:

Vice President Shriner and President Morton gave a brief update.

3. M1W Board Member Liaison:

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

4. MCWD/SVBGSA Steering Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

12. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

Director Imamura asked to discuss setting expectations for the Board and how much other agencies fund for outside education for their Board members.

13. Director's Comments:

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

14. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary