



Marina Coast Water District

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Regular Board Meeting/Groundwater Sustainability Agency Board Meeting
January 22, 2025

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on January 22, 2025 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
Thomas P. Moore
Stacey Smith

Board Members Absent:

None.

Staff Members Present:

Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager
David Hobbs, Assistant 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, Information Technology Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers
Warren Foster, MCWD
Kurt Gonzalez, MCWD
Rene Magdaleno, MCWD
Alec Irwin and Family
Paul Lord and Family
Lora Nichols, Fieldman Rolapp & Associates
Robert Porr, Fieldman Rolapp & Associates
Chick Adams, Jones Hall
Shawna Strecker
Andreas Baer, City of Seaside
Josef Polk, Griffith, Masuda, Hobbs

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Josef Polk led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Presentations:

A. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 to Recognize Alec Irwin, 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. Irwin's hard work and dedication.

Mr. Garrett Haertel, District Engineer, thanked Mr. Irwin for his work and stated that Mr. Irwin was welcome to return to the engineering department at any time.

Mr. Rene Magdaleno, Electrical/Mechanical Technician, stated that it is a pleasure to work with Mr. Irwin.

Mr. Warren Foster, System Operator II, stated that Mr. Irwin is a hard worker with a great attitude.

Mr. Kurt Gonzalez, Maintenance Worker, thanked Mr. Irwin for his service and that it is a pleasure working with him.

Vice President Shriner thanked Mr. Irwin for his work and being one of the employees who saved seats at the Board of Supervisors chambers for the Coastal Commission hearing.

Director Smith commented that it is a pleasure to see the amazing employees the Water District has and is looking forward to more of these events to honor employees.

Director Moore commented that MCWD employees have to keep water and sewer flowing 24/7, and most of the public are unaware of how critical the job is.

Director Imamura commented that he appreciated the work that goes into making sure everything is running smoothly and looked forward to seeing Mr. Irwin in another 5 years.

President Morton noted that the camaraderie and enthusiasm shown between the employees is phenomenal and so impressive that the Board is excited to serve the employees. She added that seeing the morale and enthusiasm shows success withing the District.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 to Recognize Alec Irwin, System Operator II, for 5 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 4-A (continued):

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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

President Morton presented Mr. Irwin with a plaque, gift certificate, and signed resolution. Mr. Irwin thanked everyone and voiced his pleasure in working for the District.

B. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-02 to Recognize Paul Lord, Water Conservation Specialist III, for 20 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item and thanked Mr. Lord for his years of dedicated service to the District, and wished him many more.

Mr. Foster commented that Mr. Lord has always been very professional and passionate about his job and that he enjoys working with him.

Mr. Magdaleno agreed that it was a pleasure working with Mr. Lord.

Mr. Cray congratulated Mr. Lord on his achievement and noted that the District's conservation program far exceeds most others in the state.

Mr. Gonzalez commented that Mr. Lord is passionate about his job and thanked him for being a friend and co-worker.

Mr. Scherzinger stated that he is pleased to recognize Mr. Lord for his service and noted that Mr. Lord has received nothing but positive comments from the public and is very highly regarded in the community. He added that due to Mr. Lord's due diligence, MCWD has been invited to take their conservation program county wide with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainable Agency.

Director Smith thanked Mr. Lord stating that he has helped East Garrison and their landscaping consultant with valuable information regarding irrigation and conservation techniques and noted she looked forward to continuing to work with him in the future.

Director Imamura commented that Mr. Lord has been out to his home to help with irrigation and other water issues, and thanked Mr. Lord for his dedication and hard work.

Agenda Item 4-B (continued):

Director Moore commented that many people in the community know and/or have met with Mr. Lord over the years and it is always a positive experience. He thanked him for his dedicated service.

Vice President Shriner stated that she has always been impressed with Mr. Lord as he is the District's Ambassador for conservation and wishes him many more years with the District.

President Morton commented that the title District Ambassador is so true and the District is lucky to have someone that deserves that title. She thanked Mr. Lord for his service and appreciated his dedication to the District.

Director Imamura made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-02 to Recognize Paul Lord, Water Conservation Specialist III, for 20 Years of Service to the Marina Coast Water District. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

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

President Morton presented Mr. Lord with a plaque, gift certificate, and signed resolution. Mr. Lord thanked the Board and noted that the best part of his job is when he can take an angry customer, soften them up, and leave them with a smile.

5. Public Comment on Closed Session Items:

There were no comments made.

President Morton recessed the meeting from 6:47 to 6:52 p.m.

The Board entered into closed session at 6:52 p.m. to discuss the following items:

6. Closed Session:

A. Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation

City of Marina vs. RMC Lonestar [CEMEX], California-America Water Company, Marina Coast WD, et al Defendants, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 20CV001387 (Complaint for Breach of Contract, Declaratory Relief under the Agency Act, and Tortious Interference with Existing Contract)

Agenda Item 6 (continued):

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

The Board ended closed session at 7:49 p.m. President Morton reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:52 p.m.

7. Reportable Actions Taken During Closed Session:

President Morton stated that with regards to Agenda Item 6-B, the Board voted unanimously to reject the claim. She added that there were no other reportable actions taken in closed session.

8. Oral Communications:

No comments were made.

9. Consent Calendar:

Vice President Shriner requested to pull Agenda Item 9-D from the Consent Calendar.

Director Moore made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items: A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of December 2024; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of December 16, 2024; and, C) Receive a Status Report Update on Current Capital Improvement Projects. Director Imamura seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

- D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-03 to Award a Contract for the Purchase of an Electrical Switchboard for the Reservation Road Desal Plant Renovation Capital Improvement Project:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions. Mr. Haertel stated the electrical panel is to provide electricity for all buildings at the Reservation Road site.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-03 to award a contract for the purchase of an Electrical Switchboard for the Reservation Road Desal Plant Renovation Capital Improvement Project. Director Moore seconded the motion.

Agenda Item 9-D (continued):

The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

10. Action Items:

A. Receive the Marina Coast Water District FY 2024-2025 Mid-Year Financial Report:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item reviewing the mid-year report for FY 2024-2025. She noted that the mid-year report is showing promising numbers for the first six months of FY 2024-2025. The Board asked clarifying questions.

President Morton stated that the FY 2024-2025 Mid-Year Financial Report has been received.

B. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-04, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of Enterprise Revenue Refunding Bonds in the Principal Amount of Not-to-Exceed \$26,000,000 to Refinance Outstanding 2015 Bonds; and Approve Related Documents and Official Actions:

Ms. Lagasca introduced this item and introduced Ms. Lora Nichols, Fieldman Rolapp & Associates, who reviewed the proposed refinance of the outstanding 2015 Bonds. Following discussion, the Board requested to only refinance if the net-present-value is greater than 6%.

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-04, authorizing the issuance and sale of Enterprise Revenue Refunding Bonds in the principal amount of not-to-exceed \$26,000,000 to refinance outstanding 2015 Bonds; and approve related documents and official actions, contingent on the net-present-value being greater than 6%. Director Smith seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 to Amend the Professional Services Agreement with Psomas for Construction Management Services of the A1/A2 Reservoirs and B/C Booster Pump Station Project:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item. The Board asked clarifying questions.

Agenda Item 10-C (continued):

Vice President Shriner made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-05 to amend the Professional Services Agreement with Psomas for Construction Management Services of the A1/A2 Reservoirs and B/C Booster Pump Station Project. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

D. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 to Amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget:

Mr. Haertel introduced this item.

Director Moore made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-06 to amend the FY 2024-2025 Capital Improvement Program Budget. Director Imamura seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

11. Workshop:

A. Receive Ralph M. Brown Act Training:

Mr. David Hobbs, Assistant District Counsel, gave a presentation on the Ralph M. Brown Act and reviewed the latest rules.

Mr. Scherzinger noted it was 10:00 p.m. and asked if the Board wanted to make a motion to continue the meeting.

President Morton made a motion to continue the meeting until 10:10 p.m. Director Moore seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

15. Adjournment:

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

APPROVED:

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Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paula Riso", is written over a horizontal line.

Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary