



Marina Coast Water District

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

Minutes

1. Call to Order:

President Morton called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. on September 22, 2025 at 920 2nd Avenue, Marina, California.

2. Roll Call:

Board Members Present:

Gail Morton – President
Jan Shriner – Vice President
Brad Imamura – via zoom in the same building
Stacey Smith

Board Members Absent:

Thomas P. Moore

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, Information Technology Administrator
Paula Riso, Executive Assistant/Clerk to the Board

Audience Members:

Access Media Productions
Andy Sterbenz, Schaaf & Wheeler Consulting Civil Engineers
Mayra Magdaleno, MCWD
Andrea Baer, City of Seaside

3. Pledge of Allegiance:

Director Smith led everyone present in the pledge of allegiance.

4. Oral Communications:

There were no comments made.

5. Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency Matters:

A. Action Item:

1. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-GSA02 to Amend the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget for Project GA-2402 Install Monitoring Wells:

Mr. Patrick Breen, Water Resources Manager, introduced this item and explained that staff held a community information session where they were able to field questions from the public. He added that the feedback was positive, and the public was appreciative of the District being proactive with this project.

Director Imamura made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-GSA02 to Amend the FY 2025-2026 Capital Improvement Program Budget for Project GA-2402 Install Monitoring Wells. President Morton seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

2. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-GSA03 Nominating General Manager Scherzinger to the Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Advisory Committee:

President Morton made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2025-GSA03 Nominating General Manager Scherzinger to the Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Agency Advisory Committee. Director Smith seconded the motion. The Board asked clarifying questions. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

6. Return to Marina Coast Water District Matters:

7. Consent Calendar:

Mr. Scherzinger commented that there were a couple of revised items on the dais, 1) amending the August 18, 2025 minutes to correct the name of the Director of Administrative Services and adding the word "award"; and, 2) correcting Item 7-D's financial impact statement. President Morton asked to pull agenda item 7-C from the Consent Calendar.

Agenda Item 7 (continued):

President Morton made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of August 2025; B) Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of August 18, 2025, as amended; D) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-48 to Award a Construction Contract to Perma Green Hydroseeding, Inc. for General Construction Services for the Landscape Installation of the A1/A2 Reservoirs Landscaping Project (CIP #GW-0112), as amended; and, E) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-49 to Award a Construction Contract to The Don Chapin Co., Inc. for General Construction Services for the Construction of the Fire Hydrant Replacement Project (CIP #GW-2620). Vice President Shriner seconded the motion.

Director Smith stated she wanted to abstain from the vote on the minutes. President Morton withdrew her motion.

President Morton made a new motion to approve the Consent Calendar consisting of items A) Receive and File the Check Register for the Month of August 2025; D) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-48 to Award a Construction Contract to Perma Green Hydroseeding, Inc. for General Construction Services for the Landscape Installation of the A1/A2 Reservoirs Landscaping Project (CIP #GW-0112); and, E) Adopt Resolution No. 2025-49 to Award a Construction Contract to The Don Chapin Co., Inc. for General Construction Services for the Construction of the Fire Hydrant Replacement Project (CIP #GW-2620). Director Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

B. Approve the Draft Minutes of the Regular Joint Board/GSA Meeting of August 18, 2025:

President Morton made a motion to approve the draft minutes of the regular joint Board/GSA meeting of August 18, 2025. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

C. Adopt Resolution No. 2025-47 to Approve an Emergency Alert and Data Sharing Agreement Between the County of Monterey and the Marina Coast Water District for Emergency Alerts

President Morton suggested adding a termination clause that all data needs to be removed upon termination of the agreement. Mr. Derek Cray, Operations and Maintenance Manager, added that the contact names would be removed and just list the agency as the contact.

Agenda Item 7-C (continued):

President Morton made a motion to Approve an Emergency Alert and Data Sharing Agreement Between the County of Monterey and the Marina Coast Water District for Emergency Alerts with the addition of Section 4.6 stating that all data shall be removed upon termination of the agreement and certified by the County, and that the contact names be removed leaving just the agency name. Mr. Cray asked if the motion could include that upon review by the County any non-substantive changes be approved. President Morton amended her motion to include approving any non-substantive changes. Vice President Shriner seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the following vote:

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

8. Action Items:

A. Review the Marina Coast Water District Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Preliminary Unaudited Year End Financials:

Ms. Mary Lagasca, Director of Administrative Services, introduced this item noting there was a revised transmittal with the revenues updated to \$43 million and a net surplus of 5.1 million. She gave a brief presentation of the unaudited year end financials including the total revenue, the total expenses and the net revenue that will go back to fund the Operating Reserves per District Policy.

President Morton stated the report was received.

B. Consider the Introduction and First Reading of Ordinance No. 65, an Ordinance Amending Title 5, Sewer Service System, Chapter 5.20 Use of Public Sewers, Sections 5.20.050, and 5.20.060, and Adding Sections 5.20.045, 5.20.062, and 5.20.065 to the Marina Coast Water District Code in Accordance with Updated Standards and Requirements for the Reduction of Fats, Oil, and Grease in Public Sewer Systems and Set a Public Hearing Date for October 20, 2025:

Mr. Cray introduced this item and reviewed the suggested changes/updates to Title 5 of the District's Code. The Board asked clarifying questions and requested more clarification on the responsibilities between an owner and a tenant of the property should code enforcement require the disconnection of service. The Board gave direction to table this item and bring it back to the October 20, 2025 meeting.

9. Informational Items:

A. General Manager's Report:

Mr. Scherzinger reported the following:

1. MCWD, the City of Marina, and the Monterey Water Management District submitted their applications for rehearing to the PUC for rehearing of the decision 25-08-006 for Phase II Supply and Demand Analysis;
2. MCWD, the City of Marina, and the Monterey Water Management District submitted a motion of a stay on CalAm's recent public relations notification that they intended to move forward with the project even though they haven't complied with the CPCN and other regulatory events;
3. recently met with the State Water Resources Control Board, Central Coast Regional Quality Board, and the Coastal Commission regarding Phase II of Pure Water Monterey and other items;
4. met with Supervisor Daniels and Supervisor Church to discuss how the District is acting on a number of issues;
5. presented the District in total to the Cannery Row Sunrise Rotary;
6. met with the General Manager of Castroville and the Seaside City Manager to start building communication between the agencies;
7. engaged in annexation discussions with all affected parties; and,
8. enjoyed the CSDA Annual Conference in Monterey.

B. Committee and Board Liaison Reports:

1. Executive Committee:

Vice President Shriner gave a brief update.

2. Community Outreach and Personnel Committee:

Director Smith gave a brief update.

3. Resource and Groundwater Sustainability Committee:

President Morton gave a brief update.

4. M1W Board Member Liaison:

Director Moore's update will be provided as an attachment to the minutes.

10. Board Member Requests for Future Agenda Items:

There were no requests made.

11. Director's Comments:

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

12. Adjournment:

President Morton adjourned the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

APPROVED:



Gail Morton, President

ATTEST:



Paula Riso, Deputy Secretary

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Director Thomas P. Moore:

The most recent meeting of the Board of Directors of Monterey One Water occurred on August 25, 2025. At that meeting, the Board approved two contracts for the purchase of certain chemicals needed to treat water at the Advanced Water Purification Facility.

The Board also received a report about Pure Water Monterey and Pure Water Monterey Expansion. The Expansion project is in its final startup, functional testing and permitting phases. It is projected to be fully operational in October of this year. So far, the Pure Water Monterey project has produced 19,140 acre-feet of water, most of which has been injected into the Seaside Basin (as of July 31, 2025).

The next meeting of the Board will take place on September 29th.

Sincerely,
Tom