

Minutes
Joint City/District Committee Meeting

July 28, 2021

1. Call to Order:

The Joint City/District Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. In attendance were:

- Committee members: MCWD Director Gail Morton, MCWD Director Matt Zefferman, Marina Councilmember Kathy Biala, and Marina Mayor Bruce Delgado-arrived at 5:32 p.m.
- Staff: Remleh Scherzinger attended for Marina Coast Water District, and Layne Long attended for the City of Marina
- Public: None

2. Public Comments on Any Item Not on the Agenda:

There were no public comments made.

3. Approval of June 23, 2021 Minutes:

Vice Chair Biala made a motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2021. Mayor Delgado seconded the motion. The minutes were approved by a vote of 4-Ayes (Zefferman, Morton, Delgado, Biala), 0-Noes, and 0-Absent.

4. Background Presentation on Elinor Ostrom:

Chair Zefferman gave a brief background on Ms. Elinor Ostrom noting that she was a political scientist who won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 2009. He added that she was the first female, and first political scientist, to win the Economics Nobel Prize. Chair Zefferman explained that some of her early work included a dissertation in the mid 1960's on groundwater basin management and saltwater intrusion in Southern California. He continued to discuss the problem she wanted to solve (how to manage common pool resources), and the general outline of her solution. Chair Zefferman stated that next time he would continue with a resource game, then later, some design principles for how to manage common pool resources. Vice Chair Biala stated that she really respected this theory and is hoping this could help regionally with the water issues. Director Morton stated it would be nice to have some design principles for the City and District to use. Chair Zefferman said he would send some information, as well as a link to *Sustaining the Commons* to Ms. Riso for her to forward to the Committee members.

5. Discuss Joint Public Outreach Opportunities:

The Committee didn't have anything to discuss on this item, but Director Morton suggested keeping this item on the agenda in case something comes up. Mr. Long suggested there may be a need when the court hands down their decision on the City of Marina's GSA formation. Vice Chair Biala agreed that it would be advantageous to keep this item on the agenda, especially when the Coastal Commission reviews the Cal Am application again.

6. Discuss District and City Involvement with MPUSD:

Director Morton commented that the District has a contract with MPUSD where the District is paying over \$38,000 a year for a part-time teacher to teach the kids about water. She recognized that the City of Marina also pays for an educational component to MPUSD and suggested discussing what each agency is paying for and discuss consolidating both to fund for a full-time position. Vice Chair Biala agreed that this would be something to look into and have each agency bring what they are receiving from the schools. Mr. Long commented that the City didn't have a contract directly with MPUSD, it was with Save the Whales, and they do some work with the schools. Mr. Long stated that he and Mr. Scherzinger will talk offline and see if there are any synergies they could share. Chair Zefferman asked to bring the results back to the Committee at a future meeting.

7. Identification of Agenda Items for the Future Committee Meeting:

Mr. Long asked to discuss, for clarification, if the District's capacity fees cover water augmentation or not, as a developer is suggesting that the fees get covered by the CFD. Director Morton shared a letter from the District stating that water augmentation was not covered by the CFD and they would be included in the capacity fees. Mayor Delgado asked to discuss the Board of Supervisor's considering action on allowing non-public agencies to own and operate desal plants. Vice Chair Biala agreed that sharing information on Board of Supervisors items relating to water, as well as the Coastal Commission information, should be a standing item on the agenda. Chair Zefferman stated that the members could email Ms. Riso with any other requests.

8. Committee Member Comments:

No comments were made.

9. Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.