



**Final Minutes**  
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**  
**Finance and Administration Committee**  
*August 14, 2023*

Meeting Location: District Office, Main Conference Room  
5 Harris Court, Building G., Monterey, CA 93940  
(Hybrid: Meeting Held In-Person and via Zoom – Teleconferencing means)

**Call to Order**

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:07 PM.

Committee members present: Amy Anderson, Chair  
Alvin Edwards  
Marc Eisenhart

Committee members absent: None

District staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager  
Suresh Prasad, Administrative Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer  
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager  
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager  
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager  
Kristina Pacheco, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk  
Sara Reyes, Sr. Office Specialist

District staff members absent: None

District Counsel present: David Laredo with De Lay & Laredo

**Additions / Corrections to Agenda:**

None

**Comments from the Public:**

None

**Action Items:**

- 1. Consider Adoption of June 12, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes**  
On a motion by Eisenhart and second by Edwards, the minutes of the June 12, 2023 meeting were approved unanimously on a 3 – 0 vote by Eisenhart, Edwards and Anderson.
- 2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for May 2023**

On a motion by Eisenhart and second by Edwards, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board adopt the May 2023 Treasurer’s Report and financial statements, and ratification of the disbursements made during the month. The motion was approved unanimously on a 3 – 0 vote.

**3. Consider Authorization to Contract with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to Conduct Annual Financial Audit for Fiscal Year Ending 2023, 2024, and 2025**

Director Eisenhart offered an amended motion to recommend that the Board authorize the Chief Financial Officer to enter into a two-year contract with an option to renew for third year with CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to conduct the annual audit of the District’s financial records for a total cost of \$207,500 plus additional fee for Annual Comprehensive Financial Report compilation and State Controller’s Report. Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously on a 3-0 vote.

**4. Consider Expenditure of Funds for Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor Class**

On a motion by Eisenhart and second by Edwards, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board approve the expenditure not-to-exceed \$10,000. The motion was approved unanimously on a 3 – 0 vote.

**5. Consider Expenditure to Contract for Completion of Carmel River Survey**

On a motion by Edwards and second by Eisenhart, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the University Foundation at CSUMB for a not-to-exceed amount of \$22,450. The motion was approved unanimously on a 3 – 0 vote.

**6. Authorize Raise (\$1/hr for Limited-Term Water Resources Assistant FY 2023- 2024**

On a motion by Edwards and second by Eisenhart, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board approve a \$1 increase in the Water Resources Assistant hourly rate for up to a total of 990 hours of work. The motion was approved unanimously on a 3 – 0 vote.

**7. Consider Approval of 2023 Annual Memorandum of Agreement for Releases from Los Padres Reservoir Among California American Water, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

On a motion by Edwards and second by Eisenhart, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board approve the 2023 MOA and direct the General Manager to sign the agreement after approval at the Board meeting. The motion was approved unanimously on a 3 – 0 vote.

**8. Consider Adoption of Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for Los Padres Dam Outlet Modifications Project Including Adoption of CEQA Findings and Mitigation Measures**

On a motion by Eisenhart and second by Edwards, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that the Board adopt Resolution 2023-12 and the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration. The motion was approved unanimously on a 3 – 0 vote.

**Informational Items:**

**9. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**

This item was presented as information to the committee. No action was required or taken by the committee.

**10. Status Report on Measure J/Rule 19.8 Phase II Spending**

This item was presented as information to the committee. No action was required or taken by the committee.

**Discussion Item:**

**11. Review Draft August 21, 2023 Regular Board Meeting Agenda**

General Manager Stoldt reviewed the draft agenda with the committee and reported an additional Action Item to discuss a contract with Rincon Consultants will be added for consideration.

**Adjournment**

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 3:21 PM.

/s/ Sara Reyes, Sr. Office Specialist

Committee Clerk to the Finance and Administration Committee

Minutes Approved by the Committee on Monday, September 11, 2023

Minutes Received by the Board of Directors on Monday, September 18, 2023