



**Final Minutes
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
June 17, 2024 at 5:00 P.M.**

Meeting Location: District Office, Main Conference Room
5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93940 AND
By Teleconferencing Means - *Zoom*

CLOSED SESSION AT 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Amy Anderson, Chair
George Riley, Vice Chair
Mary Adams
Karen Paull (arrived at 5:05 pm)
Ian Oglesby
Alvin Edwards
Marc Eisenhart

Board members absent: None

District staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager
Sara Reyes, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

District staff members absent: None

District Counsel present: Michael Laredo with De Lay & Laredo
Fran Farina with De Lay & Laredo

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA:

Chair Anderson opened Public Comment; no comments were directed to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION:

District Counsel Laredo led the Board into Closed Session.

- CS 1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, (Gov Code §54957) - Title: General Counsel, De Lay & Laredo
- CS 2. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov Code §54957.8)
Agency Designated Representatives: David Stoldt
Employee Organization: General Staff and Management Bargaining Units Represented by United Public Employees of California/LIUNA, Local 792

Unrepresented Employees: Confidential Unit

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION:

At 5:05 p.m., the Board went into Closed Session.

REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Board members present: Amy Anderson, Chair
George Riley, Vice Chair
Mary Adams
Karen Paull
Ian Oglesby
Alvin Edwards
Marc Eisenhart

Board members absent: None

District staff members present: David Stoldt, General Manager
Nishil Bali, Administrative Services Manager/Chief Financial Officer
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
Sara Reyes, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

District staff members absent: None

District Counsel present: Michael Laredo with De Lay & Laredo
Fran Farina with De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

Chair Anderson opened Oral Communications; *the following comments were directed to the Board:*

- (1) Anna Thompson, stated her disagreement with California American Water (Cal-Am) pursuing the construction of the proposed Desal plant and commended the District for its Pure Water Monterey Expansion project.
- (2) Spencer Vartanian, introduced himself to the Board as the new Director of Operations at Cal-Am and stated he looks forward to working with the Board and General Manager Stoldt and continuing to collaborate on all projects.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Chair Anderson introduced the matter.

- Director Eisenhart requested Items 4, 11 and 12 be pulled for comment. He commended the District's partnerships for water conservation programs and praised staff efforts in raising community awareness.

Additionally, the Finance and Administration Committee proposed increasing the budget for Item 11, the “Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway”, to encourage more participation and offer more prizes.

- Director Riley noted that Items 2-13 pertain to conservation and mitigation issues, while Items 14-19 are directly related to ASR and commended staff for maintaining a well-organized agenda.
- Director Edwards expressed his agreement with comments made by Director Eisenhart and Riley.

Director Riley offered a motion with a second by Director Eisenhart, for the Board to approve items 1 through 22 on the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7-Ayes (Oglesby, Eisenhart, Anderson, Riley, Paull, Adams, and Edwards), and 0-Noes.

The following agenda items were accepted as part of the Consent Calendar:

- 1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meeting on May 20, 2024 and the Special Board Meeting/Budget Workshop on May 30, 2024**
- 2. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with Telemetrix for Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility Monitoring and Control Systems**
- 3. Consider Continuing Rebate Funding for California American Water Customers Until Approval of the General Rate Case**
- 4. Consider Recommendation to Authorize an Annual License with GardenSoft for Water Wise Gardening in Monterey County Software**
- 5. Consider Recommendation to Authorize Outreach Advertising Expenses for Fiscal Year 2025**
- 6. Consider Approval of Ongoing Subscription with CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc. to Support Demand Management Programs**
- 7. Consider Recommendation to Continue E-Recording with Corporation Service Company**
- 8. Consider Recommendation to Amend Contract with Pueblo Water Resources, Inc. to Provide Hydrogeologic Review for Water Distribution System Permits**
- 9. Item Removed**
- 10. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-10 – Annual Update to Rule 24, Table 3, Capacity Fee History**
- 11. Consider Approval of Funding for Outreach Event “Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway 5”**
- 12. Consider Approval of Funding and Continuation of the “Mulch Madness” Conservation Promotion**
- 13. Consider Recommendation to Use Etech Consulting for As-Needed Maintenance of the Accela Database**
- 14. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Negotiated Contract with a Licensed C-57 Contractor for Repairs on ASR on an As-Needed Basis**
- 15. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with TJC and Associates, Inc. to Provide Electrical Support Services**
- 16. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with Schaaf & Wheeler to Provide Drawing Support Services**
- 17. Consider Recommendation to Authorize Monterey Bay Analytical Services to Provide Laboratory Support for Aquifer Storage and Recovery, Watermaster Monitoring and Maintenance Plan, and Carmel Valley Alluvial Aquifer Water Quality Monitoring**
- 18. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with Montgomery and Associates to Provide Groundwater Modeling Support to the District**
- 19. Consider Recommendation to Extend Cooperative Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for Streamflow Gaging in Water Year 2025**
- 20. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with OnPoint Generators Inc. to Provide and Install a Generator**
- 21. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for April 2024**
- 22. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2024-08 Certifying Compliance with State Law with Respect to the Levying of General and Special Taxes, Assessments, and Property-Related Fees and Charges**

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT:

Chair Anderson introduced the matter.

- 23. Status Report on California American Water Compliance with State Water Resources Control Board Order 2016-0016 and Seaside Groundwater Basin Adjudication Decision**

- General Manager Stoldt provided information on the status of this agenda item via slide-deck presentation titled “Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Seaside Basin Decision as of June 1, 2024”. The board engaged in discussions. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL:

Chair Anderson introduced the matter.

24. Report From District Counsel

District Counsel Laredo stated that the Board received status reports regarding the two items on the Closed Session agenda, but no action was taken. Counsel Laredo briefly updated the board on the active legal matters.

DIRECTORS’ REPORTS (INCLUDING AB 1234 REPORTS ON TRIPS, CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE AND MEETINGS)

Chair Anderson introduced the matter.

25. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations

No reports were given by the Directors.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Chair Anderson introduced the matter.

26. Consider Adoption of July through September 2024 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, presented this item via slide-deck presentation titled “Consider Adoption of July-September 2024 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget for California American Water”. The Board engaged in discussions. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

Chair Anderson opened the public comment; no comments were directed to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Edwards with a second by Director Paull to adopt the July through September 2024 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7-Ayes (Oglesby, Adams, Paull, Eisenhart, Edwards, Riley and Anderson) and 0-Noes.

ACTION ITEM:

Chair Anderson introduced the matter.

27. Consider Adoption of Agreement for Taxing Entity Compensation

General Manager Stoldt presented this item and answered questions from the Board. Mr. Stoldt reported this item was deferred from the May 20, 2024 Board meeting at the request of the City of Seaside to allow more time to incorporate changes received from the county. The Board engaged in discussions.

Chair Anderson opened the public comment; no comments were directed to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Edwards with a second by Director Oglesby to adopt the Agreement for Taxing Entity Compensation and to direct the General Manager to sign on behalf of the District. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7-Ayes (Oglesby, Adams, Paull, Eisenhart, Edwards, Riley and Anderson) and 0-Noes.

28. Adopt Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 MPWMD Budget and Resolution No. 2024-07

Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager, presented this item via slide-deck presentation titled “Consider Adoption of Proposed Fiscal Year 2024-2025 MPWMD Budget and Resolution 2024-07”. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.* The Board engaged in discussions.

Director Eisenhart commended Mr. Bali’s efforts on the budget and contract proposals. Director Edwards echoed this praise, recognizing Mr. Bali’s success in the management of his first adopted budget with the District.

Chair Anderson opened the public comment; *the following comments were directed to the Board:*

- (1) Evan Jacobs, Director of External Affairs with California American Water, highlighted the successful Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) collaboration between Cal-Am and the District, emphasizing their joint efforts in conservation. Mr. Jacobs raised concerns about budget allocations related to the Water Supply Charge and expenses associated with the Monterey water system takeover.

On a motion by Director Riley with a second by Director Paull, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2024-07 Adopting the Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7-Ayes (Oglesby, Paull, Eisenhart, Edwards, Riley, and Anderson) and 0-Noes.

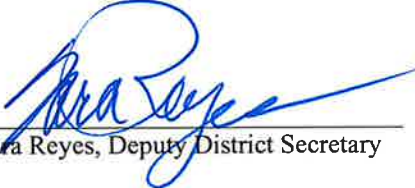
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

29. **Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
30. **Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System**
31. **Letters Received**
32. **Committee Reports**
33. **Monthly Allocation Report**
34. **Water Conservation Program Report**
35. **Carmel River Fishery Report for January 2024**
36. **Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**

These items were informational only and no action was taken. Copies of these reports are available at the District office and can be found on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Anderson adjourned the meeting at 7:22 PM.


Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on July 15, 2024