



## **EXHIBIT 23-B**

### **Final Minutes Water Supply Planning Committee Meeting Monday, March 3, 2025, at 2:00 p.m. Meeting Location: Zoom**

#### **Call to Order / Roll Call**

Chair Paull called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

#### **Committee Members Present**

Karen Paull, Chair  
Alvin Edwards (Alternate)  
Rebecca Lindor

#### **Committee Members Absent**

Amy Anderson

#### **District Staff Members Present**

David Stoldt, General Manager  
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager  
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer  
Sara Reyes, Board Clerk

#### **District Staff Members Absent**

None

#### **District Counsel Present**

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo  
Fran Farina, De Lay & Laredo

#### **Additions and Corrections to the Agenda**

None

#### **Comments from the Public**

Chair Paull opened the public comment period, and the following comment was made to the committee:

- 1) John Tilley, urged the District to discuss the source waters for the Pure Water Monterey expansion. He raised concerns about the return on investment, suggesting that if the water sources are only temporarily available or not contractually secured, it would be wise to reconsider the expansion investment.

#### **Action Items**

##### **1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from November 4, 2024**

Chair Paull introduced this item and opened public comment; however no comments were directed to the committee.

On a motion by Paull and seconded by Edwards, the minutes of the November 4, 2024, committee meeting were approved on a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Edwards, Paull and Lindor) and 0 Noes.

**2. Adopt 2025 Meeting Schedule**

Chair Paull introduced this item and opened public comment; however, no comments were directed to the committee.

The committee discussed and agreed to change the September meeting date from the 8<sup>th</sup> to the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Director Lindor offered a motion to adopt the 2025 meeting schedule with the change discussed. Director Edwards seconded the motion. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Lindor, Edwards, and Paull) and 0 Noes.

**Discussion Items**

**3. Discuss Seaside Subbasin Groundwater Divide Technical Memorandum**

General Manager Stoldt reported that the District has hired Montgomery & Associates to investigate how groundwater levels in the Salinas Valley affect the Seaside Subbasin. This work aims to understand the groundwater flow divide at the northern boundary of the Seaside Subbasin.

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, and Fran Farina with De Lay & Laredo, answered questions of the committee. After discussion by the committee, it was agreed to include this item on the March 17, 2025 Board meeting agenda so that the full Board could participate in this matter.

**4. Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Meetings**

General Manager Stoldt reported that the District offered to post the Watermaster's meeting videos on the District's YouTube channel. District staff would either post the videos on their behalf or assist and/or train the Watermaster staff to post the videos on their own site.

Director Edwards stated he will attend the Watermaster meeting on March 5 and will follow up on this matter.

**5. Update on Cease and Desist Order Timeline**

General Manager Stoldt reported that the Monterey One Water is developing an notification and response plan for the Pure Water Monterey Project. He mentioned that this task involves some calculations on how CalAm can produce water in the event of a loss of a well. The plan may impact the readiness of CalAm to receive water from the Expansion and possibly the schedule. Staff will keep the committee updated on this matter.

**Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda**

- Update the Committee on the source waters for Pure Water Monterey.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chair Paull adjourned the meeting at 3:34 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

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Sara Reyes, Board Clerk to the  
MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee on \_\_\_\_\_.  
Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's on \_\_\_\_\_.