



AGENDA

Water Demand Committee

Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. | *Virtual Meeting*

COMMITTEE MEMBERS	STAFF	<u>Mission Statement</u>
<i>Alvin Edwards – Chair Marianne Gawain Ian Oglesby Rebecca Lindor - Alternate</i>	<i>David J. Stoldt, General Manager Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager</i>	<p>Sustainably manage and augment the water resources of the Monterey Peninsula to meet the needs of its residents and businesses while protecting, restoring, and enhancing its natural and human environments.</p> <p><u>Vision Statement</u> Model ethical, responsible, and responsive governance in pursuit of our mission.</p> <p><u>Board's Goals and Objectives</u> Are available online at https://www.mpwmd.net/who-we-are/mission-vision-goals/</p>

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Call to Order / Roll Call

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Action Items – *Public comment will be received. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per item.*

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from December 4, 2025
2. Adopt 2026 Meeting Schedule

Discussion Items – *Public comment will be received. Please limit your comments to three (3) minutes per item.*

3. Discuss Plan to Achieve Strategic Goal 6: Update and Prioritize District Rules and Regulations
4. Discuss MPWMD's Urban Water Management Plan

Suggest Items to be Placed on Future Agendas

Adjournment

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WATER DEMAND COMMITTEE

ITEM: ACTION ITEM

**1. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES FROM
DECEMBER 4, 2025**

Meeting Date: April 4, 2026

**From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager**

Prepared By: Sara Reyes

**CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California
Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.**

SUMMARY: Attached as **Exhibit 1-A** are the draft minutes of the Water Demand Committee meeting held on December 4, 2025.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Water Demand Committee review and adopt the draft minutes.

EXHIBIT:

1-A Draft Minutes of the December 4, 2025 Water Demand Committee Meeting



EXHIBIT 1-A

**Draft Minutes
Water Demand Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 4, 2025, at 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Alvin Edwards
Ian Oglesby
George Riley (participated as an Alternate)

Committee Members Absent

None

District Staff Members Present

David Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
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 Edwards opened the public comment period, and the following comment was made to the committee:

- 1) Melodie Chrislock asked whether residents are currently allowed to add a bathroom without requiring a new water meter.

General Manager David Stoldt explained that water allocations have been in the hands of local jurisdictions since March, but responses have varied. Some cities, like Monterey, are withholding releases of the allocation until the CDO is lifted, while others, like Carmel, are moving forward to allow remodels and additional bathrooms. All jurisdictions have water available for such uses at their discretion, but not all are ready to release it. Staff has been encouraging cities to avoid prioritizing single categories and to support growth by releasing available water.

Action Items

Chair Edwards introduced the item.

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from June 5, 2025

Chair Edwards opened public comment; however, no comments were received.

On a motion by Edwards, seconded by Riley, the minutes of the August 7, 2025, committee meeting were approved by a roll call vote of 2 Ayes (Oglesby and Edwards), 0 Noes and 1 Absent (Oglesby).

2. Consider a Contribution of \$8,000 Towards Restoration of “Rosie’s Garden” a Water Efficient Public Demonstration Garden in Carmel Valley

Water Demand Manager Stephanie Locke presented an overview of this item and reported that a funding request from the Rosie’s Garden Advisory Committee for \$8,000 to support restoration of the water-efficient public demonstration garden in Carmel Valley. The garden, located on county-owned land in a high-visibility area, features low-water plants, educational signage, and four irrigation zones.

Sherie Dodsworth, chairperson of the advisory committee and Carmel Valley native, shared that planting for Rosie’s Garden is planned for mid-November, timed with the rainy season to support plant establishment. The garden will include educational signage, benches, and feature low-water plants near the Carmel River. Located in Robles Del Rio, a 310-home subdivision, the site is highly visible to visitors heading to Garland Park and nearby businesses, making it a valuable public demonstration space.

Chair Edwards opened public comment; no comments were received.

On a motion by Edwards, seconded by Riley, the Committee voted to recommend waving the \$250 Landscape Water Permit fee and approving an \$8,000 grant for landscape rehabilitation, with optional support from the District’s outreach contractor for signage development. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3 Ayes (Oglesby, Riley, and Edwards); 0 Noes.

3. Consider Recommendation on First Reading of Ordinance No. 199 – Amending Rule 142.1, Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Stephanie Locke presented a proposed revision to Rule 142.1, replacing the current landscape ordinance with the state’s updated, more simplified version. The new ordinance includes District-specific enhancement and adds permit requirements for smaller or previously unpermitted landscape projects.

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

- 1) Andy Myrick with the City of Seaside expressed support for discussing landscape challenges and emphasized the need to front-load water demand planning for new projects. He also urged consideration for minimizing burdens on homeowners during minor or interior remodels, especially regarding landscaping requirements.

On a motion by Oglesby, seconded by Riley, the Committee voted to approve the first reading of the draft Ordinance and to circulate it to the Technical Advisory Committee prior to presentation to the Board.

Discussion Items

Chair Edwards introduced this item.

4. Overview of Monterey Peninsula Unified School District (MPUSD) Discussion Regarding Water for Teacher Housing

David Stoldt reported on five potential MPUSD development sites, with two (Del Rey Woods and Del Monte Elementary) located within Cal-Am’s service area and suitable for housing. He noted MPUSD expressed concern over delays in water release from the City of Monterey and asked about accessing

the District’s Reserve. The District currently holds over 2,000 acre-feet in reserve. Mr. Stoldt noted while previous policy allowed local jurisdictions to manage their own water allocations, this approach may now be contributing to project delays, citing the Garden Road project as an example. He noted the City of Monterey’s delay in releasing water, despite having received allocations in March 2025.

Mr. Stoldt proposed allowing cities to request water from the District reserve for multi-family housing projects ready to proceed, including those with affordable units. He requested committee feedback on recommending this approach to the Board, with a staff report to be presented at a future meeting if supported.

Chair Edwards opened public comment, and the following comment was received:

- 1) Melodie Chrislock emphasized the need to inform the public that water is now available through their cities for certain uses. She noted that most residents are unaware, which limits public pressure on cities to release water. She suggested clear communication to clarify that cities are responsible for allocations and that sufficient water is available, which could help prompt action.

5. Update on AMBAG 2026 Regional Growth Forecast

David Stoldt presented a comparison between the previous AMBAG regional growth forecast (to 2045) and the new draft final forecast (to 2050). He noted that the updated forecast shows generally dampened population and job growth across most jurisdictions, with exceptions in Monterey, Pacific Grove, and Sand City. Carmel, for example, is projected to lose population despite being assigned 349 new housing units under RHNA, highlighting a continued disconnect between housing allocations and population forecasts.

The updated forecast will inform the Metropolitan Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy and will be used by the District to update its Urban Water Management Plan. Based on the new data, future water demand projections—both residential and non-residential—are expected to be lower than previously forecasted. Mr. Stoldt emphasized that while the District is contractually bound to deliver a set amount of water, the revised forecasts will still be developed to guide planning.

Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda

Director Edwards requested updates on the following item to be included on a future agenda:

- Cease and Desist Order

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 4:11 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Board Clerk to the
MPWMD Water Demand Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Water Demand Committee on _____.

Received by the MPWMD Board of Director’s on _____.

WATER DEMAND COMMITTEE

ITEM: ACTION ITEM

2. ADOPT 2026 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Meeting Date: April 2, 2026

**From: David J. Stoldt,
General Manager**

Prepared By: Sara Reyes

SUMMARY: Below is the proposed Water Demand Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2026. Committee members are asked to review the dates and notify the Board Clerk of any scheduling conflicts. Meetings may be canceled if there is no business requiring committee attention.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends that the Water Demand Committee review and adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2026.

Day of Week	Date	Time
Thursday	April 2, 2026	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	June 4, 2026	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	August 6, 2026	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	October 1, 2026	1:30 p.m.
Thursday	December 3, 2026	1:30 p.m.

WATER DEMAND COMMITTEE

ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM

3. DISCUSS PLAN TO ACHIEVE STRATEGIC GOAL 6: UPDATE AND PRIORITIZE DISTRICT RULES AND REGULATIONS

Meeting Date:	April 2, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt, General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Stephanie Locke	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Approval: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15378.

SUMMARY: Staff have been compiling a list of District Rules and Regulations and other policies that require updates to improve clarity, simplify language, and refine content. Some of these items are included in draft Ordinance No. 201, currently under consideration by the Board.

Many of the proposed amendments are administrative in nature and are intended to clarify and simplify existing language. Other amendments involve policy considerations and will require further review and direction from the appropriate Board committee. Additional new provisions are also anticipated and will be developed with input from the appropriate Board committee and stakeholders, including the Monterey County Association of Realtors (MCAR) and the District's Technical Advisory Committee (TAC).

DISCUSSION: The following outlines the proposed approach to achieving the Board's Strategic Goal #6: Update and Prioritize District Rules and Regulations. Staff plans to continue the process introduced in Ordinance No. 201 where amendments are shown in tracked changes in an exhibit to the ordinance and a "clean" version of the amended rule is included. This allows the Board to see the proposed changes and to read the proposed new rule. Using "track changes" to follow proposed amendments also assists staff with updates to the official documents and reduces effort from the previous use of strikethrough and bold italics.

Staff will:

1. Review all Rules and Regulations.
2. Sort and prioritize a list of updates, identify policy issues, administrative changes, and minor edits needed.
3. Review policy questions and administrative changes with key staff as needed.

4. Engage with the appropriate Board committee through bi-monthly agenda items to obtain policy direction for future consideration by the Board of Directors. Up to ten policy issues will be presented at each meeting for committee discussion and direction.
5. Identify updates that require California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review and conduct review as needed. The Board must adopt Environmental Guidelines as required by CEQA. Staff will assist with securing a consultant to develop the Guidelines for consideration.
6. Prepare draft ordinances and other necessary documents for review by legal counsel.
7. Communicate with Jurisdictions, TAC members and other stakeholders as needed.
8. Prepare board reports with recommended policy changes for consideration by the Board of Directors. Present and advance the ordinance(s) through the process.
9. Review final documents and work with staff to file proper CEQA documentation.

The following regulations/rules have been identified as needing review and updates. A complete review of the Rules and Regulations will likely identify other amendments.

- Definitions
- Water Distribution Systems and Permits
- Water Permits
- Water Efficiency Requirements
- Landscape Regulations
- Rationing Regulation and Water Waste Rules
- Environmental Guidelines
- Fees and Charges
- Enforcement Process and Regulation Revision
- Well Metering and Non-Cal-Am Pumpers
- Entitlement ordinances needed for September Ranch and Rancho Canada Village (and possibly other housing projects such as Val Verde and Rio Road)

Examples of policy direction needed are provided in general terms below. When discussed by the committee, staff will provide additional information and recommendations for consideration. Examples include:

- How should the District permit Single Room Occupancy housing?
- The District has allowed Non-Residential uses that existed on March 1, 1985, to be used as the “baseline” for permitting. Should that date be shifted forward over time?
- How should the District enforce permit requirements when the Jurisdiction is unwilling to authorize water from an Allocation?
- Over the years, technology has become increasingly more efficient. A water credit might have been issued nine years ago, but the technology has improved. Should an Applicant be required to meet today’s efficiency to qualify for a credit on a Water Permit?
- A property is served by a Well. What would be considered a “substantive change”?
- The District uses the area shown on the Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) map submitted for the liquor license and that often includes outdoor areas to determine the business’ Water Use Capacity. Should other Group II businesses (i.e., wine tasting and other non-restaurant food and beverage providers) also be subject to an outdoor area calculation?

- Should the District continue a reduced fixture count for the Ultra High Efficiency Toilet when it is likely to be replaced with a High Efficiency Toilet?
- Water Metering issues related to Multi-Family Housing.
- How should changes to a water use factor be implemented?
- Should the length of time that a Water Use Credit is available be reduced from ten years to five years or some other limit?
- Should High Efficiency Clothes Washers and Dishwashers become conditions of approval for Water Permits?

RECOMMENDATION: The Water Demand Committee should discuss the proposed plan to achieve the Board's Strategic Goal 6: Update and Prioritize District Rules and Regulations and provide direction to staff. Staff will then move forward with identifying needed updates and sorting and classifying amendments and policy issues for review by the committee at the next meeting in June 2026.

EXHIBIT

None

WATER DEMAND COMMITTEE

ITEM: DISCUSSION ITEM

4. DISCUSS MPWMD'S URBAN WATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Meeting Date:	April 2, 2026	Budgeted:	N/A
From:	David J. Stoldt General Manager	Program/ Line Item No.:	N/A
Prepared By:	Maureen Hamilton	Cost Estimate:	N/A

General Counsel Approval: N/A

Committee Recommendation: N/A

CEQA Compliance: This action does not constitute a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 10632.

SUMMARY: California Water Code Division 6, Part 2.6 requires that urban water suppliers prepare and adopt urban water management plans (UWMPs) to achieve the efficient use of available supplies and to strengthen local drought planning. MPWMD is an urban water wholesale supplier of Pure Water Monterey (PWM) water and thus required to prepare and adopt an UWMP.

UWMPs are updated on a defined cycle; by July 1 every five years in years ending with six or one. The next UWMP due date is July 1, 2026. A Water Shortage Contingency Plan (WSCP) must be submitted as part of each UWMP. The WSCP is an action plan for addressing water shortages including drought. The WSCP can be updated at any time and is adopted in a separate action by the governing body.

A presentation and discussion will occur at the Committee meeting regarding the UWMP and next steps.

DISCUSSION: An urban water supplier is defined as a provider of water for municipal purposes to more than 3,000 customers or in an amount greater than 3,000 acre-feet annually (AFA). MPWMD sale of PWM potable water supply makes MPWMD an urban water supplier under state law. PWM water is sold to Cal-Am rather than to end users. Accordingly, MPWMD is required to prepare and submit an UWMP as a water wholesaler.

The Carmel Area Wastewater District and the Pebble Beach Community Services District Reclamation Project (Reclamation Project) is included in MPWMD's UWMP non-potable supplies and demands. All suppliers are required to discuss existing and future uses of recycled water. The Reclamation Project can provide over 1,000 AFA, a significant volume in the service area but below the threshold of retail urban water supplier. As the Reclamation Project's only urban water supplier, MPWMD included the Reclamation Project annual volumes in the analysis of non-potable supplies and demands.

The ASR project is also included in the UWMP to ensure stored water is considered a component of the region's water management planning. MPWMD co-owns and manages ASR water rights, owns and operates facilities, and tracks stored ASR water. The annual volume of ASR water handled by MPWMD is less than 3,000 AFY; the UWMP includes ASR as a wholesale potable water supply transferred to the retailer.

BOARD HISTORY: At the February 6, 2025, Water Demand Committee meeting, Staff discussed the requirement for MPWMD to prepare, adopt, and submit an UWMP.

At the May 19, 2025, Board of Directors meeting, the Board authorized Staff to enter into a contract with Kennedy Jenks to prepare the MPWMD UWMP.

At the March 2, 2026 Water Supply Planning Committee meeting, Staff discussed the UWMP requirements and next steps.

INFORMING THE PUBLIC: DWR publishes a guidebook describing the latest required UWMP sections approximately one year in advance of the due date. The draft guidebook was issued in November 2025, and the final guidebook was issued in January 2026. Kennedy Jenks has prepared an internal draft UWMP that is being reviewed by Staff. The Internal Draft UWMP will be ready for review in advance of the April 2026 Board Meeting.

The UWMP must be considered at a public hearing prior to adoption. The Water Code states that every Supplier must notify any city or county within which the Supplier provides water supplies at least 60 days before the UWMP public hearing. On February 10, 2026, Staff notified cities, county departments, neighboring water suppliers, and other land use jurisdictions that a public hearing for the UWMP adoption would be held as early as May 2026. Additionally, in advance of the public hearing, the UWMP will be made available for public inspection and a general notice published pursuant to California Government Code Section 6066.

The adopted UWMP must be submitted to DWR, the California State Library, and any city or county within which water is provided within 30 days of adoption. The final approved UWMP must be made available for public review no later than 30 days after filing a copy with DWR. The public can view other UWMPs at <https://wuedata.water.ca.gov>.

EXHIBIT

None