



**Final Minutes
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
April 21, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Oglesby called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

Amy Anderson
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards
Rebecca Lindor
Karen Paull
Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair

Board Members Absent

George Riley, Chair

District Staff Members Present

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

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Vice Chair Oglesby opened the Oral Communications period, and the following comment was made to the Board:

- 1) Anna Thompson, a resident of Carmel, expressed opposition to CalAm's proposed desalination plant, calling it unnecessary, costly, and harmful to coastal ecosystems. She believes expanding Pure Water Monterey can meet water needs for the next 30 years and advocates for water recycling over desalination. Ms. Thompson insists any future desalination plant should be managed by a public agency focused on community needs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Vice Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

Director Paull pulled Consent Calendar items 7, 8, 9 and 10 for comment. Director Daniels stated she would like to comment on Item 10.

The Board reviewed and discussed the items.

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1 through 6. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Oglesby) and 0 Noes.

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Anderson, to approve Consent Calendar Item 7. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Oglesby) and 0 Noes.

Director Paull offered a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to approve Consent Calendar Items 8 and 9. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Oglesby) and 0 Noes.

Director Paull offered a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to approve Consent Calendar Item 10. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Oglesby) and 0 Noes.

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

- 1. Consider Adoption of Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting of March 17, 2025**
- 2. Consider Authorization to Enter Into a Contract with Telemetrix Consulting Services for Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility Monitoring and Control Systems**
- 3. Authorize Funds to Contract for a Limited-Term Field Position For FY 2025-2026**
- 4. Consider Reclassifying the Meter Coordinator Position to Water Resources Technician Position**
- 5. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for February 2025**
- 6. Consider Authorization of Various Software Maintenance Agreements**
- 7. Consider Authorization to Contract with The Pun Group LLP to Conduct Annual Financial Audits**
- 8. Receive and File District-Wide Annual Water Distribution System Production Summary Report for Water Year 2024**
- 9. Receive and File District-Wide Annual Water Production Summary Report for Water Year 2024**
- 10. Receive Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Mitigation Program Annual Report**

INTRODUCTION OF NEW ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER MIKE MCCULLOUGH

Vice Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

General Manager Stoldt announced that the new Assistant General Manager (AGM), Mike McCullough, is attending his first Board meeting as the new AGM. He reported that the AGM joined the District on April 3rd and has been hitting the ground running. The AGM has been learning about the various work processes and has organized meetings to set up discussions with key entities for lifting of the Cease and Desist Order.

Mike McCullough addressed the Board and expressed his happiness to be with the District. As a resident of the Salinas Valley and Monterey Peninsula for 25 years and having worked with Monterey One Water for 13 years, he thought he knew what the District did on a regular basis. However, it has been an eye-opening experience regarding the depth and breadth of the regulations that the community has embraced over the last 30 years, taking conservation to heart. He commended the District for their foresight on the fishery restoration and habitat stream bank restoration. He emphasized the importance of seeing the environment thrive and expressed his excitement about being part of the District and exploring future possibilities.

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Vice Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

- 11. 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 through a slide-deck presentation titled “Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Basin Decision as of April 1, 2025”. 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

Vice Chair Oglesby introduced the matter.

12. Report From District Counsel

- District Counsel David Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 129 of the meeting packet and provided a brief overview.

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

Vice Chair Oglesby introduced the matter.

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

- Director Paull reported that she, along with Directors Edwards and Riley, attended the Special Districts Association meeting on April 15, 2025. She noted that the guest speaker was Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas, who highlighted legislative updates, federal funding concerns, project costs and resources and the Coastal Commission appointment.

ACTION ITEMS

Vice Chair Oglesby introduced the matter.

14. Consider Removal of 9 Ordinance No. References from the District Website

General Manager Stoldt provided an overview of this item and referenced his report on page 137. The board engaged in discussions.

Vice Chair Oglesby opened the public comment period, and the following comment was made to the Board:

- 1) Melodie Chrislock discussed the return of Water Revenue Adjustment Mechanism (RAM) charges to the State Legislature, despite the CPUC’s rejection. She stated that RAM charges raise water costs and urges awareness of the issue.

A motion was made by Director Daniels, seconded by Director Lindor, to recommend that the Board adopt a policy that Ordinances that are not enacted shall not be posted to the website, nor be maintained in physical copies among the enacted ordinances, and remove the nine presently posted ordinances. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, and Oglesby) and 0 Noes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

15. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000
16. Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System
17. Letters Received and Sent
18. Committee Reports
19. Monthly Allocation Report
20. Water Conservation Program Report for March 2025
21. Carmel River Fishery Report for March 2025
22. Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report
23. 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 OF REGULAR MEETING

Vice Chair Oglesby adjourned the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m., acknowledging Director Riley's attendance via telephone.

ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Oglesby called the Closed Session meeting to order at 7:22 p.m.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

District Counsel Michael Laredo led the Board into Closed Session.

- CS 1. Conference with Legal Counsel - City of Marina, MPWMD, MCWD & Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency v. California Coastal Commission; Cal-Am Real Party; Monterey Superior Court; Case No. #22CV004063

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Vice Chair Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.


Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on May 19, 2025