



**Final Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
August 18, 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

Chair Riley called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Members Present:

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

District Staff Members Absent:

None

District Counsel Present:

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

General Manager Stoldt reported the following:

1. A revised agenda, including changes to the title under Item 8, was distributed to the Board and posted on the District's website.

2. A revised set of minutes (Exhibit 1-A) includes additional information under the Closed Session portion of the meeting, was also distributed to the Board and posted on the District's website.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened the Oral Communications period, during which the following comment was made to the Board:

- 1) Tom Rowley thanked the Board and shared that he received a refund notice related to the water supply charge, from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Lindor requested to pull Item 2 for discussion.

Motion 1:

Director Oglesby offered a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 3 and 4. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

Motion 2:

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to approve Consent Calendar Item 2. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

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

1. **Consider Adoption of the Board Minutes from July 21, 2025, Special and Regular Board Meeting**
2. **Consider Approval of Contribution to the Monterey One Water Pure Water Monterey Expansion Celebration Event**
3. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for June 2025**
4. **Consider Approval of Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

General Manager Dave Stoldt provided an update on this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled "Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Seaside Basin Decision as of August 1, 2025".

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

6. **Recognition of CFO for Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Award**

General Manager Stoldt referred to the information provided in his report on page 29. He announced that the District had been awarded the GFOA Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. He noted that receiving this award was one of the District's adopted strategic objectives.

7. **Results of Summer Splash 2025**

Stephanie Kister Campbell, Conservation Analyst, delivered a slide-deck presentation titled "Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway 6 Recap".

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the item.

8. General Report of Pending Litigation

District Counsel Michael Laredo referred to the litigation report on page 33 of the meeting packet and summarized the ongoing legal matters.

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

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

- Director Riley announced the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) will hold its annual conference from August 25-28 in Monterey.
- Director Edwards thanked Director Riley for attending the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Replenishment Ad Hoc Committee meeting on July 23, 2025.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the item.

10. Update on Strategic Goals and Objectives

General Manager Stoldt referred to his report on page 37 of the meeting packet and presented an item titled "Summary of Status of 2025 District Strategic Goals". He provided updates on the status of Goals #1, #2, 5 and the District's Longer-Term Goals.

Following the update, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

11. Follow-Up on ASR Cooperation Agreement with Marina Coast Water District

General Manager Stoldt referred to his report on page 41 of the meeting packet, provided a follow-up to the July 21, 2025, Board meeting, and presented maps titled: (1) MCWD Distribution System, (2) Seawater Intrusion Map – 400 Foot Aquifer, and (3) Flow Direction in 400 Foot Aquifer.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Riley then opened the public comment period, during which the following comments were made to the Board:

- 1) Tom Rowley shared his experience serving on a regional water task force and highlighted ongoing water shortages in North Monterey County. He questioned the Marina Coast Water District's assertion that it has excess water available. Rowley urged the Board to require verifiable proof before approving any agreements related to water storage or pumping.
- 2) Andy Myrick, representing the City of Seaside, thanked the Board for reviewing the City's submitted letter. He emphasized that all available water is needed for existing planned projects and that no excess is available for Seaside Basin storage. Mr. Myrick stated that water should be prioritized within the Marina Coast Water District boundaries and raised concerns about transferring water from the Salinas Basin to the Seaside Basin. He advocated for full allocation to current district projects before considering new distributions and offered to meet with District staff to provide historical context.

12. Status Report on Acquisition of Monterey Water System

General Manager Stoldt referred to his report on page 45 of the meeting packet and presented a slide-deck titled "Status Report on Acquisition of Monterey Water System". Mr. Stoldt reviewed the District's past actions and outlined next steps in the acquisition process.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were received.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 13. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 14. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 15. Letters Received and Sent**
- 16. Committee Reports**
- 17. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 18. Water Conservation Program Report for July 2025**
- 19. Carmel River Fishery Report for July 2025**
- 20. 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

There being no further business, Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.



Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on September 15, 2025