



**Final Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
August 17, 2026 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 Oglesby called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Ian Oglesby, Chair
Kate Daniels (arrived at 6:07 p.m.)
Alvin Edwards
George Riley
Karen Paull
Marianne Gawain

Board Members Absent:

Rebecca Lindor, Vice-Chair

District Staff Members Present:

David Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative
Services Manager
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Mollie Wooden, Water Demand Manager
Cory Hamilton, Senior Fisheries Biologist

District Counsel Present:

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Oglesby opened the oral communications period; no comments were received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Oglesby introduced the Consent Calendar.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

Director Edwards requested that Items 2 and 3 be pulled for discussion.

Motion 1: Director Riley made a motion, seconded by Director Gawain, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8. The motion passed by voice vote with 5 Ayes (Edwards, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain, and Riley), 0 Noes, and 1 Absent (Daniels).

Motion 2: Director Edwards made a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to approve Consent Calendar Item 2. The motion passed by voice vote with 5 Ayes (Edwards, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain, and Riley), 0 Noes, and 1 Absent (Daniels).

Motion 3: Director Edwards made a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to approve Consent Calendar Item 3. The motion passed by voice vote with 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

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

- 1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on July 20, 2026**
- 2. Recommend an Internship Program and Approve Accompanying Resolution No. 2026-09 Providing Workers' Compensation**
- 3. Consider Recommendation to Approve Contract Amendments for Rutan & Tucker and Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger**
- 4. Consider Update to District Financial Policy and Repeal of Certain Rules Through Subsequent Ordinance**
- 5. Consider Approval of Contribution to National Water Research Institute for Funding Phase 3 of the CalVal Initiative**
- 6. Consider Approving a Scope of Work from the Ferguson Group for Federal Grant Application Services**
- 7. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for June 2026**
- 8. Consider Approval of Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Investment Report**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chair Oglesby introduced the General Manager's Report.

9. General Manager's Report

General Manager David Stoldt reported that water consumption was higher than the prior year, primarily due to dry conditions in March and April. Carmel River use was at 77 percent, Pure Water Monterey supplies were being prioritized, and no stored water had been used. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

10. Recognition of CFO for Government Finance Officers Association Award

Chief Financial Officer Nishil Bali displayed the certificate recognizing the District for excellence in financial reporting and also noted the District's recognition for having no paid claims during the previous five consecutive years.

11. Results for Summer Splash 2026

Water Demand Manager Mollie Wooden reported that Summer Splash participation increased 12 percent over the prior year. District and CalAm newsletters generated the most participation, while boosted Facebook posts also received a strong response.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Oglesby introduced the District Counsel Report.

12. Report from District Counsel - General Report of Pending Litigation

District Counsel Michael Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 53 of the meeting packet and briefly summarized ongoing legal matters.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

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

Chair Oglesby introduced the Directors' Reports.

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

- Director Riley reported that he attended the Special Districts Association of Monterey County's regular quarterly meeting on July 21, 2026.
- Director Gawain reported that she attended the same quarterly meeting for the first time.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Oglesby introduced the public hearing item.

14. Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. 202 – Deleting Rules 18, 19, 19.5, 26, 32, 80, 81, 82, 100, and 129, and Amending Rules 42, 52, 54, 56, 64, 101, 110, 123, 128, and 161

General Manager David Stoldt presented the first reading of Ordinance No. 202, which would delete 10 outdated or reassigned rules and amend 10 others as part of a comprehensive review of the District's rules and regulations. District Counsel will review the proposed changes before the second reading. He noted that the review was timely given the upcoming retirement of a long-term employee with 38 years of institutional knowledge.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

Director Edwards made a motion, seconded by Director Riley, to approve the first reading of Ordinance No. 202. The motion passed by roll call vote with 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Chair Oglesby introduced the discussion items.

15. Discuss Proposed Response to City of Carmel Letter

General Manager David Stoldt discussed requests from the cities of Carmel and Seaside for a formal policy governing additional water allocations. He noted that adopting a policy may be premature pending State Water Resources Control Board action on the cease-and-desist order and meter-setting restrictions. He acknowledged planning representatives present from the County and two cities and requested general direction from the Board.

Chair Oglesby opened the public comment period, during which the following comments were received:

- 1) Brandon Swanson, Acting City Administrator for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, requested collaboration with District staff to develop a predictable water-allocation framework for future planning, particularly housing.
- 2) Andrew Myrick, City of Seaside requested that District staff collaborate with local planning professionals to develop a clear framework for future water allocations.
- 3) Craig Spencer Monterey County Housing and Community Development Director, supported developing a collaborative framework to provide greater certainty for future water allocations needed for housing.
- 4) Tom Rowley, recommended postponing the item until early next year, pending resolution of the cease-and-desist order, and considering historical allocation challenges before establishing a future policy.

16. Update on Strategic Goals and Objectives

Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough presented a midyear update on the District's strategic goals and reported substantial progress on the cease-and-desist order, public ownership, water supply and storage, conservation, rules and regulations, financial health, and ratepayer advocacy.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

17. Update on the Citizen's Water Panel

Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough reported that the first Citizen's Water Panel meeting was well attended and included introductions, District division overviews, and participant questions. The next meeting is scheduled for November 6 and will include additional presentations and a facility tour.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

18. Update on the Cease and Desist Order

General Manager David Stoldt reported that the District's written testimony regarding the cease-and-desist order was complete and would be submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board. The testimony would be provided to the Board and posted on the District's website with introductory context.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS

Chair Oglesby introduced the item and asked if Board members had any comments or questions.

19. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000

20. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System

21. Letters Received and Sent

22. Committee Reports

23. Monthly Allocation Report

24. Water Efficiency Program Report for July 2026

25. Carmel River Fishery Report for July 2026

26. 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 on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.



Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on September 28, 2026.