



**Final Minutes
Water Demand Committee Meeting
Thursday, August 6, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Alvin Edwards
Ian Oglesby (arrived at 1:38 PM)
Marianne Gawain

Committee Members Absent

None

District Staff Members Present

Dave Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Mollie Wooden, Water Demand Manager
Stephanie Locke
Sara Reyes, Board Clerk

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. No comments were received.

Action Items

Chair Edwards introduced the action item.

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from June 4, 2026

On a motion by Gawain, seconded by Edwards, the minutes of the June 4, 2026, committee meeting were approved by the following roll call vote: 2 Ayes (Gawain and Edwards), 0 Noes, and 1 Absent (Oglesby).

Discussion Items

Chair Edwards introduced the discussion items.

2. Update on Summer Splash

Mollie Wooden, Water Demand Manager, reported that Summer Splash participation increased approximately 12 percent over the previous year. Most participants learned about the challenge through MPWMD and Cal-Am emails, while Facebook advertising and outreach through Monterey Bay Parent also increased participation. Winners will be announced in early September after all mail-in entries are received, and staff are coordinating with Cal-Am on the prizes.

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

3. Response to City of Carmel Letter

General Manager Dave Stoldt presented a proposed response to the City of Carmel regarding future

water allocations. He recommended maintaining flexibility in how jurisdictions use their allocations and assessing usage based on issued permits. Additional allocations would be considered as jurisdictions approach their limits, and a formal policy could be developed if directed by the Committee.

Chair Edwards opened the public comment period, during which the following comment was received:

- 1) Andrew Myrick, City of Seaside, expressed concern that the proposed response lacked clear criteria for future water allocations and could discourage jurisdictions from using their existing allocations. He recommended a formal policy allowing allocations to be replenished as permitted water use occurs and requested review by the Technical Advisory Committee before consideration by the Board.

After discussion, the Committee requested that the item be presented to the Board for discussion at its next meeting. Mr. Stoldt added that staff will distribute the proposed response to local planners before the meeting.

Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda

No items were presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 2:02 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Board Clerk to the
MPWMD Water Demand Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Water Demand Committee on October 1, 2026.
Received by the MPWMD Board of Directors on October 19, 2026.