



**Final Minutes
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
December 15, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

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

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Riley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

George Riley, Chair
Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards
Rebecca Lindor
Karen Paull
Marianne Gawain (via Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Members Present:

David Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent:

None

District Counsel Present:

David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period; however, no comments were received.

CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel David Laredo led the Board into Closed Session.

- CS1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, (Pursuant to CA Gov Code Sec. 54957 of the Government Code)
– Title: General Manager

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:03 p.m., the Board recessed to Closed Session.

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riley called the regular session to order at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

George Riley, Chair
Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards
Rebecca Lindor
Karen Paull
Marianne Gawain (via Zoom)

Board Members Absent:

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
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent:

None

District Counsel Present:

David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

REPORT OUT ON CLOSED SESSION FROM DECEMBER 15, 2025

District Counsel David Laredo reported that the Board met in closed session at 5:00 p.m. to conduct a performance evaluation of General Manager David Stoldt. The Board discussed evaluations, provided general direction, and took no reportable action.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened the Oral Communications period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- 1) Susan Schiavone, thanked staff and the Board for their work over the past year, noting the addition of Assistant General Manager, Mike McCullough, praising the new Chief Financial Officer, and recognizing progress on water supply initiatives. She commended the District's clear communication regarding water resources, conservation efforts, legislative advocacy, receipt of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) award, and opposition to SB 473.
- 2) Tom Rowley, reported attending an Airport Land Use Commission meeting on the proposed Tarp Flats housing development and expressed concerns regarding traffic impacts, project compatibility, and the lack of an emergency evacuation plan. He also thanked the Board and referenced the cancellation of the Ordinance 152 water supply charge.
- 3) Melodie Chrislock, announced that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) will hold an in-person public forum on January 13, 2026 regarding California American Water Company's (CalAm) proposed rate

increase request, noting concerns about the small venue at Sand City Hall. She thanked the Board and partner agencies for their work over the past year.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Edwards requested to pull Item 4 for discussion.

Motion 1:

Director Lindor offered a motion, seconded by Director Oglesby, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2 and 3. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

Motion 2:

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to approve Consent Calendar Item 4. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain, 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 the November 17, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for October 2025**
- 3. Review Annual Disclosure Statement of Employee/Board Reimbursements for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**
- 4. Consider Recommendation to Authorize Contract with Freeway Toyota of Hanford for Purchase of Two RAV4s**

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 presented the item using a slide-deck titled "General Manager's Report Item 5: Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Seaside Basin Decision as of December 1, 2025".

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

- 6. Review of Legislative Activities in 2025**

General Manager Stoldt presented this item using a slide-deck titled "Review of Legislative Activities in 2025".

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.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the item.

- 7. General Report of Pending Litigation**

District Counsel David Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 173 of the meeting packet and provided a summary of ongoing legal matters.

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

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

- Director Edwards stated that he will likely not be serving on the Board next year and extended holiday greetings to the Board, staff and community.
- Director Paull announced she attended an in-person court proceeding related to the eminent domain case. She also noted that other Directors observed the hearing remotely.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Riley introduced the item.

9. Consider Adoption of January through March 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, provided information on the item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Consider Adoption of Jan-Mar 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget for California American Water”.

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, during which the following comments were received:

- 1) Tom Rowley commented on recent and anticipated rainfall totals and their implications for annual water supply. He also discussed upcoming developments increasing water demand, and concerns about long-term land use and traffic impacts along Highway 68.
- 2) Susan Schiavone, asked questions about the water budget, including whether excess Pure Water Monterey supply could offset rainfall deficits and whether the District is still considering building additional injection wells for aquifer storage and recovery (ASR).

A motion was made by Director Oglesby, seconded by Director Edwards, to recommend that the Board adopt the January through March 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Riley introduced the item.

10. Consider Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers

General Manager Stoldt provided an overview of the item and referenced the staff report on page 183. The Board discussed the item, and Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, during which the following comments were received:

- 1) Tom Rowley, noted that a 2010 lawsuit led to a long-overdue assessment of Salinas Valley water supply, praising current county coordination and leadership after 15 years.

A motion was made by Director Paull, seconded by Director Edwards, to recommend that the Board authorize the General Manager to sign the MOU as provided. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

11. Consider Approval of Additional Budget for Legal Services from Shute Mihaly & Weinberger

General Manager Stoldt provided a brief overview of the item as shown on page 191. The Board discussed the item, and Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Edwards, seconded by Director Daniels, to recommend that the Board approve an additional budget for Shute Mihaly & Weinberger of \$100,000 under its existing contract. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

12. Review and Consider Adopting the Board Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026 through February 2027

General Manager Stoldt reviewed the 2026 meeting schedule. Director Paull requested changing the September meeting date to avoid Yom Kippur. He advised that the Board Clerk will survey the Board to select a new September meeting date.

Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Lindor, seconded by Director Gawain, to adopt the proposed Board meeting schedule with a modification to select a new September meeting date. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

13. Conduct Election of Board Officers for 2026

General Manager Stoldt reviewed the process for rotation of Board Officers. The Board briefly discussed the item, and Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Riley, seconded by Director Edwards, to confirm the Director Oglesby as Chair and Director Lindor as Vice Chair. General Manager David J. Stoldt was elected to serve as Secretary, and Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager Nishil Bali was elected Treasurer. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.


INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 14. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 15. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 16. Letters Received and Sent**
- 17. Committee Reports**
- 18. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 19. Water Efficiency Program Report**
- 20. Carmel River Fishery Report for November 2025**
- 21. 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 7:34 p.m.


Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on January 26, 2026