



**Final Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
February 24, 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 meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Karen Paull

District Staff Members Present

David Stoldt, 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
Kyle Smith, Conservation Representative II
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

General Manager David Stoldt reported that there were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened the Oral Communications period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Edwards requested Item 2 – Consider Expenditure of Budgeted Funds for Water Conservation Equipment -- be pulled for discussion.

Director Oglesby offered a motion, seconded by Anderson, to approve Consent Calendar items 1, 3, 4, and 5. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Daniels, to approve Consent Calendar Item 2. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

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

- 1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meeting on January 27, 2025**
- 2. Consider Expenditure of Budgeted Funds for Water Conservation Equipment**
- 3. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for December 2024**
- 4. Receive and File Second Quarter Financial Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**
- 5. Consider Approval of the Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report**

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

- General Manager Stoldt called attention to an article in the Monterey Herald highlighting the District’s Environmental Resources fish rescue crew. The article contained pictures of staff rescuing fish in the Carmel River. Acknowledgements were presented by the Board to the staff.
- Mr. Stoldt highlighted Item 19 of the meeting packet – the Water Conservation Program Report for January 2025. He referenced section II.C – Close the Open Permits Project – and stated this is a status report on the amnesty program requested by the Board.

6. 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 February 1, 2025”. The board engaged in discussion. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

7. Update on Water Supply Project

General Manager Stoldt reported that the expansion of Pure Water Monterey remains on schedule despite some minor shutdowns from now through April at the advanced water purification facility in North Marina. The Board engaged in discussions.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

8. Report From District Counsel and Report Out on Closed Session from January 27, 2025

- District Counsel David Laredo reported that the Board met in Closed Session on January 27, 2025, and discussed two items: the General Manager’s Performance Evaluation, which is going to be discussed tonight in open session under Item 11/page 69 – Consider Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Employment of General Manager, and the status of five cases of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association against the District concerning the collection of the waters supply charge. Mr. Laredo reported that no reportable action was taken.
- District Counsel David Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 53 of the meeting packet and provided a brief overview.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

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

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

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

- Director Daniels reported she visited the Carmel River during the weekend and observed how clean and clear it looked.
- Director Edwards reported on his attendance at the Seaside Basin Watermaster meeting on February 5, 2025. He stated his desire to post their Zoom meetings on the District’s YouTube channel.
- Director Riley read into the record his thoughts on the proposed California American Water Desal plant and the outdated estimation of the construction costs.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

10. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-01 Declaring the Week of March 17-23, 2025, to be “Fix A Leak Week”

Kyle Smith, Conservation Representative II, provided an overview of this item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Fix A Leak Week / March 17-23, 2025.” Mr. Smith reminded the Board and the public to identify and repair leaks in homes, businesses, and irrigation systems. He reported that the District offers leak detection kits for toilets, drip gauges for faucets, and WaterSense shower heads.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board:

A motion was made by Director Daniels, seconded by Director Lindor, to adopt Resolution No. 2025-01 declaring the week of March 17th through March 23rd to be Fix a Leak Week. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Oglesby, and Riley), and 0 Noes.

11. Consider Approval of Amendment to Agreement for Employment of General Manager

Chair Riley provided a brief overview of this item and asked the Board to present any questions or changes. The Board engaged in discussion.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Edwards, seconded by Director Anderson, to approve compensation changes as shown in Amendment No. 7 to the Agreement for Employment of General Manager. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

12. Consider Adoption of Mid-Year Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Adjustment

Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/ASD Manager, provided an overview of this item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Consider Adoption of Mid-Year Budget Adjustments for Fiscal Year 2024-2025.” Mr. Bali explained the various aspects of the budget and answered questions from the Board.

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

- (1) Tom Rowley, Vice-President of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, thanked staff for the detailed budget and expressed his satisfaction that the loss of the water supply charge was not adversely affecting District operations.

A motion was made by Director Daniels, seconded by Director Oglesby, to adopt the proposed mid-year budget adjustment for FY 2024-2025. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

13. Consider Approval of District Legislative Advocacy Plan for 2025

General Manager Stoldt provided an overview of his report and the draft 2025 Legislative Advocacy Plan. Mr. Stoldt noted three subtle changes from last year:

- New Senator Adam Schiff for Federal Legislative Advocacy matters
- A priority for the District will be to work on lifting the Cease and Desist Order
- Obtaining information on a bill to allow Special Districts Enforcement Powers with regard to urban water efficiency objectives

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

- (1) Tom Rowley, a Monterey Peninsula resident and retired Navy veteran, emphasized the importance of the District being aware of the Monterey Bay Defense Alliance and supporting the military in the future.

A motion was made by Director Lindor, seconded by Director Edwards, to adopt the proposed 2025 Legislative Advocacy Plan. The motion passed by a voice vote of 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

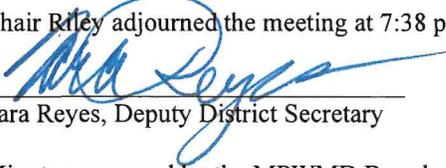
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 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 Conservation Program Report for January 2025**
- 20. Carmel River Fishery Report for January 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

Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.



Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on March 17, 2025