



**FINAL MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Friday, February 25, 2021**

*Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20,
the meeting was conducted with virtual participation via Zoom.*

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm by Chair Edwards.

CALL TO ORDER

Directors Present via Zoom:

Alvin Edwards, - Chair, Division 1
Karen Paull, - Vice-Chair, Division 4
George Riley, Division 2
Safwat Malek, Division 3
Amy Anderson, Division 5
Mary Adams – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Rep.
Clyde Roberson – Mayoral Representative

ROLL CALL

Directors Absent: None

General Manager present: David J. Stoldt

District Counsel present: David Laredo

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

General Manager Stoldt directed attention to Items No. 1, 12 and 21 and advised the board to approve the following additions and corrections to the published agenda.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

Under Consent, Item No. 1: A revised Exhibit 1-A was submitted by the Clerk in advance of the hearing and distributed to the General Manager, Board of Directors and District Counsel. *The final minutes as amended is on file at the district office and can be viewed on the agency website.*

Under Consent, Item No. 12: An administrative oversight was made to Exhibit 12-A and will be revised by the Clerk to strike-out quarterly meetings and insert monthly meetings for the MPWMD Water Supply Planning Committee. *A revised/final version of Exhibit 12-A is on file at the district office and can be viewed on the agency website.*

Under Informational Items/Staff, Item No. 21: An administrative oversight omitting page 2 on a letter received from Amanda Ingham of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration dated January 29, 2021 to Director George Riley. A complete version of the document

was distributed to the General Manager, Board of Directors and District Counsel in advance of the meeting. *A complete version of the document is on file at the district office and can be viewed on the agency website.*

No further additions and/or corrections were made by the Board and members of the public to the published agenda.

A motion was made by Director Mary L. Adams and second by Director Karen Paull to approve the additions and corrections. The motion passed unanimously on a roll-call vote of 7 – 0 by those members present.

No public comment was directed to the board at this time.

Chair Edwards acknowledged Director Riley’s request to pull Item No. 10 from the Consent Calendar to allow for a separate vote and for further discussion with district staff. No further requests were received by Chair Edwards to pull matters off of the Consent Calendar by other board members and members of the public.

A motion was made by Director George Riley and second by Director Karen Paull to approve the consent calendar with the exception of Item No. 10. The motion passed unanimously on a roll-call vote of 7 – 0 by those members present.

Suresh Prasad, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Division Manager and Dave Stoldt, General Manager responded to questions from Director Riley.

No public comment was received for Item No. 10.

A motion was made by Director George Riley and second by Director Karen to approve Item No. 10. The motion passes unanimously on a roll-call vote of 7 – 0 by those members present.

Adopted.

Ratified and appointed Marli Melton, Bill Peake and Kevan Urquhart to serve two-year terms on the Ordinance No. 152 Oversight Panel. GM Manager Stoldt directed attention to a letter received from President Rick Heuer with the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association appointing Rudy Fischer to the panel as a matter of information and required no board action.

Approved

Received and Filed

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Consider Adoption of Minutes from the January 28, 2021 Special Meeting**
2. **Confirm Appointments to Ordinance No. 152 Oversight Panel**
3. **Consider Approval of Expenditure for Purchase of Ford F150 4X4 Truck**
4. **Receive and File Second Quarter Financial Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021**

Approved

5. **Consider Approval of Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Investment Report**

Approved

6. **Direct the General Manager to Enter into a Contract with ZIM Industries to Rehabilitate ASR 1 for an Amount not to Exceed \$113,350**

Elected David Stoldt, General Manager to serve as Secretary and Suresh Prasad, Chief Financial Officer / Administrative Services Manager to serve as Treasurer for Calendar Year 2021.

7. **Election of Secretary and Treasurer for 2021**

Received

8. **Receive Pension Reporting Standards Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68 Accounting Valuation Report**

Received

9. **Receive Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 75 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Other than Pensions**

Adopted

10. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for November 2020**

Adopted

11. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for December 2020**

Adopted

12. **Reconfirm CY2021 Board Committee Assignments for Division 3**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

David J. Stoldt, General Manager (GM) presented, responded to questions from board members and discussed his MS PowerPoint Presentation. *A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the district website.*

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

GM Stoldt explained the actual v. target production tables covering the period from October – January Water Year (WY) 2021 for: (1) MPWRS: Carmel River Basin and Seaside Groundwater Basin and (2) Water Projects and Rights: ASR Recover, Table 13, Pure Water Monterey and Sand City. Stoldt provided an overview of production for customer service for Cal-Am for the same period and noted a 63 acre feet lower difference from the current total vs. in WY2020. GM Stoldt provided an overview of the daily and monthly recorded rainfall for Water Year 2021 at San Clemente Rain Gage: *Monthly-* during the month of January, 2021 the San Clemente Rain Gage received more than 7.96 inches more than double the projected average precipitation and (2) *Daily-* noting the gage is just under 10 inches total with the majority of the rainfall coming in from the spike

received towards the tail end of January, 2021. Lastly, GM Stoldt covered the estimated unimpaired Carmel River Flow at Sleepy Hollow WEIR for WY2021.

District Counsel David Laredo and Fran Farina presented, answered questions from the board and discuss the memo at length provided in the meeting materials to the board.

No public comment was directed to the board on this item.

Chair Edwards acknowledged: (1) GM Stoldt on providing a presentation to League of Women Voters and (2) Monterey One Water Board of Directors for reviewing the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report for Pure Water Monterey Expansion.

Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager and Beverly Chaney, Associate Fisheries Biologist presented, answered questions from the board, discussed and described the need for funds needed at the Rearing Channel Liner at the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility via MS PowerPoint Presentation. *A copy of the presentation is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the district website.*

No public comment was received for this item.

A motion was made by Director Riley and second by Director Roberson to authorize repairs at a Not-to-Exceed cost of \$13,363 and authorizing a mid-year budget adjustment of \$13,363 in line item 2-3-1 A for the general operations and maintenance for the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 6 – 1 by those members present with Director Malek voting No.

GM Stoldt and Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager summarized the staff note and recommended adoption of Resolution No. 2021-01 declaring the week of March 15 – 21, 2021 as Fix a Leak Week.

No public comment was received for this item.

A motion was made by Director Roberson and second by Director Anderson to adopt Resolution 2021-01 a resolution of the Board of Directors declaring March 15 – 21, 2021 to be “Fix a Leak Week.”

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA’s) WaterSense® program promotes its annual Fix A Leak

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

14. **Report on Status of Cal-Am General Rate Case- CPUC A.19-07-004**

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

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

ACTION ITEMS

16. **Consider Expenditure of Funds for the Maintenance and Repair of the Rearing Channel Liner at the Sleepy Hollow Steelhead Rearing Facility**

17. **Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2021-01 Declaring the Week of March 15 – 21, 2021, to be Fix a Leak Week**

Week in March as part of its efforts to encourage Americans to use water efficiently. The District supports the EPA’s program and encourages the immediate repair of every leak. The motion passed unanimously by those members present on a roll call vote of 7 – 0.

David J. Stoldt, General Manager (GM) presented, responded to questions from board members, summarized the staff report and displayed a document. *A copy of the document is on file at the District office and can be viewed on the district website.*

The following comments were directed to the Board during the public comment period on this item:

- (a) **Susan Schiavone:** Thanked GM Stoldt on the report, identified various segments of the working population who may work from home (around 10%) vs those who will work on-site and recommended the board to approve the matter.
- (b) **Tom Rowley:** Cautioned and advise the board to look beyond the data collected a year ago from AMBAG and asked the board to consider other factors that may affect regional growth within Monterey County.
- (c) **John Tilley:** Believes the current demand and supply should be represented by the cost of housing and stressed the need to build up our water supply to sustain local communities.
- (d) **Melodie Chrislock, Public Water Now:** Expressed concerned over comments made by Ian Crooks, Cal-Am at the most recent Monterey One Water meeting over Cal-Am’s view on water storage and demand.

A motion was made by Director Edwards and second by Director Paull to approve an amendment to the report “Supply and Demand for Water on the Monterey Peninsula” adopted in May 2020 to reflect the 2022 AMBAG Regional Growth Forecast. The motion passed unanimously on a vote of 7 – 0 by those members present.

GM Stoldt addressed a comment made at the administrative committee by a member of the public seeking clarification as to whether the expenses related to Measure J are legal expenses of the district. Stoldt provided two reasons for separating this report from operating expenses (1) public transparency and (2) in order to keep track for potential inclusion in the acquisition price for reimbursing reserves. GM Stoldt provided an overview, answered questions from the board and summarized the staff report.

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- (a) **Susan Schiavone:** Questioned if the costs or the \$1.4 million are on par with averages, what is going on locally or if the district considers this a high cost. Schiavone would

- 18. **Consider Adoption of Amendment to the Report “Supply and Demand for Water on the Monterey Peninsula” Adopted in May 2020 to Reflect the 2022 AMBAG Regional Growth Forecast**

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 19. **Status Report on Measure J / Rule 19.8 Phase II Spending**

like to know what the average costs for this type of output.

(b) **Tom Rowley:** Directed attention to an October 29 agenda item on a proposed alternative operating plan where corrections were needed and has not seen a revised report being considered by the board at any meetings since and asked the General Manager to provide an updated report as part further proceedings with the district and LAFCO of Monterey County.

GM Stoldt responded to questions from public. In response to Schiavone, Stoldt explained costs incurred by the district are higher due to extensive CEQA work and additional work on the operations plan. In response to Rowley, Stoldt mentioned the information requested by Rowley will be included in the district's application to LAFCO of Monterey County.

There was no discussion of these items.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS

20. **Report on Activity / Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
21. **Letters Received**
22. **Committee Reports**
23. **Monthly Allocation Report**
24. **Water Conservation Program Report**
25. **Carmel River Fishery Report for February, 2021**
26. **Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**
27. **Monthly Water Supply and California American Water Production Report**
28. **Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report**
29. **Semi-Annual Groundwater Quality Monitoring Report**

Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:37 PM.

ADJOURNMENT



Joel G. Pablo, Deputy District Secretary

Approved by the MPWMD Board of Director's on Monday, April 19, 2021.