



**FINAL MINUTES
Board of Directors – Special Meeting
Friday, January 21, 2022**

Pursuant to AB 361, the meeting was conducted with virtual participation via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Paull at 2:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Directors Present via Zoom:

Karen Paull, Chair – Division 4

Mary L. Adams, Vice-Chair – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative

Alvin Edwards, Director – Division 1

George Riley, Director – Division 2

Safwat Malek, Director – Division 3

Amy Anderson, Director – Division 5

Clyde Roberson, Mayoral Representative

Directors Absent: None

General Manager present: David J. Stoldt

*Staff members present: Suresh Prasad, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Stephanie Kister, Conservation Analyst
Corryn Bennett, Accountant
Joel G. Pablo, Board Clerk
Sara Reyes, Senior Office Specialist*

District Counsel present: David Laredo and Fran Farina with De Lay and Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following comments were directed to the Board during Public Comment:

- a. *Michael Baer*: Provided congratulatory remarks to both incoming Chair Paull and outgoing Chair Edwards. He mentioned to the board his attendance at one of Ron Weitzman's groups featuring special guest speaker and candidate for State Assembly Jon Wizard. Baer brought up a point Wizard mentioned during the meeting and suggested to the board to work with the City of Monterey to capture water from Lake El Estero and expand Aquifer Storage and Recovery Unit.

ACTION ITEM

1. Consider Adopting Draft Resolution No. 2022-01 Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings of All District Legislative Bodies for the Following 30 Days in Accord with the Ralph M. Brown Act and AB 361 (Rivas).

Opened Public Comment; no comments were directed to the board on Item No. 1.

2. A motion was offered by Director Riley with a second by Director Anderson to Adopt Resolution No. 2022-01: Authorizing Remote Teleconferencing Meetings of All District Legislative Bodies for the Following 30 Days in Accord with the Ralph M. Brown Act and AB 361 (Rivas). The motion passed on a roll-call vote of 6-Ayes (Paull, Riley, Malek, Anderson, Roberson and Edwards), 0-Noes and 0-Abstain.

Director Adams was in attendance and no vote was received from her on this matter.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. Discuss and Draft Strategic Goals and Near- and Long-Term Objectives of the District for CY2022.

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided introductory remarks and presented via MS PowerPoint. *A copy of the presentation is on file with the District and can be found on the District website.* Stoldt provided an overview of Dr. Richard Garcia's strategic planning session: Hierarchy of Strategic Planning and noted that the focus of the meeting will be focused on Goals and Objectives of the District.

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- 1) David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided an overview of the six (6) adopted 2021 Goals and sought Board input on continuing, deleting or adding goals moving into 2022 and developing objectives in pursuit of those goals.

Through board deliberation and via Board Consensus, the Board developed the following goals and objectives for the District for Calendar Year 2022, received the following public comments and provided general direction to staff to return to the Full Board at its February 2022 meeting to consider and adopt 2022 Goals/Near-Term and Long-Term Objectives.

Goal No. 1

Goal - Secure a safe, reliable, sustainable, diversified, affordable, legal water supply to the Monterey Peninsula Region.

Near-Term Objectives

- a. As project manager, complete Pure Water Monterey Deep Injection Wells 3 and 4 within the year.
- b. Work on expanding base PWM capacity in 2022
- c. Partner with Monterey One Water to expand the Pure Water Monterey Project.

Long-Term Objectives

- a. Continue implementing Measure J for long-term lower water costs.
- b. Develop plan for lifting CDO & Moratorium

Goal No. 2

Goal - Pursue public ownership of the water distribution system as directed by the voters in Measure J.

Near-Term Objectives

- a. Complete the LAFCO process and, if necessary, seek judicial review of LAFCO decision in 2022.
- b. Update appraisal, make offer, develop findings
- c. Hold a hearing of public necessity in 2022 or 2023.
- d. Develop a public outreach/awareness campaign in support and/or survey in 2022.

Long-Term Objectives

- a. Complete rate study in advance of bench trial.
- b. Initiate bench trial phase in 2023.
- c. Succeed at bench trial phase and move to valuation phase within two years.
- d. Organizational planning for success under Measure J

Director Clyde Roberson left the virtual Zoom meeting at 3:10 p.m.

Opened Public Comment. The following comments were directed to the Board on Goal No. 1 and 2:

George Soneff, Esq. with Manatt, Phelps and Phillips, LLP, *Attorney for California-American Water*: Explained to the board that its goal and pursuit of Measure J has high unrealistic costs, time-estimate, and planning issues. He also asked the board to consider this goal and consider if it would undermine other district goals being discussed.

Michael Baer: In response to Mr. Soneff, Baer reminded Soneff that Measure J is voter approved initiative, the rationale for its passage and the board's action on this matter.

Marli Melton: Provided remarks on the Districts public outreach goal and stressed the need for a good public relations team

Goal No. 3

Goal - Be a regional leader on water issues, continue to raise the District profile and instill public trust.

Near-Term Objectives

- a. Resolve the Water for Housing initiative at SWRCB in 2022; Address 2022 RHNA #s
- b. Coordinate on regional issues with other water agencies quarterly or more often; and participate in regional water discussions/forums
- c. Be the knowledgeable source for reliable information on supply, demand, drought, and other local water issues needed by public, media, and regulators.
- d. Bring the Salinas and Carmel River Basins study to completion within a year.
- e. Coordinate/Communicate w/ Salinas Valley GSA

Long-Term Objectives

- a. Maintain leadership of the Integrated Regional Water Management Program (IRWM) process.
- b. Continue to coordinate on regional issues with other water agencies.
- c. Be the knowledgeable source for reliable information on supply, demand, drought, and other local water issues.

Opened Public Comment: No Comments were directed to the Board on Goal No. 3 and 4

Goal No. 4

Goal - Plan for long-range surface and groundwater resource needs.

Near-Term Objectives

- a. Bring Los Padres Dam Alternatives study to a conclusion within a year.
- b. Address Seaside Basin protective water levels
- c. Evaluate/update Carmel River pumpers load and Rule 160-164 impacts
- d. Update description of supplies, projects, WSC and User Fee on Website

Long-Term Objectives

- a. Assess climate change impacts on local water supplies, primarily through completion of Basin Study.
- b. Work with watermaster and affected parties on replenishment and protective water levels in Seaside Groundwater Basin. Explore possibilities of public funding for replenishment or protective water levels.
- c. Continue discussion of regional desalination options, and other regional water supply options
- d. Leverage funding sources federal & state

Goal No. 5

Goal - Protect and enhance the District's financial resources.

Near-Term Objectives

- a. Receive GFOA award for annual comprehensive financial report (ACFR) for 2022
- b. Maintain CSDA transparency certificate of compliance in 2022.
- c. Continue to develop strategy for PERS and OPEB liabilities in 2022-23 budget.
- d. Pay down a portion of the Mechanics Bank loan in July/August 2022.
- e. Improve asset management documentation and funding in Capital Improvement Plan for 2022-23 budget.
- f. Place all financial documents (Audit, Budget, other) online within 1 month of adoption.

Long-Term Objectives

- a. Implement the Board's policy to use surplus User Fee revenue to (i) pay down the Mechanic's Bank loan, (ii) repay other District reserves used for water supply projects, and (iii) sunset a portion of the Water Supply Charge. Identify potential competing uses for "surplus" User Fee and determine timeline.

Goal No. 6

Goal - Promote and enhance organizational efficiency and effectiveness.

Near-Term Objectives

- a. Discuss implementation of an employee hybrid remote work schedule.
- b. Determine the type of support needed in GM office. Create position and fill it by year end.

Long-Term Objectives

- a. Continue to develop electronic documents library and migrate data.
- b. Develop sustainability plan for District assets and practices.

Goal No. 7 (New Goal)

Goal – Overhaul Public Outreach Effort

Near-Term Objectives

- a. Public awareness of all District activities
- b. Support Measure J milestones
- c. Determine new District Public Outreach model and budget

Long-Term Objectives

- a. Resolve newsletter product
- b. Resolve email communications
- c. Make social media more consistent and orderly

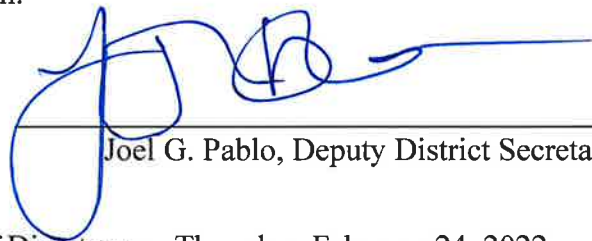
- d. Determine need, timing, and budget for website update

Opened Public Comment: The following comments were directed to the Board

John Tilley: Stated prior boards approved the Water Supply Project (WSP) Agreement and noted the WSP has been bypassed by the current board in its pursuit of Measure J. Tilley brought up water for housing issues and his concern for District revenues/expenditures on matters unrelated to capital improvement projects / water supply projects.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Paull adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.



Joel G. Pablo, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on Thursday, February 24, 2022