



MINUTES
Special Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
January 28, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 pm. Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-29-20 and N-33-20, the meeting was conducted with virtual participation via Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER

Directors Present via Zoom:

Alvin Edwards, – Chair, Division 1
Karen Paull – Vice Chair, Division 4
George Riley – Division 2
Vacant – 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

No Changes

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

No comments were directed to the Board during Oral Communications.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

By consensus, the Board confirmed receipt of and reviewed Letters of Nominations and Statement of Qualifications from those persons interested to serve as Director Division 3. No public comments were directed to the Board during the public comment period on this item.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Review Letters of Nomination and Statement of Qualifications Received from Persons Interested to Serve as Director Division 3

The Board received an opening statement, interviewed, and heard closing statements from each of the candidates. The board received public comment and proceeded to take action.

2. Consider Method of Replacement- Select Appointee or Conduct Election in Voter Division 3

The Directors offered a nomination and three (3) motions for selection of the Division 3 representative.

Motion 1: Director George Riley offered a motion to reopen the nomination process and expand the applicant pool for review before February 12, 2021. Motioned failed with the absence of a second.

Director George Riley offered a nomination to appoint Safwat Malek.

Motion 2: Upon motion of Director George Riley, second by Director Alvin Edwards seeking to close nominations. The motion carried and passed unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Motion 3: Upon motion of Director Amy Anderson, second by Board Supervisor Representative Mary L. Adams to approve the nomination of Safwat Malek. The motion carried and passed unanimously by a vote of 6 – 0.

Public Comment: (a) **Melodie Chrislock** recommended the appointment of Safwat Malek. (b) **Luke Coletti**, resident of the City of Pacific Grove, recommended the appointment of James Derbin. (c) **Susan Schiavone** urged the board to evaluate its choice in light of the current goals and legal mandates. She supports a candidate who can consider future development needs and projects that are sustainable and environmentally appropriate. Policies and decisions must include demographic, growth, impacts on climate change, environmental justice and stewardship of those resources as managed by MPWMD. She recommended the appointment of Safwat Malek. (d) **Anna Thompson** expressed support for a candidate who is trustworthy, supports sustainability, Public Water Monterey and public ownership of the water system. She recommended the appointment of Safwat Malek who meets the qualifications and acknowledged other highly qualified applicants.

Safwat Malek was unavailable at the time of hearing for Chair or Staff to Administer the Oath of Office

IF APPOINTED, ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO DIRECTOR DIVISION 3

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm

ADJOURNMENT



Joel G. Pablo, Deputy District Secretary

Adopted on February 25, 2021 by the MPWMD
Board of Directors