



**Final Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
July 20, 2026 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 Oglesby called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

Ian Oglesby, Chair
Rebecca Lindor, Vice-Chair
Alvin Edwards
George Riley
Karen Paull
Marianne Gawain

Board Members Absent:

Kate Daniels

District Staff Members Present:

David Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative
Services Manager
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Mollie Wooden, Water Demand Manager
Cory Hamilton, Senior Fisheries Biologist

District Counsel Present:

Michael 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 a revised Item 7 and Exhibit 7-A had been distributed in advance of the meeting. He also noted that revised Item 2 had been distributed to reflect a correction to the total disbursement amount for May 2026, and that typographical edits had been made to Exhibit 2-C and Item 11.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Oglesby opened the Oral Communications period; however, no comments were received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

Chair Oglesby opened Public Comment; however, no comments were received.

Director Paull made a motion, seconded by Director Gawain, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by voice vote, 6 Ayes (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 Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 15, 2026**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for May 2026**
- 3. Consider Approval of the 2026 Annual Memorandum of Agreement for Releases from Los Padres Reservoir Among California American Water, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

4. General Manager's Report

General Manager David Stoldt reported that correspondence from the City of Carmel would be addressed by the Water Demand Committee. He stated that water supply and demand were tracking well, with no unusual demand trends and total storage near 9,300 acre-feet, representing more than one year of system demand. The presentation is available on the District's website.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

5. Report on Action taken During the Special Closed Session Meeting on July 14, 2026; and General Report on Pending Litigation

District Counsel Michael Laredo reported that, during the July 14, 2026, closed session, the Board, with Director Daniels absent, unanimously directed staff to participate in a joint lawsuit against the State Lands Commission.

Counsel Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 31 of the meeting packet and briefly summarized ongoing legal matters.

Chair Oglesby opened Public Comment, and the following comments were received:

- 1) Tom Rowley expressed concern about the District's legal expenses and ongoing litigation and urged the Board to consider ending certain legal proceedings to conserve resources.
- 2) Susan Schiavone expressed support for the District's legal efforts, including the Cal-Am acquisition process and actions related to Cal-Am's desalination project, and disagreed with suggestions to discontinue those efforts.

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

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

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

- Director Riley reported attending a two-hour Financial Management training conducted by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA).

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

7. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-08—Calling an Election for Directors in Voter Divisions 1, 2, and 5 on November 3, 2026, and Approval of a Services Agreement with the County of Monterey Elections Department

General Manager Dave Stoldt provided a brief overview and answered questions from the Board.

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

Director Edwards made a motion, seconded by Director Paull to adopt Resolution No. 2026-08 and authorize the General Manager to enter into a services agreement with the Monterey County Elections Department to conduct the election. The motion passed by voice vote, with 6 Ayes (Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

8. Consider Approval of a Scope of Work with Denise Duffy & Associates for Coastal Monitoring Well CEQA Services

Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough provided an overview. Water Resources Manager Jonathan Lear reported that staff proposed five coastal monitoring wells to improve groundwater monitoring and protect Seaside Groundwater Basin assets. The Board discussed the proposal. The presentation is available on the District's website.

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

Director Lindor made a motion, seconded by Director Riley, to approve a professional agreement with Denise Duffy & Associates for Coastal Monitoring Well CEQA and permitting services in an amount not to exceed \$121,000. The motion passed by voice vote, with 6 Ayes (Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Gawain, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Chair Oglesby introduced the item.

9. Update on the Cease and Desist Order

General Manager David Stoldt reported that the State Water Board would hold a hearing on proposed modifications to the Cease and Desist Order, including relief from the moratorium on new water meters and conditions for reinstating it. Written testimony and exhibits are due August 19, and a hybrid public participation meeting is scheduled for November 5, and the record will close November 10. A decision is expected after the first of the year.

Chair Oglesby opened the Public Comment period, during which the following comment was received:

- 1) Susan Schiavone thanked the District and Director Edwards for advancing the proposed CDO modification and expressed interest in supporting future public participation efforts.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS

Chair Oglesby introduced the item and asked if Board members had any comments or questions.

- 10. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 11. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 12. Letters Received and Sent**
- 13. Committee Reports**
- 14. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 15. Water Efficiency Program Report for June 2026**
- 16. Carmel River Fishery Report for June 2026**
- 17. Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report**
- 18. 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 on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 7:02 p.m.



Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on August 17, 2026.