



**Final Minutes
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
July 21, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.**

Meeting Location: District Office, Main Conference Room
5 Harris Court, Building G, Monterey, CA 93940 AND
By Teleconferencing Means - Zoom

CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair George Riley called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

George Riley, Chair
Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
Amy Anderson (via Zoom)
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards (via Zoom)
Rebecca Lindor
Karen Paull

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Members Present:

Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent:

David Stoldt, General Manager

District Counsel Present:

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

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

CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Michael Laredo led the Board into Closed Session.

- CS 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§54956.9(d)(1)), City of Marina; MPWMD, et al, v. California Coastal Commission (CCC); Cal-Am; 22CV004063

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:03 p.m., the Board recessed to Closed Session.

A motion was made by Director Lindor, seconded by Director Paull, to join an appeal of the trial court decision in the City of Marina; MPWMD, et al v. California Coastal Commission (Case No. 22CV004063). The motion passed by a roll call vote with 6 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 1 Noes (Edwards).

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riley called the regular session to order at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

George Riley, Chair
Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
Amy Anderson (via Zoom)
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards (via Zoom)
Rebecca Lindor
Karen Paull

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Members Present:

Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative
Services Manager
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent:

David Stoldt, General Manager

District Counsel Present:

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
Fran Farina, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened the Oral Communications period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- 1) Tom Rowley, representing the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association and his neighborhood association, criticized the Board for overlooking projected water demand from upcoming developments and urged more attention to long-term planning.
- 2) Michael Baer raised a question regarding the relevance of the Apple Valley case to the California American Water (Cal-Am) acquisition and requested further clarification from Legal Counsel on how the case might potentially impact or delay the acquisition process.
- 3) Susan Schiavone affirmed the credibility of AMBAG's regional forecast, noting slower growth or population decline. She raised concerns about inflated tourism projections due to federal travel policies, supported current planning efforts, and urged action against misinformation.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Paull offered a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed

by a roll call vote of 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

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

- 1. Consider Adoption of the Board Minutes from the June 16, 2025 Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for May 2025**
- 3. Consider Approval of 2025 Annual Memorandum of Agreement For Releases From Los Padres Reservoir Among California American Water, California Department Of Fish And Wildlife, And Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough 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 July 1, 2025".

Following the presentation, the board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District's website.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the item.

5. General Report of Pending Litigation and Closed Session Report from July 21, 2025

District Counsel Michael Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 31 of the meeting packet and provided a summary of ongoing legal matters. He also reported on actions taken during the Closed Session meeting.

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

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

Director Paull made the following announcements:

- She and Director Riley attended the Special Districts Association of Monterey County Quarterly meeting on July 15.
- The California Special Districts Association (CSDA) will hold its annual conference in Monterey from August 25-28, featuring sessions on LAFCO roles, management training, and legal updates (e.g., Brown Act reform).
- The Monterey County Weekly will publish a feature on Special Districts in July.

Director Riley presented an excerpt from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) Code along with a personal statement analyzing its implications for local water issues. He clarified that the statement was provided for informational purposes only and was not intended to prompt discussion or Board action.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Riley introduced the item.

7. Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 198 – Amending Definitions and Permit Processes

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager, provided information on this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled "Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 198, Amending Definitions and Permit Processes".

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the

District's website.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were received.

A motion was made by Director Oglesby, seconded by Director Paull, to recommend that the Board adopt Ordinance No. 198. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the item.

8. Consider Directing Staff to Negotiate a Draft Agreement with Marina Coast Water District for Aquifer Storage and Recovery Cooperation

Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager, provided a brief presentation on a potential collaboration with Marina Cost Water District, as outlined on page 59 of the meeting packet.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion.

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

- 1) Susan Schiavone reported that the Watermaster has been holding Ad Hoc meetings during which a presentation was made about the proposed water storage project. She suggested that additional details may be available in the Watermaster's meeting minutes and encouraged staff to review those materials for further context.

The Board agreed that no formal motion was needed at this time but emphasized the need for continued updates and timely follow-up, with a tentative report expected next month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the item.

9. Update on California Public Utilities Commission A.21-11-024 Phase 2 (Supply and Demand) Proceeding

Legal Counsel Michael Laredo reported that Legal Counsel Fran Farina has been leading the matter and directed the Board to page 65 of the meeting packet for reference.

Fran Farina provided a summary of the current proposed decision and what are the next steps for the CPUC when hearing the Phase 2 decision on the consent agenda for Thursday, July 24.

Following the update, the Board engaged in discussion.

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

- 1) Tom Rowley, speaking as a Monterey resident, expressed frustration with long-term water conservation and voiced support for building a desalination plant to improve supply.
- 2) Marli Melton thanked the Board for its efforts and asked whether approval of the proposed CPUC decision would allow Cal-Am to proceed with its desalination project.
- 3) Susan Schiavone expressed concern about high water costs and their impact on landscaping. She opposed the current desalination proposal, calling it outdated, and encouraged the public to submit comments to the CPUC.

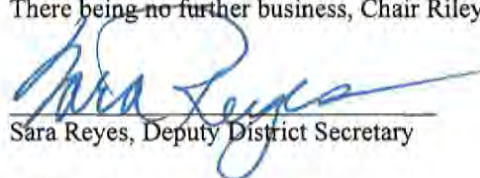
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 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 Conservation Program Report for June 2025**
- 16. Carmel River Fishery Report for June 2025**
- 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 can be found on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Riley adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.



Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on August 18, 2025