



**Final Minutes
Water Demand Committee Meeting
Thursday, June 4, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.
Meeting Location: Zoom**

Call to Order / Roll Call

Chair Edwards called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present

Alvin Edwards
Ian Oglesby
Marianne Gawain

Committee Members Absent

None

District Staff Members Present

Dave Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Mollie Wooden, Water Demand Manager
Stephanie Locke
Sara Reyes, Board Clerk

District Counsel Present

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

Additions and Corrections to the Agenda

None

Comments from the Public

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

Action Items

Chair Edwards introduced the item.

1. Consider Adoption of Committee Meeting Minutes from April 2, 2026

On a motion by Gawain, seconded by Oglesby, the minutes of the April 2, 2026, committee meeting were approved by a voice vote of 3 Ayes (Oglesby, Gawain, and Edwards) and 0 Noes.

2. Discuss Policy Questions Related to Upcoming Amendments to Rules and Regulations

Stephanie Locke presented the item and reported that the Committee was asked to provide policy direction on potential updates to water permit and efficiency requirements. Topics included expanding deed restrictions to all water permits, requiring high-efficiency appliances, such as dishwashers, clothes washers, and toilets, and considering rebates or credits. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Edwards opened the public comment period, during which the following comment was received:

- 1) Andrew Myrick representing the City of Seaside, expressed support for the Committee's approach but cautioned that requiring new appliances could disproportionately burden households that do not currently have dishwashers or clothes washers, raising equity concerns. He encouraged the Committee to consider this issue as discussions proceed to the Technical Advisory Committee.

Discussion Items

Chair Edwards introduced this item.

3. Personnel Update

Mollie Wooden introduced herself to the Committee as the new Water Demand Manager. She shared recent staffing changes and noted that efforts are underway to hire an inspector to maintain service and compliance.

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

4. Summary of Jurisdictional Water Allocation Policies

General Manager Dave Stoldt presented this item and referenced his report in the meeting packet. He highlighted recent jurisdictional policies and positions, noting the County's proposed policy remains under consideration and is prescriptive in defining development limits (e.g., size, bathrooms, and fixture counts). He also noted that the City of Monterey is not currently releasing water allocations pending State Water Board action, which is affecting business expansions, remodels, and residential projects. Staff will work to improve online access to this information.

Chair Edwards opened the public comment period, during which the following comments were received:

- 1) Monique Olson, a Monterey resident and property owner expressed frustration over the City of Monterey eliminating the water waiting list without clear notice. She stated her previously approved single-family project is now disadvantaged by the city's prioritization of affordable housing for water allocations. She urged reconsideration of policies to prioritize individuals who were on the waiting list, citing fairness concerns and feeling excluded from the current process.
- 2) Andrew Myrick, City of Seaside, noted concerns that jurisdictions may appear underutilizing water due to allocation strategies aimed at reserving supply for future priority projects. He suggested a potential policy allowing water allocations to be replenished incrementally as projects are completed, rather than waiting until allocations are fully depleted. This approach could provide greater flexibility and confidence in approving smaller projects, and he recommended further discussion at a Technical Advisory Committee meeting.

5. Update on Application to Modify CDO

Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager provided a verbal update on efforts related to the Cease and Desist Order, including meeting with Senator John Laird, submitting correspondence and supplemental materials (including the Urban Water Management Plan) to the State Water Resources Control Board, and raising procedural questions. Despite these efforts, the District has not yet received any response or confirmation from the State Water Board.

6. Status of SB 1139 (Non-Functional Turf Enforcement)

Mike McCullough, reported that the Assembly Committee on Water, Parks, and Wildlife is scheduled to hear the bill on June 16 at 9:00 a.m. The General Manager is expected to attend in person and provide public comment as needed. Staff have communicated with a committee staffer and provided additional information on the bill but have not received further feedback. Preparations are underway, and the hearing is expected to proceed as scheduled.

7. Update on Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway Event

Stephanie Kister Campbell, Water Demand Analyst, outlined plans for the 7th annual Summer Splash game, launching July 1, focused on Global Water Use. The program includes interactive online

activities and videos, culminating in a personal water footprint calculator. Game materials are being updated with new graphics, and prizes remain similar to prior years to encourage participation. An image of the gameboard was shared with the Committee and is available on the District's website.

8. Update on Mulch Madness Event

Stephanie Kister Campbell reported plans for a fall mulch distribution event, likely in October, with the exact date to be determined based on staffing. The half-day event allows residents to receive free mulch in an efficient drive-through format, either by truckload or bagged options.

9. Update on Rosie's Garden Project

Kyle Smith, Water Demand Analyst, provided an update on the Rosie's Garden Project, noting that the Board approved funding in October 2025. He shared before, during, and after photos of the completed project. The full presentation is available on the District's website.

Suggest Items to Be Placed on a Future Agenda

No items were presented.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m.

/s/ Sara Reyes

Sara Reyes, Board Clerk to the
MPWMD Water Demand Committee

Approved by the MPWMD Water Demand Committee on August 6, 2026.

Received by the MPWMD Board of Director's on August 17, 2026.