



**Final Minutes
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
May 19, 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 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Members Present:

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

District Staff Members Absent:

None

District Counsel Present:

David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
Fran Farina, 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 David Laredo led the Board into Closed Session.

- CS 1. Conference with Legal Counsel – Threatened Litigation [Pursuant to CA Gov Code (§ 54956.9 (a))]
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) v. State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) - Case No. 2010-10-CV163328
- CS 2. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation [Pursuant to CA Gov Code (§54956.9(d)(1))], City of Marina; MPWMD, et al, v. California Coastal Commission (CCC); Cal-Am; 22CV004063

- CS 3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation [Pursuant to CA Gov Code (§54956.9) California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) – Case No. A. 21-11-024

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

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

REGULAR SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riley called the regular session to order at 6:06 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

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

Board Members Absent:

None

District Staff Members Present:

David Stoldt, General Manager
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:

None

District Counsel Present:

David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
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; however, no comments were received.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Edwards pulled Consent Calendar items 6, 7 and 8 for comment. The Board reviewed and discussed these matters.

Director Oglesby offered a motion, seconded by Director Edwards, to approve Consent Calendar Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11 and 12. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

Director Edwards offered a motion, seconded by Director Riley, to approve Consent Calendar Items 6, 7 and 8. The motion passed by a voice 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 Minutes from the April 21, 2025 Special and Regular Board Meeting**
- 2. Consider Approval of Funding for Outreach Event “Summer Splash Water Challenge Giveaway 6”**
- 3. Consider Approval of Funding and Continuation of the “Mulch Madness” Conservation Promotion**
- 4. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with CoreLogic Information Solutions, Inc. to Support Demand Management Programs**
- 5. Consider Recommendation to Authorize a Contract with Corporation Service Company – Recording Fees**
- 6. Consider Contract for Public Outreach Services with WellmanAd for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**
- 7. Consider Renewal of Contract with JEA & Associates for Legislative and Administrative Services**
- 8. Consider Renewal of Contract with Ferguson Group for Legislative and Administrative Services**
- 9. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for March 2025**
- 10. Receive and File Third Quarter Financial Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2024-2025**
- 11. Consider Approval of Third Quarter Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Investment Report**
- 12. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2025-02 Establishing Article XIII (B) Fiscal Year 2025-2026**

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

General Manager Stoldt 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 May 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.

14. General Report of Pending Litigation and Closed Session Report from April 21 and May 19, 2025

District Counsel David Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 75 of the meeting packet and provided a summary of ongoing legal matters. He also reported on actions taken during the Closed Session meetings.

With respect to Item CS-3 from May 19, 2025 Closed Session, the Board voted unanimously (7-0) to:

1. File comments and reply comments with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and
2. Conduct ex-parte meetings with CPUC commissioners and their advisors to communicate the District’s position.

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

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

- Directors Lindor, Paull, Riley, and Daniels reported attending the ACWA Spring Conference in Monterey on May 14-15, 2025. The Board members noted it was a well-attended event and expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to participate.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Riley introduced the item.

16. Receive and Confirm Water Supply Forecast for Period of May 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026 and Consider Adopting Draft Resolution No. 2025-03 to Amend Rationing Table XV-4

Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, provided information on this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Receive and Confirm Water Supply Forecast for May 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 Period”.

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 Daniels, seconded by Director Paull, to recommend that the Board receive the water supply forecast for the May 1, 2025 through September 30, 2026 period and adopt Resolution No. 2025-03 to amend Rationing Table (XV-4). The motion passed by a voice vote with 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

17. Hold a Public Hearing on Annual Status of Vacancies, Recruitment, and Retention Efforts Pursuant to Government Code Section 3502.3.

Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager, provided information on this agenda item and referred to the staff report on page 97.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion.

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

The Board agreed to accept the report.

ACTION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the item.

18. Consider Authorization to Contract with Kennedy Jenks for Urban Water Management Plan Services

Maureen Hamilton, District Engineer, provided an overview of the District’s obligation to develop an Urban Water Management Plan (UWMP), as required by state law due to the District’s role in wholesaling 3,000 acre-feet per year of indirect potable reuse water to California American Water under Pure Water Monterey project. This classification designates the District as an urban water retailer, thereby triggering the requirement to prepare a UWMP. Ms. Hamilton outlined the components of the UWMP and noted that much of the required content is already in practice due to the District’s existing regulatory responsibilities. The first official UWMP is due by July 1, 2026.

Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion.

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

A motion was made by Director Edwards, seconded by Director Daniels, to recommend that the Board consider authorizing a contract with Kennedy Jenks for Urban Water Management Plan services in the amount of \$122,600 plus a 10% contingency, a total not-to-exceed an amount of \$134,860. The motion passed by a voice vote with 7 Ayes (Anderson, Daniels, Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Chair Riley introduced the item.

19. Follow-Up on Watermaster Board Workshop on April 2, 2025 and Water Supply Planning Committee Discussion from May 5, 2025

General Manager Stoldt updated the Board on the modeling results related to water movement in the northern Seaside Basin. The findings indicate that while water isn't leaking across the hydrologic divide, it may be moving across the adjudicated boundary but still staying within the basin, potentially helping to mitigate seawater intrusion.

The Watermaster responded with a presentation that raised concerns about how the District's position was represented. In response, District staff prepared a summary of their role and interactions with the Seaside Groundwater Basin. Mr. Stoldt then asked the Board to consider whether further communication with the Watermaster is necessary.

General Manager Stoldt invited District Engineer Maureen Hamilton to present her talk titled "MPWMD and the Seaside Groundwater Basin". Ms. Hamilton made the following points, among others:

- Highlighted the District's long-standing investment in groundwater monitoring. This includes over 30 dedicated monitoring wells and participation in the California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) program. In addition, the District monitors 21 other wells and has collected groundwater level and quality data for more than 45 years.
- Emphasized the importance of water quality, particularly electrical conductivity, which serves as a key indicator of seawater intrusion. This metric is recognized in both the Seaside Basin Management Plan and the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
- Reviewed the development of the Aquifer Storage Recovery (ASR) program, which began in the 1980s. She also discussed ongoing tracer studies used to track water movement within the Basin.
- Noted that the District continues to support updates to the Seaside Basin groundwater model, with funding included in the upcoming fiscal year's budget.

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

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 20. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 21. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 22. Letters Received and Sent**
- 23. Committee Reports**
- 24. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 25. Water Conservation Program Report for April 2025**
- 26. Carmel River Fishery Report for April 2025**
- 27. 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 8:21 p.m.


Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on June 16, 2025