



**Final Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
November 17, 2025 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 Riley called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:

George Riley, Chair
Ian Oglesby, Vice-Chair
Alvin Edwards
Rebecca Lindor
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
Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources
Manager

District Counsel Present:

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY/ADMINISTER ATH OF OFFICE TO:

Marianne Gawain, District 5

Chair Riley introduced this item and asked General Manager Stoldt a few procedural questions. General Manager Stoldt explained that the new Board member completed her District orientation on November 5 at the District office and was sworn in by the Board Clerk. He noted that the Board should now formally welcome her and publicly announce her appointment to ensure her name is recognized.

Chair Riley and the Board then proceeded with welcoming Director Gawain, and Chair Riley announced he has appointed her to serve on the committees previously assigned to the former Division 5 Director until the 2026 meeting schedules are developed.

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 Paull offered a motion, seconded by Director Lindor, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by a voice vote of 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 the Board Minutes from October 20, 2025 Regular Meeting**
- 2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for September 2025**
- 3. Receive and File First Quarter Financial Activity Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026**
- 4. Consider Approval of First Quarter Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Investment Report**

GENERAL MANAGER’S REPORT

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

General Manager Dave Stoldt presented a slide presentation titled “General Manager’s Report Item 5: Status Report on Cal-Am Compliance with SWRCB Orders and Seaside Basin Decision as of November 1, 2025”.

General Manager Stoldt reported that the Carmel River and Seaside basins are slightly below target due to increased Pure Water Monterey deliveries and the ramp-up of the expansion project. Following the presentation, the Board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available on the District’s website.

6. Report on Sleepy Hollow Tour

Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough presented a slide presentation titled “General Manager’s Report Item 6: Report on Sleepy Hollow Tour”.

Assistant General Manager McCullough reported that District staff hosted a tour for 27 Department of Water Resources managers and supervisors during their staff retreat in Monterey on October 28th. The tour included District projects, the Sleepy Hollow Fish Facility, ASR site, and Pure Water Monterey facilities. The visit was well received and provided an opportunity to showcase District operations and foster collaboration. 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.

7. General Report of Pending Litigation

District Counsel David Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 37 of the meeting packet and provided a summary of ongoing legal matters.

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

Chair Riley introduced the item.

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

- Director Edwards reported attending the Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster meeting on November 5, noting that the budget was approved and recruitment is underway for an administrative position to replace Laura Paxton, who is retiring after 20 years of service.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Riley introduced the item.

9. Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 199 – Amending Rule 142.1, Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager, provided information on this item through a slide presentation titled “Consider Second Reading & Adoption of Ordinance No. 199 – Amending Rule 142.1, Water Efficient Landscape Requirements”.

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 Edwards, seconded by Director Paull, to recommend that the Board adopt the ordinance on second reading. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 6 Ayes (Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain and Riley) and 0 Noes.

ACTION ITEM

Chair Riley introduced the item.

10. Receive Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report

Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager, provided an overview of this item through a slide presentation titled "Receive Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR)". Additionally, Marina Youssef, Assurance Manager with The Pun Group LLP, presented a slide presentation titled "Presentation to the Board of Directors for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025".

Following the presentations, the Board engaged in discussion. Copies of the presentations are available on the District’s website.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were received. The Board received the Fiscal Year 2024–2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report, and no further action was required.

11. Consider Recommendation to Adopt Proposed Financial Policies

Nishil Bali provided an overview of this item through a slide presentation titled “Item 11 Proposed Financial Policies”.

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

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

A motion was made by Director Oglesby, seconded by Director Lindor, to adopt the proposed Financial Policies with the agreed-upon modifications. The motion passed unanimously with 6 Ayes (Edwards, Lindor, Paull, Oglesby, Gawain and Riley) and 0 Noes.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

12. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000

13. Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System


14. Status Report on Legal Services Activity for Fiscal Year 2024-2025

- 15. Letters Received and Sent
- 16. Committee Reports
- 17. Monthly Allocation Report
- 18. Water Efficiency Program Report
- 19. Carmel River Fishery Report for October 2025
- 20. 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 7:51 p.m.


Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on December 15, 2025.