



**Final Minutes
Special Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
Monday, October 10, 2022**

As a precaution to protect public health and safety, and pursuant to provisions of AB 361 (Rivas), this meeting was conducted via Zoom Video/Teleconference only.

Chair Paull called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Directors Present via Zoom:

Karen Paull, Chair – Division 4
Mary L. Adams, Vice Chair – Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative
Alvin Edwards – Division 1
George Riley – Division 2
Safwat Malek – Division 3
Amy Anderson – Division 5
Clyde Roberson – Mayoral Representative

ROLL CALL

Directors Absent: None

General Manager Present: David J. Stoldt

District Counsel Present: David C. Laredo and Fran Farina with De Lay and Laredo

None

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA BY THE GENERAL MANAGER

ACTION ITEMS

David J. Stoldt, General Manager provided a brief overview of his staff report, the draft agreement with Wellman Ad and *as found in the agenda meeting packet*. Stoldt briefly covered language found on the Exhibit 1-A (Page 4, Section 12: Interest of Agency) precluding Wellman from campaigning for a candidate seeking to be on the MPWMD Board of Directors during his contract term. Stoldt, General Manager; David C. Laredo, District Counsel; and Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager answered questions from the Board of Director's regarding specific language and contract terms found in the draft agreement.

- 1. Consider Contract for Public Outreach Services with WellmanAd for Fiscal Year 2023**

In response to comments made by Director Malek, Phil Wellman with WellmanAd assured the board that he will keep track of and document hours working on District projects.

Chair Paull opened public comment; no comments were directed to the Board.

A motion was offered by Director Edwards with a second by Director Riley to approve a contract with Wellman Ad for project management, outreach and communication services for the current fiscal year with a monthly retainer not-to-exceed \$7,875.00. The motion was adopted on a vote of 6-Ayes (Paull, Edwards, Riley, Anderson, Malek and Roberson), 1-Noes (Adams) and 0-Abstain (0).

David J. Stoldt, General Manager introduced the matter, answered board questions and sought board direction on how to engage with the California Coastal Commission. He presented the following options for the Board to discuss and consider which are to: (1) Hire and contract out with a lobbyist; (2) Designate David J. Stoldt, General Manager to act on the District’s behalf; or (3) Designate David J. Stoldt, General Manager and select Board Members to act on the District’s behalf.

2. Discuss and Provide General Direction on the District’s Engagement to Participate in the California Coastal Commission Hearings on November 17, 2022 Relating to California American Water’s Application

Stoldt shared a document with the Board entitled, “Coastal Commission as of October 2022” highlighting the three subgroups of appointees hailing from Governor’s Office, Senate Rules Committee and Assembly Speaker. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.* He provided a brief overview of those appointees who would and would not accept ex-parte communications.

After much deliberation, the Board by consensus formed a subcommittee comprising of Directors Paull, Adams and Riley to discuss the District’s engagement and messaging with the CA Coastal Commission for their hearing on November 17, 2022.

Chair Paull opened public comment. The following comments were directed to the Board:

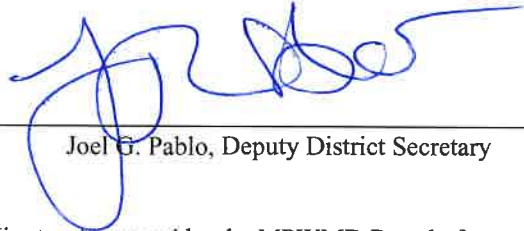
- (1) Melodie Chrislock: Shared her past experiences working with specific CA Coastal Commission appointees and providing public comment before the CA Coastal Commission.
- (2) Susan Schiavone: Supports Board direction. She encourages the subcommittee to engage with CA Coastal Commissions and CA Coastal Commissioner Appointees.
- (3) Margaret Ann Coppemoll: Concurred with prior speakers and believes a complete denial without conditions would be ideal.
- (4) Liesebeth Visscher: Shared her past experiences with working with and making public comment

before the CA Coastal Commission. She encouraged the District to find out the meeting rules on public comment or special exceptions that can be made in advance of the hearing.

No further comments were directed to the Board.

There being no further business, Chair Paull adjourned the meeting at 11:56 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT



Joel G. Pablo, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes Approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on Monday, October 17, 2022