Minutes
Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
October 19, 2026 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 Oglesby called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present:
Ian Oglesby, Chair
Rebecca Lindor, Vice Chair
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards
George Riley
Karen Paull
Marianne Gawain (joined via Zoom at 6:10 p.m.)

Board Members Absent:
None

District Staff Members Present:
David Stoldt, General Manager
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager
Mollie Wooden, Water Demand Manager
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Services Manager
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
Sara Reyes, Executive Assistant / Board Clerk

District Counsel Present:
Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Director Lindor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA
Staff noted two corrections to the agenda packet. On Item 11, page 308, second paragraph, the dollar amount was removed; the corrected sentence reads: "Rebates for eligible Sites within the District that are not served by Cal-Am would be funded through the District's separate Rebate budget." For Item 21, a corrected report and exhibits were distributed to Board members in their red folders.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS
Chair Oglesby opened the oral communications period, during which the following comments were received:

1) Tom Rowley, Vice President of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, supported the City of Monterey's position that the District should stay out of land use decisions and should not have allocated District Reserve Water to a developer on Cass Street. He also stated that Measure J is not a mandate, that

Cal-Am's water system is still not for sale, and that only the cities, as land use jurisdictions, hold water reserves.

2) Abbi Crimson introduced herself as the new master planner for the Army, representing the Presidio of Monterey, and expressed that she was glad to attend the meeting.

3) Melodie Chrislock stated that Measure J was written as a mandate and passed by 24,000 voters, and she supported the District's pursuit of eminent domain. She also noted that Cal-Am customers pay thousands of dollars more per year for water than customers elsewhere.

4) Katie Rodda, a resident of East Carmel Valley, thanked Supervisor Daniels' office for informing her of the meeting and asked about the status, timeline, and decision-making process for the Los Padres Dam study. She stated that her community considers the dam important for firefighting, flood control, and wildlife, expressed concern that only Cal-Am customers may vote on the issue, and asked how to submit a petition with about 1,500 signatures in support of repairing and keeping the dam.

   General Manager Stoldt stated that the reservoir was heavily used for water dipping by Cal Fire and other agencies during the recent fires in the area, and that staff would report back with data on that usage and an update on the schedule for the Los Padres Dam studies.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Chair Oglesby introduced the Consent Calendar.

Director Gawain requested Item 3 be pulled for questions.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

Director Daniels moved to approve Consent Calendar items 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6, seconded by Director Paull. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Oglesby, Lindor, Riley, and Gawain) and 0 Noes.

Director Gawain moved to approve item 3, seconded by Director Edwards. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Oglesby, Lindor, Riley, and Gawain) and 0 Noes.

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

1. **Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on September 28, 2026**
2. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for August 2026**
3. **Receive Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 – Financial Reporting for Pensions**
4. **Receive Government Accounting Standard Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 – Financial Reporting for Post-Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions**
5. **Consider Updates to Surplus Property Disposal Policy and Declaration of Surplus Items**
6. **Consider Approval of Additional Contract Spending for Legal Services with Richards Watson Gershon (RWG Law)**

GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT
Chair Oglesby introduced the General Manager's Report.

7. General Manager's Report
General Manager David Stoldt reported that production for customer service in the water year ending September 30 was 258 acre-feet higher than the prior year, which was within reason given the dry March and increased irrigation. He noted that 704 acre-feet of Seaside Basin water went unused and is expected to carry over, and that Cal-Am's projected demand growth far exceeds the current five-year average of about 9,200 acre-feet. Rainfall of 24.3 inches was above normal. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL
Vice Chair Lindor introduced the District Counsel Report.

8. Report from District Counsel - General Report of Pending Litigation
District Counsel Michael Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 93 of the meeting packet and briefly summarized ongoing legal matters.

Chair Oglesby opened the public comment period; no comments were received.

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

Chair Oglesby introduced the Directors' Reports.

9. Oral Reports on Activities of County, Cities, Other Agencies/Committees/Associations
No reports were presented by Board members.

PUBLIC HEARING
Chair Oglesby introduced the public hearing items.

10. Consider First Reading of Ordinance No. 203 – Adding Rule 142.2, a Prohibition on Irrigation of Non-Functional Turf with Potable Water, and Amending Rules 11, 23, 24, 25.5, 141, 142.1 and 162
Water Demand Manager Mollie Wooden presented the first reading of Ordinance No. 203, which adds Rule 142.2 implementing the state prohibition on irrigating non-functional turf with potable water, with violations treated as water waste, and amends several existing rules. She noted that the prohibition does not apply to functional turf or single-family residential properties, and that the first reporting requirement is not until 2030. Other changes include eliminating the conditional water permit program, ending credits for properties that receive rebates, and reducing the credit reclaim period from 10 to 5 years. District Counsel review and CEQA determination remain pending, and the ordinance would take effect 30 days after adoption of the second reading. The presentation is available on the District's website.

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

1) Susan Schiavone asked when the rule changes would take effect, noting that an acquaintance building an accessory dwelling unit (ADU) was planning to trade water use for another use and wanted to know whether the changes would apply immediately or in some months.

Director Riley made a motion, seconded by Director Edwards, to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 203. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Lindor, Oglesby, Riley, and Gawain) and 0 Noes.

ACTION ITEM
Chair Oglesby introduced the action item.

11. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-11 – Establish a Time-Limited Multi-Family Residential Sites Common Laundry Room Amnesty and Rebate Program
Water Demand Manager Mollie Wooden reported that Ordinance No. 178, adopted in 2017, required multifamily residential sites and common interest developments with four or more dwelling units to meet specified water efficiency standards by 2019. District inspections have found that many common laundry room washing machines do not meet the standard, and the current practice of filing a deed restriction has had a limited effect because few of these properties change hands. Staff proposed a time-limited amnesty and rebate program offering a $750 rebate per qualifying high-efficiency washer, limited to four washers per site, with additional washers allowed with General Manager approval and a de-restriction to allow monitoring of water use. The program would be

funded from the District's rebate budget and reimbursed through the District's partnership with Cal-Am, at about $535,500 over two years, and staff would re-evaluate the program when 50 percent of the funding, or $267,750, has been used.

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

1) Susan Schiavone asked whether Cal-Am ratepayers are ultimately funding the rebate program if Cal-Am funds it, noting that Cal-Am may have tax incentives to participate and that the public should know the funding source. She stated that she believes it is a good program.

Director Riley made a motion, seconded by Director Paull, to adopt a Common Laundry Room Amnesty and Rebate Program and Resolution 2026-11. The Rebate would be a maximum of $750 per qualifying high-efficiency washer (HEW), limited to four HEWs per Site unless the Site obtains General Manager approval and a deed restriction for any additional Rebate, and the Rebate is not more than the actual eligible cost, with applications due December 31, 2028. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Oglesby, Lindor, Riley, and Gawain) and 0 Noes.

DISCUSSION ITEM
Chair Oglesby introduced the discussion item.

12. Update on Cease and Desist Order

General Manager David Stoldt explained that the State Water Board will hold a hybrid hearing on November 5 to receive written or oral policy statements. Comments can be given in person or remotely through Zoom with pre-registration. He clarified that a quorum of the State Water Board will not be present and no action will be taken that day. Information presented will become part of the administrative record but will not be considered evidence when the State Water Board makes its determination.

Chair Oglesby opened the public comment period; no comments were received.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS / STAFF REPORTS
Chair Oglesby introduced the item and asked if Board members had any comments or questions.

13. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over $25,000
14. Status Report on Spending – Public's Ownership of Monterey Water System
15. Letters Received and Sent
16. Committee Reports
17. Monthly Allocation Report
18. Water Efficiency Program Report for September 2026
19. Carmel River Fishery Report for September 2026
20. Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report
21. 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 on the District website.

ADJOURNMENT
Chair Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on November 16, 2026.