**Final Minutes**
**Regular Meeting**
**Board of Directors**
**Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**
***September 28, 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**
Vice-Chair Lindor called the regular session to order at 6:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Board Members Present:**
Ian Oglesby, Chair (arrived at 7:02 p.m.)
Rebecca Lindor, Vice Chair (participated via Zoom)
Kate Daniels
Alvin Edwards
George Riley
Karen Paull (participated via Zoom)
Marianne Gawain

**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 Daniels led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA**
None.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
Vice Chair Lindor opened the oral communications period; no comments were received.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**
Vice Chair Lindor introduced the Consent Calendar.

Vice Chair Lindor opened public comment; no comments were received.

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

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

1. **Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on August 17, 2026**
2. **Consider Approval of Cost Sharing Agreement for Recalibration and Updating Groundwater Models for the Seaside Groundwater Basin**
3. **Consider Adoption of Treasurer's Report for July 2026**

**GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT**
Vice Chair Lindor introduced the General Manager's Report.

**4. General Manager's Report**
General Manager David Stoldt reported that the 2026 water year was nearing completion and overall conditions remained favorable. Most water supplies were near full utilization, with some Seaside Basin water expected to carry over. Staff continued to monitor Carmel River withdrawals to ensure CalAm remained within the legal water limit. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Vice Chair Lindor opened public comment; no comments were received.

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

**5. Report from District Counsel - General Report of Pending Litigation**
District Counsel Michael Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 31 of the meeting packet and briefly summarized ongoing legal matters.

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

1) Melodie Chrislock asked whether the CPUC had accepted the complaint regarding the size of CalAm's desalination project. District Counsel Michael Laredo and General Manager David Stoldt clarified that an administrative law judge must first determine whether to initiate a proceeding and that the complaint could still be dismissed.

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

Vice Chair Lindor introduced the Directors' Reports.

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

**PUBLIC HEARING**
Vice Chair Lindor introduced the public hearing items.

**7. Consider Adoption of October through December 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget**
Water Resources Manager Jonathan Lear presented the proposed October–December 2026 water supply strategy and budget. The strategy prioritizes Carmel River diversions when available, retains stored ASR water for possible future use, and provides alternative supplies if Sand City desalination remains unavailable. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Vice Chair Lindor opened public comment; no comments were received.

Director Riley made a motion, seconded by Director Gawain, to adopt the October through December 2026 Quarterly Water Supply Strategy and Budget. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 6 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Lindor, Riley, and Gawain), 0 Noes, and 1 Absent (Oglesby).

**8. Consider Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-10 – Modifying Rule 160 – Regulatory Water Production Targets for California American Water Systems**

Water Resources Manager Jonathan Lear presented the proposed 2027 regulatory water production targets under Rule 160. He reported that projected supplies were sufficient to meet anticipated demand and that rationing was not expected. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Oglesby arrived at 7:02 p.m., assumed presiding duties, and opened public comment; no comments were received.

Director Gawain made a motion, seconded by Director Daniels, to adopt Resolution No. 2026-10 – Modifying Rule 160. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Oglesby, Lindor, Riley, and Gawain) and 0 Noes.

**9. Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 202 – Deleting Rules 18, 19, 19.5, 26, 32, 80, 81, 82, 100, and 129, and Amending Rules 42, 52, 54, 56, 64, 101, 110, 123, 128, and 161**

Assistant General Manager Mike McCullough summarized Ordinance No. 202, which deletes outdated rules, consolidates and relocates certain provisions, and updates existing rules to reflect current District practices. He noted that the ordinance creates no new regulatory programs and would take effect 30 days after adoption. The presentation is available on the District's website.

Chair Oglesby opened public comment; no comments were received.

Director Daniels made a motion, seconded by Director Edwards, to adopt Ordinance No. 202. The motion passed by a roll call vote with 7 Ayes (Edwards, Daniels, Paull, Oglesby, Lindor, Riley, and Gawain) and 0 Noes.

**ACTION ITEM**

Chair Oglesby introduced the action item.

**10. Consider Request by RE: VISION West for District Reserve Water for Workforce Attainable Housing at 1045 Cass Street, Monterey (APN 001-671-003-000)**

General Manager David Stoldt corrected the staff report, clarifying that the City of Monterey had adopted a policy not to release water until the cease and desist order is modified.

Water Demand Manager Mollie Wooden presented a request for 0.338 acre-feet of District Reserve Water to support a six-unit workforce housing project. Staff recommended the allocation to help the applicant secure project funding.

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

1) Diane Coward, CEO of RE: VISION West, requested 0.338 acre-feet of District Reserve Water to support six workforce housing units for teachers, first responders, and nurses. She stated that confirming water availability was necessary to secure funding and permits.

2) Dr. PK Diffenbaugh, Superintendent of the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District, supported the request, citing the high cost of housing as a factor in annual staff turnover and the project's potential to provide attainable housing for local educators and other essential workers.

3) Kimberly Cole, Community Development Director for the City of Monterey, clarified that the City had adopted a policy delaying new water allocations until applicable state restrictions are lifted or modified. She stated that the City was unaware the request was on the agenda and noted that water permits were not being issued unless sufficient credits existed on the property.

Director Daniels made a motion, seconded by Director Edwards, to approve the allocation of 0.338 acre-feet of District Reserve Water to RE: VISION West. 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 items.

**11. Update on Cease and Desist Order Hearing Schedule**
General Manager David Stoldt reported that the District submitted rebuttal testimony on September 18 and that a hybrid public hearing was scheduled for November 5. He clarified the available processes for lifting the meter moratorium and noted that the District had requested State Water Board action, although the effect on the moratorium remained uncertain.

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

1) Melodie Chrislock asked whether CalAm's current position contradicts its earlier statement that it did not oppose modifying the cease and desist order, and whether CalAm misrepresented its position. General Manager David Stoldt responded to her question.

**12. Update on CalAm Progress to Satisfy Coastal Commission Permit Conditions**
General Manager David Stoldt reported progress in satisfying the Coastal Commission permit conditions, including the State Lands Commission lease award and ongoing Coastal Commission submittals. He noted that additional approvals for the outfall modifications were still required and that the anticipated 2028 project completion appeared unlikely.

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

1) Susan Schiavone expressed concern that the project's intergenerational and environmental justice impacts remained unresolved and reiterated her opposition to the project.

**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 August 2026**
**19. Carmel River Fishery Report for August 2026**
Director Gawain asked about the effects of private well pumping on lower Carmel River flows and the District's role in fractured-rock well disputes. Staff responded that private pumping contributes to seasonal demand and that such well disputes are generally addressed through the courts.
**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 on the District website.*

**ADJOURNMENT**
Chair Oglesby adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.

Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on October 19, 2026.