



**Final Minutes
Special and Regular Meeting
Board of Directors
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
January 27, 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 AT 5:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Supervisor Kate Daniels

District Staff Members Present

David Stoldt, General Manager
Sara Reyes, Executive Assistant/Board Clerk

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Chair Riley opened the Public Comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

CLOSED SESSION

District Counsel Michael Laredo led the Board into Closed Session.

CS 1.	Public Employee Performance Evaluation, (Pursuant to CA Gov Code Sec. 54957 of the Government Code) - Title: General Manager
CS 2.	Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (§54956.9(d)(1)):
a.	Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers’ Association, Inc., et al. v. the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Case No. 21CV003066.

	b.	Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers’ Association, Inc., et al. v. the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, et al., Case No. 22CV002113.
	c.	Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers’ Association, Inc., et al. v. the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, et al., Case No. 23CV002453.
	d.	Richards J. Heuer III v. the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, Case No. 24CV002642.
	e.	Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers’ Association, Inc., et al v. the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District, et al., Case No. 24CV003408.

RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

At 5:05 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session.

REGULAR SESSION AT 6:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

None

District Staff Members Present

David Stoldt, General Manager
 Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer / Administrative Services Manager
 Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager
 Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager
 Thomas Christensen, Environmental Resources Manager
 Sara Reyes, Clerk of the Board / Executive Assistant

District Staff Members Absent

None

District Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
 David Laredo, De Lay & Laredo
 Fran Farina, De Lay & Laredo (via Zoom)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The assembly recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

General Manager David Stoldt reported that there were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Chair Riley opened Oral Communications period, and the following comment was made to the Board:

- (1) Tom Rowley welcomed Director Kate Daniels, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors Representative, and thanked her for representing District 5.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Riley introduced the item.

Director Oglesby offered a motion, seconded by Director Lindor, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 Ayes (Anderson, Oglesby, Daniels, Paull, Edwards, Lindor, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

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

1. Consider Adoption of Minutes of the Special and Regular Board Meeting on December 16, 2024
2. Consider Adoption of Treasurer’s Report for November 2024
3. Deletion/Disposal of District Assets from its Financial Asset Schedule
4. Consider Approval of Annual Update on Investment Policy

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 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 January 1, 2025”. The board engaged in discussion. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

6. Hotels and Water Demand Forecast

General Manager Stoldt provided information on this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Hotel Occupancy and Water Demand on the Monterey Peninsula”. The board engaged in discussion. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

7. Update on Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project

General Manager Stoldt provided information on this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Update on Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project”. The board engaged in discussion. A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.

8. Update on the District’s Water Supply Charge

General Manager Stoldt provided information on this agenda item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Update on District’s Water Supply Charge”. The board engaged in discussion. *A copy of the presentation is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.*

9. Report on Legislative Outreach for Calendar Year 2024

General Manager Stoldt referred to his staff report and exhibits in the meeting packet and offered to answer questions. No further discussion was made by the board.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- (1) Tom Rowley, Vice-President of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association, referenced the General Manager’s report on the District’s Water Supply Charge update.
- (2) Susan Schiavone, responded to Tom Rowley's comments, stating that a lot of good work has been done by the District using the water supply fee and the public should feel proud of that work.

REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNSEL

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

10. Report From District Counsel and Report Out on Closed Session from December 16, 2024

- District Counsel Michael Laredo reported that the Board met in Closed Session on December 16, 2024, and discussed one item: the General Manager’s Performance Evaluation. The Performance Evaluation was discussed a second time at this evening’s Closed Session meeting. This matter will be discussed by the Board at a future Board meeting. A second matter on tonight’s agenda was a conference with legal counsel

regarding existing litigation with the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association v. the District. The Board engaged in discussion but took no reportable action at this time.

- District Counsel David Laredo referenced the litigation report on page 49 of the meeting packet and provided a brief overview.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comment was made to the Board:

- (1) Tom Rowley, a Realtor with Century 21, praised David Laredo for his knowledge and advice over the years and encouraged the Board to recognize and appreciate the work he has done for the District.

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

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

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

- Director Paull reported that she and Director Edwards attended the Special Districts Association (SDA) of Monterey County Dinner meeting on January 21, 2025.
- Director Edwards also noted his attendance at the SDA meeting, as well as his participation on the Seaside Groundwater Basin Public Awareness Committee.
- Director Riley read into the record remarks he submitted to the Board about the Seaside Groundwater Basin. A copy of his remarks is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Riley introduced the matter.

12. Consider Second Reading of Ordinance No. 197 – Establishing Allocation of Water from the Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project

Stephanie Locke, Water Demand Manager, provided an overview of this item through a slide-deck presentation titled “Consider Second Reading and Adoption of Ordinance No. 197 – Establishing Allocations of Water from the Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project.” Ms. Locke reported that staff identified the ordinance was improperly numbered when presented in December 2024 and should be Ordinance No. 197. She also reported that the District received a comment letter dated January 15, 2025, regarding this Ordinance from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. Ms. Locke stated that staff is recommending the Board approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 197.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period, and the following comments were made to the Board:

- (1) Tom Rowley, a resident of Monterey, stated that this ordinance is premature and that the Board should wait until a permanent water source becomes available.
- (2) Melodie Chrislock attended the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) meeting and confirmed that the SWRCB considers Pure Water Monterey to be a permanent new water supply.
- (3) Susan Schiavone stated that she also attended the SWRCB meeting and echoed Ms. Chrislock’s comment.
- (4) Richard Rosenthal, on behalf of Save Our Peninsula, stated his agreement that adopting this ordinance was premature and referred to his letter dated January 27, 2025, which was distributed to the Board, requesting a continuance rather than adoption. A copy of the letter is available at the District office and can be found on the District website.
- (5) Ara Azhderian, General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, referred to his letter to the District dated January 15, 2025, and offered to answer questions from the Board. Discussion followed between the Board and Mr. Azhderian.

A motion was made by Director Riley, seconded by Director Edwards, to adopt Ordinance No. 197.

An amended motion was offered by Director Riley, seconded by Director Paull, to remove the word “permanent” in Finding 7 and approve the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 197. The motion passed by a roll call vote of 6 Ayes (Oglesby, Daniels, Lindor, Paull, Edwards, and Riley), and 1 No (Anderson).

13. Ratify Board Committee Assignments for Calendar Year 2025

Chair Riley provided a brief overview of this item and asked the Board to present any questions or changes. The Board engaged in discussion.

Chair Riley opened the public comment period; however, no comments were made to the Board.

A motion was made by Director Oglesby, seconded by Director Paull, to ratify committee appointments as presented. The motion passed by a voice vote of 7 Ayes (Oglesby, Daniels, Paull, Lindor, Anderson, Edwards, and Riley) and 0 Noes.

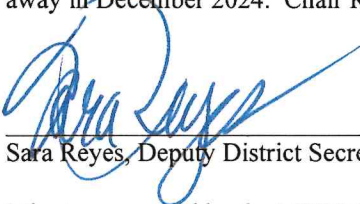
INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/STAFF REPORTS:

- 14. Report on Activity/Progress on Contracts Over \$25,000**
- 15. Status Report on Spending – Public’s Ownership of Monterey Water System**
- 16. Letters Received and Sent**
- 17. Committee Reports**
- 18. Monthly Allocation Report**
- 19. Water Conservation Program Report for December 2024**
- 20. Carmel River Fishery Report for December 2024**
- 21. Quarterly Carmel River Riparian Corridor Management Program Report**
- 22. 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

Director Edwards requested that the meeting be closed in honor of former MPWMD Director Zan Henson, who passed away in December 2024. Chair Riley adjourned the meeting in honor of Zan Henson at 8:39 p.m.



Sara Reyes, Deputy District Secretary

Minutes approved by the MPWMD Board of Directors on February 24, 2025