

**SEASIDE GROUNDWATER BASIN WATERMASTER (Watermaster)  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

Monterey One Water Board Room, 5 Harris Court, Building “D”  
Ryan Ranch, Monterey, California  
*March 7, 2018*

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Rubio called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

City of Seaside – Mayor Ralph Rubio – Chair  
City of Sand City – Mayor Mary Ann Carbone – Vice Chair  
California American Water (CAW) – Director Eric Sabolsice  
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Bob Costa  
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno  
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Jerry Edelen  
City of Monterey – Council Member Dan Albert  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Andrew Clarke (alternate)  
Watermaster Technical Program Manager – Robert Jaques  
Watermaster Administrative Officer – Laura Dadiw

**Absent:**

Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Mary Adams

**Others Present**

Russ McGlothlin, Watermaster Legal Counsel (via teleconference)  
Lori Girard, CAW Legal Counsel (via teleconference)  
Don Freeman, City of Seaside Legal Counsel  
Rick Riedl, City of Seaside Engineer

**III. REVIEW OF AGENDA:** There were no requested changes to the agenda.

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Director Bruno, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the two Regular Board meetings (2016-2017 Term and 2018-2019 Term) held February 7, 2018, with correction of “Counsel Member” Bruno under Item III in the 2016-17 Term minutes.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** There were no public communications.

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Consider approving Summary of Payments November - December 2017 totaling \$43,420.50 and January 2018 totaling \$8,147.20
- B. Consider Approving Fiscal Year 2018 Financial Reports through January 31, 2018

**Moved by Mayor Edelen, seconded by Mayor Carbone, and unanimously carried to approve the consent calendar as presented.**

**VII. ORAL PRESENTATION:** None Scheduled

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consider accepting the Watermaster Case Management Conference Statement for the Hearing scheduled for March 23, 2018 at 9:00am to be held telephonically via CourtCall with Judge Leslie Nichols. Attachments to the Statement were provided on the Watermaster website at <http://seasidebasinwatermaster.org/sbwmARC.html>.

Watermaster Attorney Russ McGlothlin of Brownstein, Hyatt, Farber, and Schreck anticipated a routine status conference using cost-saving teleconference. Counsel encouraged edits and comments before filing the statement in approximately one week.

Director Sabolsice was concerned with Section B (page 2) of the statement that leads off with verbiage about indications of potential seawater intrusion; Mayor Rubio suggested re-sequencing the opening wording to emphasize that there is no seawater intrusion occurring.

Director Sabolsice felt statement wording implies that Watermaster should seriously consider the proposed sale of water by Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) even though, from CAW's standpoint, there are numerous unresolved issues that preclude viability. Director Bruno felt the proposed MCWD sale was premature to include in the statement at all. Director Sabolsice felt the Judge should be informed of the proposal, however linking the proposal with avoiding the triennial ramp down should not be conveyed. Counsel McGlothlin confirmed that the two issues are not linked and are presented separately in the document. Mayor Rubio felt the MCWD proposal was too detailed for the Judge's consideration and requested Section III C lines 8 to 14 be struck: *At this point, it appears that the most promising and easiest approach ... to which the city is entitled under the Decision.* Director Costa suggested the word "negotiated" in "The details of such a proposal are being negotiated" be replaced with "reviewed." Counsel McGlothlin requested input be submitted to him by next Monday.

**Moved by Director Bruno, seconded by Council Member Albert, and unanimously carried to refer the Status Conference Statement back to combined Watermaster / California American Water counsel for further edits; the final draft of the Statement will be circulated to board members for final review via email instructing not to "reply all." If there is contention, the statement will be referred to the Chair to approve or to convene a special meeting.**

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1. TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (TAC)**

- a. Consider correspondence relating to MCWD proposing to sell water to replenish the Seaside Basin for use in the Ord Community, and provide direction to staff. Mr. Jaques reviewed the submitted transmittal. Mr. McGlothlin and Watermaster staff will discontinue evaluating the September 27th Proposal, and will instead focus on reviewing the new proposal submitted by MCWD to Watermaster counsel on March 1, 2018.

**Moved by Director Bruno, seconded by Director Sabolsice, and unanimously carried to refer the new proposal to the TAC.**

**X. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

A. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) draft minutes from the meeting held February 14, 2018

**XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:** Mayor Rubio may be absent from the April 4, 2018 board meeting.

**XII. STAFF COMMENTS:** There were no staff comments.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Watermaster board will be held Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at the Monterey One Water board room at 5 Harris Court, Building "D" on Ryan Ranch in Monterey at 2:00 p.m.

**XIV.** There being no further business, Chair Rubio adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.