

**SEASIDE GROUNDWATER BASIN WATERMASTER
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, December 7, 2022 In-Person
Monterey One Water Board Room
5 Harris Court, Building “D”, Ryan Ranch, Monterey, California**

I. CALL TO ORDER – Director Bruno called the meeting to order at 2:00pm

II. ROLL CALL

Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno – Chair

City of Seaside – Mayor Ian Oglesby

City of Sand City – Vibeke Norgaard, Alternate

California American Water (CAW) – Director Christopher Cook

Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Director George Riley

City of Del Rey Oaks – Council Member John Gaglioti

Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Absent: City of Monterey – Mayor Clyde Roberson – Vice Chair

Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Wesley Leith

Others Present:

Robert Jaques, Watermaster Technical Program Manager (TPM)

Laura Paxton, Watermaster Administrative Officer (AO)

Alvin Edwards, Chair, MPWMD Board of Directors

Jonathan Lear, MPWMD

Tim O’Halloran, CAW

Roberta Greathouse, City of Seaside

III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – There were no public communications.

IV. REVIEW OF AGENDA – There were no requested changes to the agenda.

V. ORAL PRESENTATION – None

VI. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Minutes of Regular Board meeting held October 5, 2022

B. Board and TAC schedule of meetings for 2023

C. Summary of Payments made September through October 2022 totaling **\$30,365.20**

D. Fiscal Year 2022 Financial Reports through October 31, 2022

E. Professional Service Contracts for Fiscal Year 2023:

1. Two Contracts with Montgomery & Associates, Inc. — one for \$22,744 for providing ongoing and as-requested general hydrogeologic consulting services during the year and the second for \$27,176 to prepare the Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report (SIAR) for 2023
2. Two Contracts with Martin Feeney— one for \$11,013.30 to perform induction logging of the Sentinel Wells in 2023 and one for \$4,000 to provide on-call/as-requested hydrogeologic consulting services

3. One Contract with Todd Groundwater—for \$4,000 to provide on-call/as-needed hydrogeologic consulting services
 4. One Contract with MPWMD—for \$64,297 to perform monitoring and other work on the Seaside Groundwater Basin Monitoring and Management Program (M&MP) for 2023
- F. Water Year 2023 Declaration of Unavailability of Artificial Replenishment Water (Water Year 2023 Production Allocations and Basin Storage Allocations attached)
- G. Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report for 2022. The Executive Summary is included in the Board agenda packet. The complete SIAR is posted on the Watermaster website at <https://www.seasidebasinwatermaster.org/Other/2022%20SIAR%20Final%2011-19-22.pdf> and <https://www.seasidebasinwatermaster.org/Other/2022%20SIAR%20Appendices%2011-8-22.pdf>

It was moved by Director Riley, seconded by Council Member Gaglioti, and unanimously carried 7-0 to approve the consent calendar as presented.

Director Riley thanked staff for the hard work that goes into presenting the consent items.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discuss/Consider Approving Water Year 2022 Watermaster Annual Report.
Director Riley asked that board discussion be scheduled related to the reference on page 80 that the 3000AF Natural Safe Yield may be too high and if there is an alternative yield being considered. In regards to page 86 where it states *long-term actions will include... continued current management actions*, might there be further action taken by Watermaster? Director Riley requested that the references be elevated to discussion of more proactive measures by Watermaster. Director Bruno appreciated the historical information included in the report. He noted the reference on page 18 of the Annual Report that MPWMD Board of Directors approved a resolution that would cite MPWMD's authority to approve or deny CAW's plan to introduce desalination plant water into the ground water supply and inquired of Director Riley to expand on the reasoning for the resolution. Director Riley responded that the MPWMD board has a substantial investment in the Pure Water Monterey & Expansion Projects and felt injecting water from these projects was the best choice cost-wise and environmentally, and so the board formalized policy to oppose a competing project.

It was moved by Council Member Gaglioti, seconded by Mayor Oglesby, and unanimously carried 7-0 to approve the Water Year 2022 Watermaster Annual Report as presented.

- B. Discuss/Consider Policy on Watermaster Voting Positions and Weighted Voting
Ms. Paxton gave highlights from the transmittal.

It was moved by Director Cook and seconded by Council Member Gaglioti to accept the staff recommended amendment to the Watermaster Rules and Regulations.

Mayor Oglesby pointed out that the recommended wording has the request for a weighted roll call vote being made prior to a motion; the request should be allowed after the motion and prior to the vote.

A friendly amendment was then made by Director Cook and seconded by Council Member Gaglioti, with the motion unanimously carried 7-0 to set policy on Watermaster voting positions and weighted voting by modifying section 3.1.1. of the Watermaster Rules and Regulations to read: Any Member may request a weighted roll call vote for any question or motion considered by the Watermaster Board, with voting positions of each vote called out by the clerk of the board. The request for a weighted roll call vote must be made after any question or motion considered by the Watermaster Board and prior to the vote being taken, and the ayes and noes, with voting positions of each, thereon recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS – None

IX. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (No Action Required)

- A. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) draft meeting minutes November 16, 2022
- B. Watermaster report of production of the Seaside Basin through Water Year 2022 (October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022)
- C. Replenishment Fund Assessment calculations and 2022 Standard Producer Assessments
- D. Watermaster correspondence to California Coastal Commission dated October 14, 2022
- E. CAW Technical Memorandum dated November 1, 2022 by consultant WSC in response to MPWMD correspondence to Watermaster dated September 29, 2022
- F. Watermaster correspondence to California Department of Water Resources dated October 17, 2022
- G. Director Riley email correspondence to Chair Bruno dated November 15, 2022

Director Riley apologized to Director Bruno for calling him out on his presentation to the Coastal Commission stating he misapplied the rules of presentation.

H. Director Riley strategic issues special meeting request

Chair Bruno intends to discuss scheduling a new member orientation session at a future board meeting once new board representatives are appointed.

X. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS – Council Member Gaglioti expressed his enjoyment of being on the Watermaster board and TAC. He announced that Laguna Seca Subarea Landowners approached him asking that he be the Watermaster board representative beginning in 2023 replacing Director Leith, and he accepted.

Director Riley requested a Watermaster logo be developed, and the website be freshened.

Director Bruno will host a Watermaster Christmas party at his home on December 15th at 6:00 p.m.

XI. STAFF COMMENTS – There are no items of urgency for the January 2023 meeting; it most likely will be cancelled.

XII. CLOSED SESSION

- A. A closed session was convened at 2:58 p.m. regarding a Personnel Matter: Evaluation of Legal Counsel. The board reconvened open session at 3:26 p.m. There were no issues during closed session that required subsequent board action in open session.

XIII. NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE – January 4, 2023 - 2:00 p.m.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.