

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster (Watermaster)  
*December 6, 2017*

**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  
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno  
City of Del Rey Oaks – Mayor Jerry Edelen  
City of Monterey – Councilmember Dan Albert  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Director Jeanne Byrne  
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Mary Adams

**Absent:** Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Bob Costa

Watermaster Technical Program Manager – Robert Jaques  
Watermaster Administrative Officer – Laura Dadiw

**Others Present**

Keith Van Der Maaten, General Manager, Marina Coast Water District  
Jonathan Lear, MPWMD Hydrogeologist  
Don Freeman, City of Seaside Legal Counsel  
Roelof Wijbrandus, Upper Seaside Resident

**III. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Council Member Albert, seconded by Mayor Edelen, and unanimously carried to approve the minutes of the Watermaster Regular Board meeting held October 4, 2017.**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A.** Consider approval of Summary for Payments September - October, 2017 totaling **\$41,540.92**
- B.** Consider approving Fiscal Year 2017 (Jan-Dec) Financial Reports through October 31, 2017
- C.** Consider Approving the following Professional Service Contracts for Fiscal Year 2018:
  1. Two Contracts with HydroMetrics Water Resources, Inc. — one for \$12,900 for providing ongoing and as-requested general hydrogeologic consulting services during the year and the second for \$20,890 to prepare the Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report (SIAR) for 2018
  2. Two Contracts with MPWMD—one for \$50,024 and the second one for \$3,915, both pertaining to monitoring and other work on the Seaside Groundwater Basin Management and Monitoring Program (M&MP)
  3. Two Contracts with Martin Feeney - one for \$4,000 to provide ongoing and as-requested hydrogeologic consulting services and one for \$26,585.56 to perform induction logging and water quality sampling of the Sentinel Wells

4. One Contract with Todd Groundwater – for \$4,000 to provide on-call/as-needed hydrogeologic consulting services
5. One Contract with Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, LLP (Russ McGlothlin, Esq.) – for \$7,000 to provide legal services to prepare and file a motion, and attend via CourtCall a status conference hearing with Judge Nichols of the Superior Court on March 30, 2018; assist with filing the Watermaster Annual Report to Court by December 15, 2018 as may be needed; and provide miscellaneous legal consultation as may be required by Watermaster

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

**VII. ORAL PRESENTATION:** None

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

- a. Consider Approving the Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report (SIAR for 2017). The Executive Summary is included in the Board agenda packet. The complete SIAR is posted on the Watermaster website at <http://www.seasidebasinwatermaster.org>

**Moved by Director Bruno, seconded by Mayor Carbone and unanimously carried, to approve the 2017 Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report as presented.**

- B. Discussion/Consider Adopting for Water Year 2018 a Declaration regarding the Unavailability of Artificial Replenishment Water (Water Year 2018 Allocation attached)

**Moved by Director Bruno, seconded by Director Byrne and unanimously carried, to adopt the Declaration of No Artificial Replenishment Water Available for Water Year 2018.**

- C. Discussion/Consider Approving the Watermaster Annual Report for Water Year 2017  
Mr. Jaques reported that the body of the attached Draft 2017 Annual Report reflects input from the TAC. The complete draft version is posted on the Watermaster website at <http://www.seasidebasinwatermaster.org>. This year's Annual Report includes a request to the court to extend the deadline for filing future annual reports to January 15<sup>th</sup> instead of December 15<sup>th</sup> of the year being reported. Mr. Jaques will consult with CAW legal counsel Lori Girard before submitting the report for filing with the court. Mr. Jaques responded to questions from directors.

**Moved by Councilmember Albert, seconded by Director Byrne and unanimously carried, to approve the Watermaster Annual Report for Water Year 2017.**

- D. Letter from Marina Coast Water District (MCWD) Proposing to Sell Water to Replenish the Seaside Basin for Use in the Ord Community.  
Mr. Jaques suggested the board provide input and give direction to staff. Director Bruno noted that the basin has dynamic geological boundaries that would call into question what basin the MCWD would be extracting water for sale to Watermaster, depending on location of extraction. Councilmember Albert inquired whether the duration of the sale could be amended to one year

instead of six years. Director Bruno expressed concern regarding the lack of Watermaster funding for such a purchase. Mayor Rubio asked for clarification on the logistics of how water purchased by Watermaster could be used to serve the Ord community. Mayor Edelen asked for clarification of any issues that may arise due to MCWD and Monterey County both vying to be the Groundwater Sustainability Agency for a portion of the Salinas Groundwater Basin.

MCWD General Manager, Keith Van Der Maaten addressed the board. He stated that the board has before it today the original letter of proposal from MCWD. Since then a draft agreement has been drawn up, and he provided copies. The MCWD motivation in making the offer is to consider ways to protect groundwater that are not desalination oriented and that meet the Cease and Desist Order deadline, and to offer a means for Watermaster to avoid the 10% production ramp down effective October 1, 2017. According to Mr. Van Der Maaten, a factor that supports the offer is that conservation in the District in the past several years has freed up significant water. MCWD intends to move forward with an initial study of the proposed sale. An all hands meeting on this topic has been scheduled by MCWD for December 19, 2017.

Director Bruno inquired if the commitment by MCWD could be extended to 15 years to allow for a major long term water supply solution to be implemented. Mr. Van Der Maaten felt potential development of sources could allow for an extension, but no commitment could currently be made. Mr. Van Der Maaten described how the MCWD offer could affect area land use plans and the State Water Resources Control Board Cease and Desist Order. Mr. Jaques explained the basis of the Replenishment Assessment Unit Cost determined each year, the cost that the MCWD proposes to sell to the Watermaster. Director Bruno reminded that the unit cost basis is not deeply analyzed, and it has no monetary value currently attached to it for Watermaster purposes and is instead used in the accounting of overproduction by standard producers.

President Rubio directed Mr. Jaques to send a letter or memorandum to MCWD requesting clarification on issues raised by the Watermaster Board and TAC.

**IX. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**X. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A. Technical Advisory Committee minutes (draft) from November 15, 2017
- B. Watermaster report of production of the Seaside Basin through Water Year 2017 (October 1, 2016 – September 30, 2017)
- C. Replenishment Fund Assessment calculations and 2017 Standard Producer Assessments

**XI. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:** Director Bruno continues plans for the Watermaster Holiday Party.

**XII. STAFF COMMENTS:** The Technical Advisory Committee meeting scheduled for December 13, 2017 has been cancelled.

**XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Watermaster board will be held January 3, 2017 at the Monterey One Water (formerly MRWPCA) Board meeting 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 2:48 p.m.