

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

Monterey One Water Board Room, 5 Harris Court, Building “D”  
Ryan Ranch, Monterey, California  
*February 5, 2020*

**I. CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

**II. ROLL CALL**

City of Seaside – Mayor Ian Oglesby  
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno – Chair  
Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director Wesley Leith  
City of Del Rey Oaks – Council Member John Gaglioti  
City of Sand City – Mayor Mary Ann Carbone  
California American Water (CAW) – Director Christopher Cook  
City of Monterey – Council Member Dan Albert  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Director George Riley  
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Mary Adams

**Absent:** None

**Others Present**

Watermaster Technical Program Manager – Robert Jaques  
Watermaster Administrative Officer – Laura Paxton  
Tim O’Halloran, Engineering Manager, CAW  
Jonathan Lear, Water Resources Manager, MPWMD  
Sheri Damon, City Attorney, City of Seaside  
Scott Ottmar, Senior Engineer, City of Seaside  
Joseph Lucido, Hidden Hills resident  
Catherine Stedman, CAW

**III. 2020 APPOINTMENTS**

The Schedule of Watermaster Board Member Representatives and Alternate appointments for 2020 was presented as informational with no action required.

**IV. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Moved by Council Member Gaglioti, seconded by Supervisor Adams and unanimously carried to elect Director Bruno as 2020 Chair of the Watermaster Board of Directors.**

**Moved by Director Riley, seconded by Council Member Gaglioti and unanimously carried to elect Council Member Albert as 2020 Vice Chair of the Watermaster Board of Directors.**

**Moved by Council Member Gaglioti, seconded by Mayor Carbone and unanimously carried to elect Laura Paxton as Secretary to the Watermaster Board of Directors for 2020.**

**Moved by Council Member Bruno, seconded by Mayor Carbone and unanimously carried to elect Director Gaglioti as Treasurer to the Watermaster Board of Directors for 2020.**

**V. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:** None

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

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Mayor Carbone, seconded by Council Member Albert and carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Board meeting held December 4, 2019. Supervisor Adams abstained having not attended the meeting.**

**VIII. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Consider approving Summary of Payments for December 2019 totaling \$28,702.62
- B. Consider approving Fiscal (Calendar) Year 2019 Financial Reports through December 31, 2019
- C. Consider approving a 2019 budget transfer of \$9,137.50 from Monitoring and Management – Operations Fund contingency line item to technical program manager line item.

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

**IX. ORAL PRESENTATION:** None

**X. NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Discuss/Consider Approval of City of Seaside (City) In-lieu Storage Agreement. Ms. Damon, City of Seaside City Attorney noted that the City is requesting minor changes that were determined after the TAC recommended approval of the agreement at its January 8, 2020 meeting: Correct the typographical error in Recitals Item 2 “III.L.3.j.xix;” add at the end of Item 3 “so long as such storage does not cause material injury to any other party;” and change PRODUCER to CITY under Terms and Conditions Item 18. Mayor Oglesby thanked the Watermaster Board for directing that the City’s application for in-lieu storage be presented to Judge O’Farrell to confirm its consistency with the terms of the Decision.

**Moved by Director Riley, seconded by Council Member Gaglioti and unanimously carried, to approve the City of Seaside In-lieu Storage Agreement with the minor changes noted.**

- B. Discuss/Consider California American Water issues pertaining to potential moratorium of new/expanded service in the Laguna Seca Subarea. Director Cook added regarding the third bullet under the Discussion portion of the item staff report that the currently constructed CAW main system intertie to the Laguna Seca Subarea can be used to supply groundwater from the Coastal area to the Bishop/Ryan Ranch area. There is sufficient unproduced alternative production in the Laguna Seca Subarea to meet and offset the pumping needs for Hidden Hills without using the planned Tierra Grande (Carmel River source water) intertie until future water supplies are achieved. The moratorium can be avoided in both the Bishop/Ryan Ranch area and the Hidden Hills area by this plan. Mr. Joe Lucido, party to the PUC proceedings regarding the moratorium, provided documents of his PUC testimony and addressed the board. He requested CAW have a long-term plan for avoiding future moratoriums in the Laguna Seca Subarea.

Director Cook appreciated Mr. Lucido's time and input in the matter. He responded to Mr. Lucido's inquiry of whether the Torro intertie could be used to supply water to Hidden Hills, stating that CAW has used that intertie on an emergency basis, and that permanent use would require special permitting, rate structures and other complications. Director Cook explained that CAW's recommendation to the PUC that the moratorium be suspended does not end proceedings. Next steps are talks with involved parties to reach a settlement agreement that is then presented to the PUC. If the recommendation is not approved, or is required to go before the judge for a decision, there is a 180-day deadline from the application date that most likely would not be met, so the moratorium application would go forward with CAW filing rebuttal testimony for PUC consideration.

**Moved by Council Member Gaglioti, seconded by Council Member Albert and unanimously carried, approving staff findings:**

- (1) The Decision provides for Producers to over pump their allocations by levying a Replenishment Assessment on the amount of such over pumping;**
- (2) California American Water is allowed by the Decision to over pump its allocation basin-wide, subject to a Replenishment Assessment, with no differentiation as to production in the LSSA versus the other subareas;**
- (3) Watermaster does not identify any adverse impacts associated with California American Water's planned schedule for phasing out its pumping from the LSSA, and therefore does not object to it; and**
- (4) Watermaster recognizes that California American Water's continued pumping from the LSSA at current rates until the interties to California American Water's Main System are constructed is an interim condition that would not necessitate imposing a moratorium on new or expanded service in the LSSA.**

**XI. OLD BUSINESS:** None

**XII. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

- A.** Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) draft minutes from January 8, 2020 meeting
- B.** Watermaster report of production of the Seaside Basin first quarter Water Year 2020 (October 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019)
- C.** Letter to Monterey One Water regarding Pure Water Monterey Expansion Draft Environmental Impact Report

**XIII. DIRECTOR'S REPORTS:** Director Cook met with agencies regarding the Pure Water Monterey Project and learned that the monitoring wells in place to ensure 6-month retention of indirect potable reuse water in the Seaside Basin will also extensively track water quality. He requested the TAC review quality reports and keep the board apprised. Director Bruno suggested any redundancy of data collection and sharing be determined and eliminated. Mr. Jaques noted that the Watermaster hydrogeological consultant compiles the data in the annual Seawater Intrusion Analysis Report.

**XIV. STAFF COMMENTS:** None

**XV. NEXT MEETING DATE:** The next meeting of the Watermaster board will be held Wednesday, March 4, 2020 at the Monterey One Water board room at 2:00 p.m.

**XVI.** There being no further business, Chair Bruno adjourned the meeting at 2:47 p.m.