

**SEASIDE GROUNDWATER BASIN WATERMASTER  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Wednesday, July 10, 2024 Hybrid  
1 Pendergrass Way, Sand City, CA 93955**

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

II. **ROLL CALL**

City of Seaside – Mayor Ian Oglesby  
Coastal Subarea Landowner – Director Paul Bruno  
California American Water (CAW) – Director Tom O’Halloran  
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) – Alternate Director Alvin Edwards  
City of Monterey – Council Member Kim Barber  
City of Del Rey Oaks – Council Member Kim Shirley  
Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency – Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

***Absent:***

Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner – Director John Gaglioti  
City of Sand City – Mayor Mary Ann Carbone

***Others Present:***

Bob Jaques, Watermaster Technical Program Manager (TPM)  
Laura Paxton, Administrative Officer  
Nancy Dayton, Assistant Administrative Officer  
Jessica Riley, Finance Director, City of Seaside  
Marc Kelly  
Maureen Hamilton, MPWMD\*  
AikoYamakawa, CAW\*  
Remleh Scherzinger, General Manager, Marina Coast Water District\*  
An asterisk (\*) signifies virtual attendance.

III. **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS** – There were no public communications.

IV. **REVIEW OF AGENDA and ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Director Gaglioti remains on the Board as the Laguna Seca Subarea Landowner representative.
- B. Eric Tynan has joined the Technical Advisory Committee.
- C. A corrected production report through the second quarter of the Water Year was provided to replace page 25 in the Agenda Packet.
- D. Administrative Officer Laura Paxton introduced Assistant Administrative Officer Nancy Dayton, who subcontracts for Ms. Paxton under her business, Paxton Associates, to establish redundancy in handling the administrative side of Watermaster. Nancy has been instrumental in the design and the launch yesterday of the newly crafted Watermaster website. Comments regarding the newly designed site at seasidebasinwatermaster.org were encouraged.

V. **ORAL PRESENTATION—None**

**VI. CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of Regular Board meeting held February 7, 2024
- B. Summary of Payments made January 1 through May 31, 2024
- C. Fiscal Year 2023 Financial Reports through May 31, 2024

Director Shirley requested updates regarding the status of the Pure Water Monterey Expansion Project and the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project Desalination Plant.

*It was moved by Director Shirley, seconded by Director Askew, and unanimously carried 7-0 to approve Consent Calendar items as presented.*

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Consider actions regarding induction logging findings on Sentinel Well No. 4  
Technical Program Manager Bob Jaques gave highlights of his transmittal. The TAC met yesterday and recommended approval of the recommendations. Director Bruno offered the Calabrese well for chloride readings as it is located roughly between Sentinel Wells 3 & 4; TPM Jaques will research cost/benefit of adding that data point. Electromagnetic imaging as proposed is estimated to cost \$15,000. Director Askew requested staff present a review of the 2009 Seawater Intrusion Response Plan at a future meeting with recommended updates. Errata in the item transmittal: Recommendation (1) should read 2024-02, not 2024-22

*It was moved by Director Shirley, seconded by Director Askew, and unanimously carried 7-0 to approve the two recommendations from the TPM's report: (1) approve the MPWMD SOW 2024-02 and (2) to include updating the Seawater Intrusion Response Plan (SIRP) and performing a pilot test of land-based electromagnetic imaging in the 2025 Monitoring and Management Program.*

- B. Coordination with Salinas Valley Basin and Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs)  
TPM Bob Jaques gave highlights of his transmittal.

*It was moved by Director Askew, seconded by Director Barber, and unanimously carried 7-0 to direct staff to invite the Salinas Valley Basin and Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agencies (GSAs) to make a presentation at a Watermaster Board meeting on how they are interfacing and coordinating with the Watermaster on issues of mutual interest and concern.*

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS—None**

**IX. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS (No Action Required)**

- A. Watermaster report of Water Year 2024 Quarter 2 production of the Seaside Basin (October 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024)
- B. Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Monthly Updates February 2024 – June 2024
- C. Subpoena of Deposition served on Laura Paxton

**X. DIRECTOR REPORTS**

Board Chair Oglesby on behalf of the board expressed his gratitude to Mayor Carbone and the City of Sand City for allowing the Watermaster Board to meet at the City Hall facility.

**XI. STAFF COMMENTS**

Administrative Officer Laura Paxton reported that City of Seaside Finance Officer Victor Damiani has left his position. He was the Watermaster Budget and Finance Committee Chair. Jessica Riley is the interim finance director and it is planned to contact her to see if she is willing to chair the committee. Once a chair is determined, there will be a Budget and Finance Committee meeting scheduled in August or September to consider the 2025 budgets, unit cost of replenishment water, replenishment fee methodology if developed enough, and any adjustments that may be needed in the 2024 budgets.

**XII. CLOSED SESSION**

The board convened in closed session at 2:32 p.m. The Board reconvened in open session at 3:46 p.m. Legal Counsel announced that in the closed session the Board took up and discussed one of the items listed and no reportable action was taken; there was nothing to report to the board on the other listed closed session item.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT** – There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:48 p.m. to a regular Board meeting to be held Wednesday, August 7, 2024 – 2:00 p.m. in the City of Sand City Council Chambers, in person and remote.

*Respectfully submitted by Laura Paxton, Board Secretary*