

THE OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF
CASTROVILLE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

June 18, 2024

President Cosme Padilla called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Directors Present: President Cosme Padilla, Vice President Ron Stefani, Director James Cochran, Director Glenn Oania, and Director Greg MacMillan

Absent:

General Manager: Eric Tynan

Secretary to the Board: Lidia Santos

Staff Present:

Guest: Steve Carrigan, Business Service Manager for Monterey One Water, Sophia Selivanoff, Executive Director for Regional Government Services, Pedro Enriques Representative for Community Water Center, Santiago Garcia with Caltrans and Heidi Quinn, District Legal Counsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge of allegiance was led by Director Greg MacMillan at the request of President Cosme Padilla.

ADDITIONS OR CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. A motion was made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Greg MacMillan to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2024, Budget & Personnel Committee Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

2. A motion was made by Ron Stefani and seconded by James Cochran to approve the minutes of the May 21, 2024, Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

Consent Calendar accepted as presented

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Memorandum from Water Resources Agency General Manager Ara Azhderian to Joint Boards Leadership Committee regarding Groundwater Extraction Monitoring System (GEMS) Expansion.

Correspondence Calendar accepted as presented

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

1. *Monterey Waterkeeper* – Community Water Center, recommendations for Department of Water Resources action regarding the 180/400 ft Aquifer Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan Update

2. *Monterey County Weekly* – Mine Fields: A comprehensive study of unsustainable groundwater pumping in the county is cause for alarm
3. *ACWA News* – Melanie Schumcher will assume duties as General Manager for Scotts Valley Water District October 1
4. *Pacific Water* – What is Water Demand Management?

Informational items accepted as presented

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Receive presentation by Regional Government Services (RGS) a public agency serving the consulting, administrative and project management needs of local government to discuss services provided – Sophia Selivanoff, Executive Director of RGS discussed with Board the different services offered by her agency. She addressed the Board concerns, paths and how RSG can help Castroville CSD. Handout of PowerPoint Slides can be viewed on pages 41-47 of the board packet.

The owner of any parcel subject to the fees and charges detailed in the Report may submit a written protest prior to the close of the public hearing. Written protests can be submitted at the public meeting or via mail or drop off before the meeting at the address noted above. Any protest submitted once the public hearing has closed shall be rejected as late and shall not be considered.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Public Hearing – Open Public Hearing, Receive Public Comment and Consider and Adopt Resolution No. 24-04 Adopting the Report Proposing to have Sewer Fees and Charges for the Moss Landing Service Area Collected on the Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2024-25 and Directing the Secretary of the Board to File a Copy of Said Report with the Monterey County Auditor to Place Said Fees on the Tax Roll – President Cosme Padilla opened the Public Hearing. There was no public comment. Office Manager/Secretary to the Board Lidia Santos informed the Board that only one invalid protest letter was received as it was meant for Monterey One Water fees for Castroville not Moss Landing and she provided the property owner with the correct contact information to submit the written protest. Resolution and supporting documents can all be viewed on pages 48-58 of the board packet. There was no public comment received on this matter, therefore a motion was made by Ron Stefani and seconded by James Cochran to adopt Resolution No. 24-04 Adopting the Report Proposing to have Sewer Fees and Charges for the Moss Landing Service Area Collected on the Tax Roll for Fiscal Year 2024-25, all findings within the Report and Directing the Secretary of the Board to File a Copy of Said Report with the Monterey County Auditor to Place Said Fees on the Tax Roll. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING – At 5:17 a.m. a motion was made by Ron Stefani and seconded by James Cochran to close the Public Hearing. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider and adopt Resolution No. 24.05, Resolution Certifying Compliance with State Law with Respect to the Levying of General and Special Taxes, Assessments, and Property Related Fees and Charges and Approve Service Agreement for Collection of Special Taxes, Fees, and Assessments (Exhibit A attached) between the County of Monterey and the Castroville Community Services District –This Resolution also included Tax Code 74401 for collection of local sewer use fees imposed on parcels of real property receiving the services and facilities within its service area on the tax roll for the collections of wastewater fees in the community of Moss Landing. Resolution and Agreement can be viewed on pages 59-78 of the board packet. A motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Glenn Oania to adopt Resolution No. 24.05, Resolution Certifying Compliance with State Law with Respect to the Levying of General and Special Taxes, Assessments, and Property Related Fees and Charges and Approve Service Agreement for Collection of Special Taxes, Fees, and Assessments (Exhibit A attached) between the County of Monterey and the Castroville Community Services District. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 5 Directors: Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors:

2. Consider and approve Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Monterey One Water (“M1W”) regarding the collection of local sewer use fees imposed on parcels of real property receiving the services and facilities within its service area on the tax roll – The MOU can be viewed on pages 79-82 of the board packet. A motion is made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Ron Stefani to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Monterey One Water (“M1W”) regarding the collection of local sewer use fees imposed on parcels of real property receiving the services and facilities within its service area on the tax roll. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 5 Directors: Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors:

3. Consider and approve “Castroville CSD Investment and Deposit Policy” for fiscal year 2024/2025- The policy can be viewed on pages 83-87 of the board packet. A motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Greg MacMillan to approve “Castroville CSD Investment and Deposit Policy” for fiscal year 2024/2025. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 5 Directors: Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors:

4. Consider designation of Eric Tynan, General Manager as labor negotiator for all employees for the District for purpose of (Gov. Code Sec. 54957.6) – A motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Greg MacMillan to designate Eric Tynan, General Manager as labor negotiator for all employees for the District for purpose of (Gov. Code Sec. 54957.6). The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES: 5 Directors: Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES: 0 Directors:
ABSENT/NOT
PARTICIPATING: 0 Directors:

5. Receive letter from Castroville Community Services District General Manager J. Eric Tynan announcing his retirement as of October 31, 2024 – General Manager Eric Tynan announced to the Board that he plans to retire on October 31, 2024, which will be his 24-year anniversary of working for the District but would be flexible to continue working if he is needed to stay longer until a new general manger is hired. The Board all individually thanked him for all that he has done for the District. His letter can be viewed on page 88 of this board packet.
6. Provide direction to staff regarding engagement of a firm to assist with the recruitment of a District General Manager – After some discussion, a motion is made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to direct General Manager Eric Tynan to obtain bids for the cost for recruitment of a new District General Manager from Regional Government Services and a few other companies for the Board to review. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT			
PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Update on meeting with Regional Government Services (RGS) regarding the Community Outreach Service position – General Manager Eric Tynan and Ad Hoc Community Outreach Committee: Directors: Cosme Padilla and Ron Stefani met with Regional Government Services to discuss what the Board is looking for in a Community Outreach Service position. General Manager Eric Tynan stated that he met with Sarah Hardgrave, Deputy General Manager of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to discuss collaboration on community outreach. As mentioned prior, the Salinas Valley Basin GSA has a grant with funding available for community outreach and they want to work with Castroville CSD to do outreach here in Castroville. He will also start doing a quarterly general manager newsletter for the District.
2. Update on Water Line Replacement Project awarded to contractor Teichert Constructions – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that he had a pre-construction meeting with the contractor, and they know exactly which lines require trenching, installation and backfill. Teichert Construction has been performing the Roads and Bridges Work for the County, and as part of these improvements is uniquely positioned and qualified to perform the District's Project concurrently with such work. Work should be starting by the end of the month.
3. Update on Well levels – General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that the well levels graph from January 2018 to present can be viewed on page 89 of the board packet. As mentioned last month, the well levels during the winter came up quite a bit, including Well #5 and are now starting to decline due to the farmers pumping their wells for the agriculture season. The bubblers give a direct calculation of well levels. The District continues to monitor the chloride levels of all the wells. Well #3 is not pumping and the motor is not hooked up. A desalter is being considered for Well #3.
4. Update on the status of the **Moss Landing Wastewater System Rehabilitation Project** – General Manager Eric Tynan stated that he had good news. MNS/Rincon submitted the Coastal Development Permit Application, and it has been approved by the Coastal Commission which allows the grant process to move forward. MNS submitted a construction grant application to CWSFR for project funding and are continuing to work with Matt Chambers to respond to RFIs. Reimbursement from the Clean Water Small Communities Planning Grant in the amount of \$118,456 has been requested and approved for reimbursement to CCSD and payment received. Also, discussed prior the current project status is 60% Design is complete. The State Water Resource Control Board CWSRF is the construction funding source for this project. LAFCO approved the annexation of Finepro, LLC Property APN: 413-012-014 to the

Castroville Community Services with Resolution No. 23-10. This land acquisition is for Lift Station 1. Ortega (FINEPRO, LLC (seller) approved the sale for the easement for \$10,000 in Moss Landing, which was completed February 2024. Upon completion of the land acquisition, the coastal development permit application will be submitted for approval. Construction Grant Application for CWSRF is part of the grant. Grant application in process and MNS to research if current costs over the planning grant amount can be reimbursed by the CWSRF grant. Furthermore, California Coastal Commission is requiring a jurisdictional delineation and Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA) notification for work on the Elkhorn Slough Bridge, which MNS/Rincon are preparing an amendment to add this work to the Project Scope. General Manager Eric Tynan reported to the Board that the pipeline under the bridge is still under the mitigated negative declaration and without the bike bridge being built by the County, Castroville CSD will have to do it on their own and build under the existing structure a 4" pipeline, which is right over the Elkhorn Slough, Marine Sanctuary and Harbor. For this project, MNS is to prepare a construction application following the 60% completion. The Board had approved a proposal with MNS Engineers to provide professional engineering services for the Moss Landing Wastewater System Rehabilitation Project \$462,722 in 2021. General Manager Eric Tynan had previously approved Amendment No.1 for this project for an additional \$14,520 for the arborist and at the December 19, 2023, board meeting the Board approved Amendment No. 2 for \$59,104 as costs have increased due to plans specifications changing due to the County not building the bridge noted above.

5. Update on the status of competitive bid process and grant/projects for Castroville-Water Zone 1 **Emergency Deep Aquifer Supply and Storage Tank Project** for system upgrades and improvements – General Manager Eric Tynan stated that the bid documents are not ready yet as it is 160 pages. District Legal Counsel Heidi Quinn stated that some information on the template is not clear and is reviewing them further. As discussed last month, MNS Engineers and Pueblo collaborated to develop final bid documents for Well No. 6 and have provided template from end documents, published by EJDCD for District legal review. MNS Engineers recommended these documents be used rather than the District's template as it is current with respect to public contract code and is more comprehensive. The application for construction to the Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Projects Grant Program was submitted fall 2023. The project scope of the Emergency Deep Aquifer Deep Well No. 6 was too large for the grant to fund. The project scope needs to be narrowed to correspond to a project cost less than \$10 million to compete for the grant. The project scope can be narrowed by the District proceeding with drilling of the well and leaving the remaining scope to be funded by the grant. The grant application can be resubmitted in Fall 2024 to the Bureau of Reclamation at no additional cost to the District; anticipated grant request amount to be approximately \$9.6 million. If a construction contract is awarded, it will be funded using reserves and construction funds from the current grant and the grant application will be resubmitted. He is also considering working with the grant writer used by Monterey One Water to assist with this grant. Discussed prior, MNS is not doing the design of Well #6, Pueblo is doing the design. The Board approved grant writing services, fee proposal from MNS Engineers for Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART: Drought Resiliency Projects, not to exceed \$29,415. Construction funding is pending to move the project forward. The hydrogeologic approach was discussed with Mike Burke the hydrologist with Pueblo who will advance the well contract documents to nearly bid ready, to be finalized. In addition, MNS has substantial funds remaining in the budget (\$60k), which MNS will review if these remaining funds can be used for applying for construction funding for the project. 30% of the design has been completed as of May 2022. 60% of the design has been completed on the application for the construction. The District is still working on getting grant funds for the construction of the deep well and CEQA is complete.
6. Update on status of the **Castroville-Sewer Zone 1 (Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Project)** – General Manager Eric Tynan stated that this project continues to be work in progress. As discussed prior, MNS Engineers is currently waiting for District Board approval of their proposal to prepare a SWPPP and stake easement. The SWPP is the last required element of the Caltrans encroachment permit process. MNS/Rincon are working on submittal of jurisdictional permits for the agricultural ditch crossing. Submittal of Coastal Development Permit is pending easement acquisition. The District is working to negotiate easement purchase. One property owner is requesting the limits of the easement

be staked. MNS Engineers needs budget authorization from the District to stake easement. Construction grant award is pending coastal development permit completion. 60% of the design is completed, the CDP permit is pending Caltrans encroachment, County concurrence, and Easement Acquisition. The jurisdiction permitting is in progress. The State Water Resource Control Board CWSRF is the construction funding source for this project. The funding is obtained but the final information submittal is required to secure the construction funding. Although there is no written agreement yet, the State has assured him that Castroville CSD will receive the \$3.5 million grant once the environmental review is completed. MNS Engineers is managing the environmental review and permitting for this project. Once environmental and land acquisition is completed, MNS Engineers will complete the application for the next phase and will also update the engineering report submitted with the grant application. CEQA compliance is complete. Permits are required due to jurisdictional wetlands in agricultural ditches. Two permits are required from Federal Agencies. MNS is coordinating with Rincon to obtain these permits. MNS Engineers sent a letter along with the encroachment permit application to Caltrans regarding notification to perform construction for a new 24" sewer bypass in the community of Castroville in unincorporated Monterey County, California—Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Project. Castroville CSD will construct approximately 1,350 linear feet of 24" trunk sewer bypass from the intersection of Washington St. and Merritt St., then across the undeveloped areas and beneath Route 1 to the Monterey One Water station pump located at the south end of Watsonville Road. Approximately 450 feet of the proposed sewer line will be in the Caltrans right-of-way. Castroville CSD applied for the \$3.5 million grant for this project and the State is saying Castroville CSD is good to go for this grant once the environmental review is completed. Castroville CSD approved the environmental proposal from MNS Engineers for this project, which is complete. State Water Resources Control Board, CWSRF set aside for small, disadvantaged communities, "The Small Community Clean Water Wastewater Funding Program." The proposal for Professional Engineering and Constructions Management Services-Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Final Design and Construction (not to exceed \$498,141) is contingent on award of grant to Castroville CSD. The Board approved at the December 19, 2023, board meeting MNS Engineers proposals for Professional Engineering Services-Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Regulatory Permitting Support (\$19,622) and Washington Sewer Trunk Line Bypass Right-of-Way Acquisition (\$81,610) total \$101,232.

7. Update on the status of grant/projects for **Castroville Landmark Sign at Highway 183 Project:** Per General Manager Eric Tynan he stated that he has been working to clarify what is needed with Caltrans to finalize this project and consulted with Jay Johnson who provided him with important information. Cooperative Agreement Amendment No. 01 and supporting documentation can be viewed on pages 90-128 of the board packet. He is moving forward with getting the permits for this project. Another potential issue is that Castroville CSD received a levy notice from the California Department of Tax and Fee Administration for the contractor Signs By Van, however the contractor informed him that it does not apply to his business. District Legal Counsel Heidi Quinn will contact the agency to clarify and confirm the levy is not valid against the contractor. As discussed last month, the issue with the foundation has yet to be resolved. The structural engineer needs to confirm the design for sign supports. He would like to have Jay Johnson, owner of J. Johnson and Company, assist with this project as he is currently working for Santa Clara as a public works inspector and signs off on many Caltrans projects. MNS Engineers coordinated with Caltrans to submit a reimbursement request on behalf of CCSD for this project for \$6,422. Construction funding source is Caltrans. The concrete/foundation testing to confirm structural design has been completed by the Penhall Company, a nationwide leader in concrete solutions and the engineers have signed off on it. At the January 16, 2024, board meeting, the Castroville CSD Board of Directors reviewed and submitted the signed Amended Cooperative Agreement to Caltrans. The delay for this project again has been the foundation. This project was started in 2019 and it was to be completed by July 2023. The Board approved the Cooperative Agreement and Maintenance Agreement with Caltrans for the Overhead Sign in October 2022. The State has also requested a traffic control plan and a storm water control plan which was prepared by MNS Engineers and sent to the state. MNS will be managing the administration for this project. Resolution No.2022-14, Engaging Signs By Van for the Design, Fabrication, and Installation of the Castroville Landmark Sign was approved. MNS to continue working with Signs By Van and draft the Project Management Professional (PMP), contract,

encroachment permit. Castroville CSD received a check from Caltrans in the amount of \$127,955.28 February 2, 2023, a check for \$17,580 May 24, 2023, a check for \$9,461.25 September 12, 2023, and a check for \$6,442.00 May 8, 2024.

Current grants awarded are the Clean Water Small Communities Planning Grant (\$500,000) with State Waterboards for administration, preliminary engineering report, plans, and specs for sewer in Moss Landing, project assigned to MNS Engineers. The IRWM Implementation Grant (\$395,000) is with DWR for the Deep Well (Well #6) and the use will be specified in the DWR/MCRWA agreement. The DAC Involvement Programs amount \$61,807 with DWR is for the design of the Washington Sewer Bypass for Castroville sewer is also assigned to MNS Engineers. Current funding efforts: Moss Landing sewer system improvements, Castroville emergency well replacement, Castroville water supply improvements and Castroville wastewater improvements.

8. Update on the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) projects and all current agreements Caltrans has with Castroville CSD: (1) Caltrans Merrit Street Beautification Project; Cooperative Agreement Amendment No. 01-Landmark Sign pages 90-128 and Adjustment of Manhole and Valve Covers Agreement and supporting documents on pages 130-136 of the board packet. (2) Pedestrian Bridge Enhancement/Improvement Project; Pedestrian Overpass Maintenance (Landscape) Agreement and supporting documents can be viewed on pages 137-144 of the board packet, and Agreement for the Positive Location of Underground Utilities can be viewed on pages 145-148 of the board packet – Project (1) General Manager Eric Tynan reminded the Board that Caltrans will cover the cost of manholes and valves for this project and Castroville CSD may only be responsible for the hydrants. Project (2) the County is responsible for replacing the rails and the fencing on the pedestrian bridge and Castroville CSD is only responsible for the lighting on the bridge and minor cosmetic maintenance such as graffiti. Santiago Garcia with Caltrans announced they will need to close passage for a week to the pedestrian bridge for sidewalk repairs and is hoping Castroville CSD can assist in notifying the public as is used daily by the public. Vice President Ron Stefani had requested the Board review all the current contract with Caltrans.

CLOSED SESSION: At 6.02 p.m. the Board went into Closed Session.

CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8

Property Location: APN: 030-141-022-000 and 030-141-023-000, Southwest corner of Merritt Street and Washington Street, Castroville, CA

Negotiating Parties: Castroville CSD and Salvador Alvarez and Hermilinda Alvarez
Property Owner: Salvador Alvarez and Hermilinda Alvarez
Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

Property Location: APN: 133-143-016-000, Highway 1 at Washington Road, Castroville, CA

Negotiating Parties: Castroville CSD and Vegetable Ranches, LLC
Property Owner: Vegetable Ranches, LLC
Under Negotiation: Property Negotiations

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Title: General Manager

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6

Unrepresented Employee: General Manager

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CLOSED SESSION ITEM: (if applicable): The board will reconvene into open session prior to adjournment and shall announce any action taken during the closed session. At 6:20 p.m. the Board returned to Open Session. Per District Legal Counsel Heidi Quinn, there was no reportable action taken on all three items discussed.

9. Consider and Adopt Resolution No. 24-06, Adopting the District Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024/2025; Operating Budgets for Water (Castroville Zone 1), Sewer and Governmental (Castroville Zone 1), Sewer and Governmental (Moro Cojo, NMCHS, & Monte Del Lago Mobile Home Park Zone 2) and Sewer (Moss Landing Zone 3) and Five-Year Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) 2024/2028 – The Resolution and Budgets for Fiscal year 2024/2025 along with the CIPA and other supporting documents can be viewed on pages 149-178 of the board packet. President Cosme Padilla wanted to disclose that he is a distant relative of one of the district employees. However, he can participate in the discussion and act on what is best for the District. Vice President Ron Stefani stated he would like the General Manager to bring back information on a longevity pay and an updated Wage Step Program. After some discussion, a motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Greg MacMillan, recommendation of the Budget & Personnel Committee to approve and adopt Resolution No. 24-06, Adopting the District Budgets for Fiscal Year 2024/2025, which includes a Five-Year CIP 2024/2028, Employees wage increases as of July 11, 2024, per option 2 from 4%-6.2% and extended recreational services with North County Recreation & Park District of \$219,000 for fiscal year 2024/2025. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

10. Consider and Approve salary increase for General Manager, effective July 11, 2024 – A motion is made by Ron Stefani and seconded by Jame Cochran to approve a salary increase of 4% for the General Manager, effective July 11, 2024. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania, and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMUNICATION: When needed, this time is reserved for the Board of Directors to communicate activity, educational classes, and/or Committee reports.

1. Update on Monterey One Water (M1W) board meeting – Vice President Ron Stefani stated the main issue that M1W is facing is that the board is changing a lot. As mentioned prior, effective July 1, 2024, customers will no longer receive a direct bill for wastewater service from M1W and instead the bill will be replaced by an annual fee included on the parcel's property tax bill. The County of Monterey mails property tax bills in mid-October and payments may be made in two installments. The County of Monterey and the Treasurer-Tax Collector have also authorized Easy Smart Pay, a third-party vendor, to provide a monthly payment option for the payment of property taxes. Interested property owners can work directly with Easy Smart Pay to set up payments via ACH or credit card. There are also programs that can assist the ratepayers with their bills. If all goes well, final board approval of moving the bills to the tax roll should be made at the upcoming M1W meeting scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2024.
2. Update on Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) meeting – Vice President Ron Stefani reported that demand management is the biggest issue being discussed. If the growers do not agree to the plan, such as the extraction barrier and reducing water. The State will implement the demand management. To stop seawater intrusion everyone in the surrounding area will need to stop pumping groundwater, period. The Board has viewed the model results. SVBGSA has done five

presentations around Monterey County to promote conservation efforts. The growers have done a great job, but they still use a lot of water.

3. Update on meetings or educational classes attended by the Directors –There are no updates at this time.

GENERAL OPERATIONS

1. General Manager’s Report – Compliance update, current projects update, meetings/seminars update, staff update, suggestive projects discussions
2. Operation’s Report
 - a) Water – Pumpage & Usage Update, Water Testing Update, Current Installation
 - b) Water -Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issue
 - c) Sewer & Storm Drain – Jetting, Current Installation Status Update, Current Contractor Work Update, Maintenance/Repair Update, Customer Service Update, Safety Issues
3. Customer /Billing Reports – Water Sales, Water Usage, A/R Update, Customer Service Update
4. Financial Reports – Treasures L.A.I.F. Report, Internal Report, Administration Update

General Operations Reports were accepted as presented

CHECK LIST – May 2024. A motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by Ron Stefani to pay all bills presented. The motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

There being no further business, a motion was made by Glenn Oania and seconded by James Cochran to adjourn to the next scheduled Board meeting; the motion carried by the following roll call votes:

AYES:	5	Directors:	Stefani, MacMillan, Cochran, Oania and Padilla
NOES:	0	Directors:	
ABSENT/NOT PARTICIPATING:	0	Directors:	

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Approved by,

Lidia Santos
Secretary to the Board

Cosme Padilla
President