

# MEETING MINUTES

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MID-PENINSULA WATER DISTRICT

Thursday, April 23, 2026  
Belmont, California

### 1. OPENING

#### A. **Call to Order**

The regular meeting of the Mid-Peninsula Water District was called to order by President Vella at 6:30 PM.

#### B. **Establishment of Quorum**

Present: President Vella, Director Patel, Director Cotten, and Director Covington.

Also Present: General Manager (GM) Kat Wuelfing, Administrative Services Manager (ASM) Alison Bell, Operations Manager (OM) Sarah Scheidt, Water Resource Coordinator Drew Bost, Interim District Treasurer Kamiko Tsuchida, District Engineer Joubin Pakpour, District Counsel Julie Sherman, Alexandra Atencio with Hanson Bridgett LLP, Tom Beil with Noll and Tam, and Brandon Laurie with Pakpour Engineering.

Absent: Vice President Matt Zucca

#### C. **Pledge of Allegiance**

General Manager Kat Wuelfing led the pledge of allegiance.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

### 3. AGENDA REVIEW: ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND PULLED CONSENT ITEMS

President Vella asked if there were any additions, deletions, or items to be pulled from consent.

There were none.

### 4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/PRESENTATIONS

#### A. **Public Works Week Proclamation**

General Manager Wuelfing presented the Public Works Week Proclamation. Water Resource Coordinator Drew Bost presented the Board with the new MPWD mascot!

Director Cotten moved to approve the proclamation to honor Public Works Week.

Director Patel seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 4-0-1

Director Cotten – Aye

Director Patel – Aye

Director Covington – Aye

President Vella – Aye

## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Approve Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on March 26, 2026**

**B. Approve Minutes for the Regular Board Meeting on April 2, 2026**

**C. Approve Expenditures from March 1, 2026 through March 31, 2026**

Director Covington moved to approve the Consent Agenda.

Director Cotten seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 4-0-1

Director Covington – Aye

Director Cotten – Aye

Director Patel – Aye

President Vella – Aye

## **6. HEARING AND APPEALS - None**

## **7. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**A. Consider Resolution 2026-10 Delegating Authority to the General Manager, or Designee(s), to Approve Designs and Plans for All Mid-Peninsula Water District Capital Improvement and Maintenance Projects**

General Manager Wuelfing presented to the Board Resolution 2026-10. District Counsel Julie Sherman introduced Alexandra Atencio from Hanson Bridgett LLP to speak regarding Design Immunity. Alex provided background on the benefits of Design Immunity and how the District could implement it. Alex and Julie answered Board questions.

Director Patel moved to approve Resolution 2026-10.



Director Covington seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 4-0-1

Director Patel – Aye

Director Covington – Aye

Director Cotten – Aye

President Vella - Aye

**B. Receive Report on Capital Improvement Program and Project Prioritization**

General Manager Wuelfing provided the Board with the information requested from the Special Board meeting on April 2, 2026 that detailed the CIP projects and budgets associated with them. District Engineer Pakpour contributed to the conversation by providing more insight into the projects and plans for future projects. Operations Manager Scheidt provided information to the Board as well.

**C. Consider Resolution 2026-11 Authorizing Award of Construction Contract to W.E. Lyons Construction Co. for the Folger Drive Emergency Operations Center Project (CIP 24-07) in the Amount of \$4,990,000 Plus a 10% Contingency of \$499,000 for a Total Amount of \$5,489,000**

This item was removed from the agenda by President Vella.

**D. Consider Resolution 2026-12 Approving a \$202,670 Increase to the Contingency on the Previously Awarded Construction Contract to Euro Style Management for Construction of the West Belmont (N), Exbourne (W) Water Tank Improvements (CIP #24-08 & 24-10), from \$83,770 to \$286,440, and increasing the Total Contract Cost from \$921,470 to \$1,124,140**

Operations Manager Scheidt introduced Resolution 2026-12. District Engineer Pakpour provided the Board with information regarding the increase and updates on the project.

Director Cotten moved to approve Resolution 2026-12.

Director Covington seconded the motion.

Roll call vote: 4-0-1

Director Cotten – Aye

Director Covington – Aye

Director Patel – Aye

President Vella - Aye

**8. REGULAR BUSINESS AGENDA**

135 **A. Review Preliminary Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Operation and Capital Budgets and**  
136 **Cash Flow Analysis and Consider adopting Ordinance 133 Amending Attachment**  
137 **“A” Regarding Rates and Fees to the Water Service Ordinance No. 103**

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139 General Manager Wuelfing presented to the Board Ordinance 133 Amendment.

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141 Director Patel moved to approve Ordinance 133.

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143 Director Covington seconded the motion.

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145 Roll call vote: 4-0-1

146 Director Patel – Aye

147 Director Covington – Aye

148 Director Cotten – Aye

149 President Vella - Aye

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151 **B. Receive Report on Assembly Bill (AB) 1572 Potable Water: Nonfunctional Turf**  
152 **Irrigation Ban and Nonfunctional Turf Ordinance Discussion**

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154 Water Resource Coordinator Bost provided the Board with a presentation that outlined the  
155 new legislation and what the ban on nonfunctional turf means.

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157 **C. Receive Report and Recommendation on Updates to the Rules of the Board of**  
158 **Directors – Sections 6 through 14**

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160 Administrative Services Manager Bell presented to the Board the final suggested changes  
161 to the Rules of the Board document. The completed document will be brought to the May  
162 Board Meeting for approval.

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164 **D. Select Day for District Photos**

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166 Administrative Services Manager Bell asked Director's for their availability for District  
167 photos. June 3<sup>rd</sup> has the majority of Board Members that can attend.

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169 **9. MANAGEMENT AND BOARD REPORTS**

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171 **A. Management Reports**

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173 **1. Financial Reports for the Month Ending November 30, 2025**

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175 Interim District Treasurer Kamiko Tsuchida gave a financial update report.

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177 **2. District Engineer**

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179 District Engineer Joubin Pakpour gave an update regarding capital projects.



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181 **3. Administrative Services Manager**

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183 ASM Bell gave an overview of her report.

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185 **4. Operations Manager**

186 OM Scheidt gave an overview of her report.

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188 **5. General Manager**

189 GM Wuelfing gave an overview of her report.

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191 **B. Director Reports**

192 The Directors gave brief reports of their District-related activities.

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194 **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

195 There were none.

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197 **11. CLOSED SESSION**

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199 The Board adjourned for Closed Session at 9:53 PM

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201 **A. Conference with Legal Counsel – initiate litigation – one case (Government**  
202 **Code section §54956.9 Subdivision (d)(4))**

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204 **12. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

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206 The Board reconvened the Open Session at 9:56 PM.

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208 District Counsel Sherman reported that there was no reportable action.

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210 **13. ADJOURNMENT**

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212 The regular board meeting of the Mid-Peninsula Water District adjourned at 9:56 PM.

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223 BOARD PRESIDENT

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225 NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING: THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 AT 6:30PM