

RELIABLE SINCE 1921

583 San Ysidro Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93108-2124

Phone: 805.969.2271
Email: info@montecitowater.com
Web: montecitowater.com



Board of Directors
Brian Goebel, President
Cori Hayman, Vice President
Kenneth Coates, Director
Tobe Plough, Director
Floyd Wicks, Director
General Manager and Board Secretary
Nick Turner

APPROVED
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MONTECITO WATER DISTRICT
583 SAN YSIDRO ROAD, MONTECITO, CALIFORNIA

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2026
9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

President Goebel called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m.

Directors present (In Person and via Zoom):

Directors Ken Coates, Brian Goebel, Tobe Plough, and Floyd Wicks participated in person.
Director Cori Hayman joined the meeting in person at 9:32 a.m.

Staff present (In Person and via Zoom):

Nick Turner, General Manager	Laura Camp, Public Information Officer
Adam Kanold, Asst. GM/Engineering Mgr.	Christina Perry, Administrative/HR Assistant
Emma Godinez, Business Manager	Ray Willefert, Financial Analyst/IT Specialist

Counsel present (In Person):

Walt Wendelstein, Wendelstein Law Group PC, District Counsel

Consultants present (In Person and via Zoom):

Ethan Knox, Rincon Consultants, Inc. (via Zoom)
Rosalyn Prickett, Rincon Consultants, Inc. (via Zoom)
Blake Coffey, Water Systems Consulting, Inc. (In Person)

Others present (In Person and via Zoom):

ishane (via Zoom)
LMR (via Zoom)

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. PUBLIC FORUM

No public comments were made.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following items were approved or accepted by vote on one motion:

- A. Meeting Minutes of March 24, 2026
- B. Payment of Bills for March 2026
- C. Investment of Funds and Cash Position as of March 28, 2026
- D. Unaudited Financial Statements as of March 31, 2026
- E. Waterworks Reports for March 2026
- F. Amendment to the Agreement with Nigro & Nigro for auditing services
- G. Award of Contract for Juncal Dam Emergency Release Valve #2 Rehabilitation Project
- H. Award of Contracts for Bid Phase Services for the Romero Reservoir Seismic Retrofit and Replacement Project (ASADRA)

Director Plough moved to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Director Coates and carried after a roll call vote with Directors Coates, Goebel, Hayman, Plough, and Wicks in favor.

5. DISTRICT OPERATIONS AND GENERAL MANAGER REPORTS

- A. INFORMATIONAL: Update on Construction Progress for the Terminal Reservoir Seismic Retrofit Project

Mr. Kanold introduced the item. Blake Coffey of Water Systems Consulting, Inc. (WSC) presented the Terminal Reservoir Progress Update. Staff and Mr. Coffey responded to questions from the Board.

- B. INFORMATIONAL: Review of the Draft *2025 Urban Water Management Plan* and *Water Shortage Contingency Plan*

Mr. Kanold introduced the item. Rosalyn Prickett of Rincon Consultants, Inc. presented an overview of the Draft *2025 Urban Water Management Plan* (UWMP) and *Water Shortage Contingency Plan* (WSCP). Ethan Knox of Rincon Consultants, Inc. was also present for the item. Staff and Ms. Prickett responded to questions from the Board. The Board directed staff to make the Draft 2025 UWMP and WSCP documents publicly available in advance of the Public Hearing at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 23, 2026.

- C. INFORMATIONAL: Quarterly Water Supply Update

Mr. Turner presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

- D. INFORMATIONAL: Customer Relations and Public Information Update

Ms. Camp presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

- E. INFORMATIONAL: General Manager Report

Mr. Turner presented the item and responded to questions from the Board.

6. DISTRICT BUSINESS REPORT

- A. No items

The Board paused for a break at 10:44 a.m. and returned at 10:55 a.m.

7. LEGAL MATTERS

- A. Recent and Pending Legal Matters Review – Oral Report

No report.

The Board recessed to Closed Session at 10:56 a.m.

The Board paused for lunch at 12:07 p.m. and returned at 12:48 p.m.

The Board returned to Open Session at 1:04 p.m.

- B. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(4) Conference with Legal Counsel – Initiation of Litigation; 1 case

As to Item 7-B, the Board received an update from Counsel and no action was taken.

- C. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(1) Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Montecito Water District v. Miradero LLC, Santa Barbara Superior Court Case No.26CV00403

As to Item 7-C, the Board received an update from Counsel and no action was taken.

- D. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(d)(2) Anticipated Litigation – 1 case.

As to Item 7-D, the Board received an update from Counsel and no action was taken.

- E. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54959.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: State Water Project assets
Agency Negotiator: Nicholas Turner, General Manager
Negotiating Parties: Solomon Hills Developer
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

As to Item 7-E, the Board received an update from the Real Property Negotiators and no action was taken.

- F. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54959.8 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

Property: Surplus District Property
Agency Negotiator: Adam Kanold, Assistant General Manager / Engineering Manager
Negotiating Parties: Surplus Land Act Letter of Interest Submitted
Under Negotiation: Price and Terms of Payment

As to Item 7-F, the Board received an update from the Real Property Negotiators and no action was taken.

G. CLOSED SESSION: Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiators

Agency designated representative: Nicholas Turner, General Manager
Employee organization: SEIU

As to Item 7-G, the Board received an update from the Labor Negotiator and no action was taken.

8. DIRECTOR AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. President's Report: Director Goebel reported that he met with counsel and staff regarding the Alder Creek Flume Reconstruction Project.
- B. Operations & Customer Relations Committee: Director Wicks reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- C. Finance Committee: Director Hayman reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- D. Strategic Planning Committee: Director Coates reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- E. Central Coast Water Authority: Director Coates reported attending a retirement event for outgoing Executive Director Ray Stokes and provided an update on the CCWA Fiscal Year 2026-27 Budget.
- F. Cachuma Operation and Maintenance Board: Director Hayman provided a report on the water levels at Lake Cachuma and the Proposed Fiscal Years 2027-2031 Infrastructure Improvement Plan; COMB Engineer/Operations Division Manager Joel Degner will attend a future District Board meeting to discuss the Infrastructure Improvement Plan.
- G. Cachuma Conservation Release Board: Director Plough reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- H. Santa Barbara County Chapter of the California Special Districts Association: Directors Wicks and Plough attended the SBCCSDA Chapter Meeting on April 27, 2026.
- I. ACWA JPIA: Director Wicks reported that he will attend the May 4th Board meeting at the ACWA JPIA Spring Membership Summit.
- J. CalDesal: Director Wicks reported that he will attend the May 6th Board meeting during the ACWA JPIA Spring Membership Summit.
- K. Ad hoc Committee: Water Rights Opportunities: Director Coates reported that relevant items were previously addressed.
- L. Directors' List of Compensable and Reimbursable Meetings (Government Code §53232.1 and §53232.3): Directors Coates, Goebel, and Plough reported meetings attended in March and April.

9. DIRECTOR REQUESTS

Related to Item 5-A, the Board requested additional outreach to increase public awareness of the positive start on Terminal Reservoir updates emphasizing the large scale of the ASADRA Project and its favorable funding.

Director Hayman requested a future discussion relating to consumer preference of water supplies.

10. ADJOURNMENT

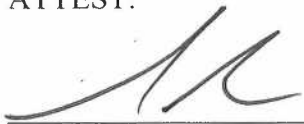
The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

APPROVED:



Brian Goebel, Board President

ATTEST:



Nicholas Turner, Secretary