

**Carmel Area Wastewater District/Pebble Beach Community Services District
Pebble Beach Company/ Independent Reclaimed Water Users Group
WASTEWATER RECLAMATION PROJECT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (RMC)**

MINUTES

Meeting of February 17, 2026

**3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953
Pebble Beach Community Services District (PBCSD) Boardroom**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Nick Becker, PBCSD General Manager, serving as facilitator, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Committee Members/Alternates Present

Suzanne Cole, Board of Directors, Carmel Area Wastewater District (CAWD)
Elise Weiland, Board of Directors, CAWD
Joe Huston, Independent Reclaimed Water Users Group (IRWUG)
Judah Matthews, Senior Vice President & Chief Financial Officer, Pebble Beach Company (PBC)
Richard Verbanec, Board of Directors, PBCSD
Peter McKee, Board of Directors, PBCSD

Committee Members/Alternates Present Absent

None

RMC Legal Counsel Present

Michael Laredo, De Lay & Laredo

Others Present:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager, CAWD
Jim Grover, Principal Accountant, CAWD
Matt Green, Chief Plant Operator, CAWD
Jeff Bandy, PhD, Principal Engineer, CAWD
Chris Foley, Facilities Manager, CAWD
Marianna Pimentel, Chief Financial Officer, PBCSD *
Chris Simmons, Principal Engineer, PBCSD
Nic Faro, Maintenance Manager, PBCSD
Brent Reitz, Director of Energy and Water Conservation, PBC *
Mollie Wooden, Compliance Manager, PBC
John Sawin, Senior Vice-President, Golf, PBC
David Stoldt, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD)
Mike McCullough, Assistant General Manager, MPWMD
Nishil Bali, Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Service Manager, MPWMD *
Mark Stilwell, Public and Previous RMC Member
Yuriana Nuñez, Administrative Coordinator/Board Clerk, PBCSD

**Signifies virtual attendance*

2. PERIOD FOR WELCOMING VISITORS, RECEIVING PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING MATTERS NOT LISTED OR CONSIDERING CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

There were no public comments or requested changes to the agenda.

3. MINUTES

It was moved by Member Huston, seconded by Member Verbanec, and unanimously carried 6-0 to approve the Minutes of the November 18, 2025 Committee meeting.

4. RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS RELATING TO OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE OF PROJECT

A. Financial Statements (ending December 31, 2025)

Jim Grover, CAWD Principal Accountant, gave an overview of Financial Statements, which showed strong financial health with capital reserves now amounting to \$2.1 million. Water sales are \$164,000 below budget and total plant expenses are 4% above budget due to PG&E rate increases.

The Financial Statements for the period were received for information, and no action was required or taken by the RMC.

B. Treatment Plant

Matt Green, CAWD Chief Plant Operator, presented and the committee was briefed on plant maintenance and operations during the reporting period. Regulatory quarterly reports were successfully submitted with no violations, and staff is working on annual regulatory reports. Treatment plant staff continue to perform preventative maintenance activities while tertiary and advanced treatment modules remain offline due to water storage facilities being at full capacity. The lab endeavors to seek re-accreditation, recently completing all required tasks and assignments that are now being evaluated by Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program (ELAP), the regulatory body responsible for accessing and evaluating labs performing environmental monitoring. CAWD recently hired a full-time lab analyst.

The Treatment Plant Report was received for information, and no action was required or taken by the Committee.

C. DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM

Chris Simmons, PBCSD Principal Engineer, presented slides and provided the distribution system operations and maintenance activity summary. The distribution system report highlighted high Forest Lake Reservoir storage and below-average water use. Total production from alternative source water projects amounted to 15 million gallons during the 2025 calendar year.

The Distribution System Report was received for information, and no action was required or taken by the Committee.

5. RECLAMATION TREATMENT FACILITIES 15-YEAR CIP MASTER PLAN

Jeff Bandy, CAWD's Principal Engineer, provided an update on the Capital Improvement Master Plan for treatment plant facilities. As of January 2026, CAWD is in receipt of the final alternatives' memorandum from their engineering consultants, which includes project cost estimates. Mr. Bandy will coordinate a workshop with Brent Reitz, Director of Energy and Water Conservation at PBC, to review final technical memorandum and noted cost estimates. Mr. Bandy anticipates presenting the draft Master Plan, including project alternatives and associated costs, at the May meeting.

A verbal report on the Reclamation Treatment Facilities 15-Year Cip Master Plan was received for information, and no action was required or taken by the Committee.

6. RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE FROM FENTON & KELLER DATED FEBRUARY 11, 2026

RMC Members received correspondence from CAWD's Legal Counsel, Alex Lorca, which has presented an opinion suggesting RMC's recent approval of an agreement with De Lay & Laredo to perform legal counsel services for the RMC was in violation of the Four-Way agreement. The discussion revealed a fundamental disagreement between CAWD and other RMC members regarding whether or not the legal counsel service agreement requires subsequent approval from both CAWD and PBCSD Boards. CAWD representatives insisted the agreement be subsequently approved by both Boards, while the other RMC members mutually advocated that the legal service agreement binds only that of one Board (PBCSD), thereby CAWD is not be required to subsequently approve said agreement. RMC members along with public comment clarified the historic role of the Management Committee and its authority to make independent decisions with respect to the management and operation of the Project – an authority that has been widely exercised and accepted by all parties since the inception of the Project. Other than CAWD representatives, RMC members affirmed that subsequent and respective Board approval from either CAWD or PBCSD would only be required for matters directly affecting capital assets owned by respective agencies, while equally affirming RMC's autonomy over general governance and decisions that don't affect said capital assets. The conversation ended with RMC members suggesting to have a meeting with Fenton & Keller to further clarify CAWD's interpretation regarding perceived violation of the Four-Way Agreement.

7. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION AND/OR INFORMATION

David Stoldt, General Manager at MPWMD, provided an update on the application with the State Board to lift the existing cease-and-desist order on Cal-Am. Traction is being made and more information will become available in the summer.

8. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee did not meet in closed session.

9. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

There being no further business at 10:31 a.m., it was moved by consensus that the Reclamation Management Project Committee adjourn to its next regular meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. in the PBCSD Boardroom located at 3101 Forest Lake Road, Pebble Beach.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yuriana Nuñez
PBCSD Administrative Coordinator/Board Clerk