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 June 9, 2026

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Nick Becker, PBCSD General Manager, serving as facilitator, called the meeting to order at 9:33 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

None

Others Present:

Barbara Buikema, General Manager, CAWD
Jeff Bandy, PhD, Principal Engineer, CAWD
Bradley Lander, Intern, CAWD
Chris Foley, Facilities Manager, CAWD
Marianna Pimentel, Chief Financial Officer, PBCSD
Chris Simmons, Principal Engineer, PBCSD
Nic Faro, Maintenance Manager, PBCSD
Delbert Truong, Assistant Engineer, PBCSD
Brent Reitz, Director of Energy and Water Conservation, PBC *
J J West, General Manager, Monterey Peninsula Country Club
Michael Laredo, Partner, De Lay & Laredo
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 Verbanec, seconded by Member Huston, and unanimously carried 6-0 to approve as presented the Minutes of the May 12, 2026 Committee meeting.

4. UPDATES TO THE CAWD/PBCSD WASTEWATER RECLAMATION BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026 – 2027

Barbara Buikema, CAWD General Manager briefed the Committee regarding minor changes to the previously approved budget for FY 2026-2027, namely correcting the amount of unspent capital to be allocated to reserves.

It was moved by Member Verbanec, seconded by Member Huston, and unanimously carried 6-0 to approve the updates to the CAWD/PBCSD Wastewater Reclamation Budget for FY 2026 – 2027.

5. REPORT REGARDING STATUS OF LEGAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

As a result of CAWD's pursuit of litigation PBCSD terminated the RMC's agreement for legal counsel services effective June 5, 2026. The Committee currently stands for the first time unrepresented without legal counsel. The Committee discussed the necessity of hiring new legal counsel, with some members pointing out the desire to retain counsel to assure Brown Act compliance. The Committee ultimately decided to take no action on filling the legal counsel position at this time, leaving the decision to solicit legal counsel services to the discretion of RMC at a future time.

6. DIRECTION FOR PAYMENT OF LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED TO DATE

General Manager Buikema explained that as the lead agency, CAWD is rejecting to pay the RMC legal counsel invoices on the basis that the legal counsel agreement was invalid. CAWD is bringing this issue to the RMC to discuss and resolve. Member Huston expressed the opposite opinion, asserting support for payment to DeLay & Laredo for services rendered and further support was expressed by other members.

It was moved by Member Huston, seconded by Member Matthews, to approve RMC making payment to DeLay & Laredo for outstanding invoices for legal services rendered to date.

Member Cole, who did not support the motion, explained that she is unsure of the reasons why CAWD is declining to make payment and preferred to postpone the matter to allow the CAWD Board to consider it.

Member Cole proposed an alternative motion to postpone the decision on payment to DeLay & Laredo for legal services rendered to date until the CAWD Board has had the opportunity to review it, run it by their legal counsel and bring it back to the RMC. The alternative motion was seconded by Member Weiland. Following a roll call vote, the motion failed with one aye and five nays.

MEMBER	VOTE
Member Cole	Aye
Member Weiland	Nay
Member Huston	Nay
Member Matthews	Nay
Member Verbanec	Nay
Member McKee	Nay

The first motion was reinstated by Member Huston, seconded by Member McKee, to approve payment to DeLay & Laredo for outstanding legal services rendered to date. Following a roll call vote, the motion passed with five ayes and one nay.

MEMBER	VOTE
Member Cole	Nay
Member Weiland	Aye
Member Huston	Aye
Member Matthews	Aye
Member Verbanec	Aye
Member McKee	Aye

7. DIRECTION TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW PROJECT RELATED AGREEMENTS

General Manager Becker provided an overview of the seventeen agreements found to date relating to the Reclamation Project and requested direction from the RMC on the formation of a working group to review the project-related agreements. Scope and priorities for reviewing these agreements was discussed. Member Matthews suggested and Member Huston supported the approach of hiring an independent legal counsel who would direct the effort. Member Cole suggested starting out with smaller efforts before engaging legal counsel or a third-party consultant. After deliberating, the RMC agreed that each of the five parties bound by agreement, which include CAWD, PBCSD, PBC, Independent Reclaimed Water Users Group (IRWUG), and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD), delegate one representative from their organization (preferably a staff member) to participate on an ad-hoc task force, who would familiarize themselves with the seventeen agreements and advise the RMC at a later date should any of the agreements need to be updated. To expedite the review process, General Manager Becker will coordinate the first meeting with selected representatives. Additionally, RMC stated that all decisions and any amendments to existing agreements shall be required to be brought back to the RMC for consideration. At the end of the review process, the Boards of the entities would have to approve changes, amendments, or new agreements. The RMC desires to meet monthly until further notice.

8. MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATION AND/OR INFORMATION

None.

9. CLOSED SESSION

The Committee did not meet in closed session.

10. ADJOURNMENT & NEXT MEETING DATE

There being no further business at 10:30 a.m., it was moved by consensus that the Reclamation Management Project Committee adjourn to its next regular meeting on <u>Tuesday, July 14, 2026</u>, 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