1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair/ Mayor Joe Russell called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m. and requested a roll call.

Voting members present:

Chair/Mayor Russell (City of Del Rey Oaks)  
Mayor Mettee-McCutchon (City of Marina)  
Mayor Pendergrass (City of Sand City)  
Jim Cook (County of Monterey)  
Councilmember Davis (City of Pacific Grove)  
Councilmember Mancini (City of Seaside)  
1st Vice Chair/Mayor Rubio (City of Seaside)  
Councilmember Downey (City of Monterey)  
Councilmember Wilmot (City of Marina)  
Supervisor Salinas (County of Monterey)  
Mayor McCloud (City of Carmel-by-the-Sea)

Absent were Councilmember Barnes (City of Salinas) and the third representative from the County of Monterey.

Ex-Officio members present:

Tony Boles (CSUMB)  
Graham Bice (UC Santa Cruz)  
Gail Youngblood (BRAC)  
Vicki Nakamura (Monterey Peninsula College)  
 Kenneth K. Nishi (Marina Coast Water District)

Arriving after the meeting was called to order were Alec Arago (17th Congressional District) and Debbie Hale (TAMC). Brandon Gesicki, senior advisor to Senator Maldonado, and Dan Albert, Jr., Assistant Superintendent for Facilities at MPUSD, both attended as observers. Dr. Douglas Garrison (Monterey Peninsula College) arrived at 3:40 p.m. and replaced Ms. Nakamura during the discussion about the budget. There were no representatives from the 27th State Assembly District, Monterey-Salinas Transit, and U.S. Army.

With a quorum present, Chair Russell opened the meeting by requesting a moment of silence in memory of Councilmember Wilmot’s mother, who had passed away.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Russell asked Mayor McCloud, who agreed, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Chair Russell acknowledged the presence of Monterey Councilmember Libby Downey, alternate to Mayor Chuck Della Sala.
4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD - none

5. CONSENT AGENDA

There were four items on the Consent Agenda: Item 5a (Minutes of the January 11, 2008 board meeting), Item 5b (Non-substantive changes to the Master Resolution), Item 5c (Imjin Office Park – Paul Davis contract amendment), and Item 5d (Salary range adjustment; Executive Assistant/ Deputy Clerk to the Board). Motion to approve all four items was made by Mayor Rubio, seconded by Mayor Mettee-McCutcheon, and carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS

Item 6a - Habitat Conservation Plan approval process: Director of Planning and Finance Steve Endsley reported that the next meeting with the regulators and Jones & Stokes, FORA's environmental consulting firm, was scheduled on February 28th in the FORA Barn.

7. NEW BUSINESS

Item 7a - Confirmation of 2008 FORA committee appointments: Motion to confirm the Chair’s board member recommendations to serve on the Finance and Legislative Committees was made by Councilmember Mancini, seconded by Mayor Rubio, and carried. The 2008 Finance Committee members consist of Mayor McCloud (Chair); Councilmembers Mancini, Wilmot and Barnes; and Mr. Graham Bice; no alternates were appointed. The 2008 Legislative Committee members are Mayor Russell (Chair); Supervisors Potter and Calcagno; and Mayors Mettee-McCutcheon and Rubio; alternates are Mayor Pendergrass and Supervisor Salinas.

Item 7b - Acceptance of FORA mid-year budget: Executive Officer Houlemard remarked that the recent downturn in the economy, particularly in the housing market, was having a significant impact on the FORA budget. He illustrated the variance in the figures, particularly in development fees, in a PowerPoint summary of the mid-year budget revenues and expenditures. Mayor McCloud, who is also Chair of the Finance Committee, said the Finance Committee had reviewed this budget and recommended approval by the Board. There were no public comments. Motion to accept the mid-year status report of the FY 2007-08 FORA Operating Budget, as recommended by the Finance Committee, was made by Mayor Rubio, seconded by Councilmember Wilmot, and carried.

Item 7c – Water Augmentation Program: (1) Review of the Division of Ratepayer Advocates Regional Plenary Oversight Group’s (DRA REPOG) proposal – presentation by Lyndel Melton (RMC Water & Environment) and (2) Status report: Mr. Melton focused his report on the former Fort Ord components within the context of a sustainable water supply program for Monterey County. He presented a PowerPoint showing the different components of the proposal. He pointed out the benefits and cost savings of constructing a regional landfill cogeneration facility just north of Marina, with links to other area recycled and desalinated water projects. He said this regional plan has been reviewed by a number of technical experts and includes a component to reduce seawater intrusion. He pointed out that the California Public Utilities Commission and CalAm have three alternatives to help alleviate the
water shortages and problems in the County: facilities at Moss Landing or in North Marina, or a regional plan, the latter of which mandates cooperation in creating a regional governance structure and commitment to a regional plan. Chair Russell opened the item to the board members, who asked Mr. Melton a number of questions. Executive Officer Houlemard commented and emphasized that the regional plan is an opportunity to move forward on all the water augmentation issues that will have to be addressed eventually on any future project. John Fischer, a member of the public and also a REPOG group member, urged the board members to join together in creating a management group to be able to access Proposition 84 funds for this project and to move forward on the compromise effort.

Item 7d - FORA’s review and consideration of the revised business terms of the previously executed Disposition and Development Agreement between Marina Redevelopment Agency and Marina Community Partners, LLC, re The Dunes on Monterey Bay (2nd Implementation Agreement) – recommendations from the Administrative and Finance Committee: Executive Officer Houlemard reported that the Administrative Committee had met on February 4th and after a two-hour discussion had moved to recommend pulling Item 7d from the February 8th board agenda, including any information or action associated with it. Motion to pull the item from today's agenda and leave the matter open for presentation of further information and discussion was made by Mayor Rubio, seconded by Councilmember Mancini, and carried.

8. EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT

There were four items in this report: Item 8a (Administrative Committee report), Item 8b (Finance Committee report), Item 8c (Fort Ord Reuse Authority Quarterly Report (October-December 2007), and Item 8d (Fort Ord Reuse Authority investments – quarterly status report). Executive Officer Houlemard called attention to the quarterly report and the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA) update, which is now included. He said there would not be a third quarter quarterly report but staff would prepare an annual report after June 30, 2008.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Councilmember Mancini announced that the Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee would meet next on Thursday, February 14th in the Marina Library. Mayor Rubio called attention to the Amgen Tour of California 2008 bike race that will start in Seaside at 10:00 a.m. on February 21st and said all are invited to attend. Libby Downey announced that the Monterey City Council had approved a $25,000 donation to the Veterans Cemetery Master Development Plan, the funding of which FORA is coordinating.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Russell adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Linda Stiehl, Deputy Clerk.