

County of Monterey

Cayenne Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas Ca. 93901



Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

12:00 PM

Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

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NOTE: All agenda titles related to numbered agenda items are live web links. Click on the title to be directed to corresponding Board Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address comments to the Board concerning each agenda item. The timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

- 1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:

**WRAG
24-019**

a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation.

b. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:

1. Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al. (San Luis Obispo Superior Case No. 19CVP-0010)

c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the General Manager.

d. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.8, the Board will confer with real property negotiators:

Property: Recycled Industrial Wastewater

Agency Negotiator(s): Ara Azhderian, General Manager

Negotiating Parties: City of Salinas and Monterey One Water

Under Negotiation: Price and terms.

Note: Continuance of Closed Session to be held at the conclusion of the Board's Regular Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

Recess to Closed Session

Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY CLERK: The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may acted on by the Board as provided in Sections

54954.2 of the California Government Code.**Public Comment****Presentations**

2. Summary of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project's 2023 Operational Season. **WRAG**
(Staff Presenting: Peter Vannerus) **24-020**

Attachments: CSIP Season Summary 2023

Consent Calendar

3. Approve the Action Minutes of January 16, 2024, and Special Board of Directors Meeting Action Minutes of January 24, 2024. **WRAG**
24-021

Attachments: Draft BOD Minutes January 16, 2024
Draft SPECIAL BOD Minutes January 24, 2024

4. Receive the Monterey County Water Resources Agency FY 2023-24 Financial Status Report through December 31, 2023. (Staff: Nan Kyung Kim) **WRAG**
24-022

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[FY24 Financial Status Report thru Dec. 31, 2023](#)
[Executed BO# 24-002 FY24 WRA Financial](#)

Action Items

5. Consider receiving the 2023 Annual Groundwater Level Contours and Cumulative Change Chart. (Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz Moreno) **WRAG**
24-023

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Attachment A: Annual 2023 Shallow](#)
[Attachment B: Annual 2023 Deep](#)
[Attachment C: Cumulative Changes 1944 - 2023](#)
[Attachment D: Summary of Changes 2022 - 2023](#)
[Board Order](#)
[Executed BO# 24-003 Annual GWL Contours & Cumulative Change Chart](#)

6. Consider adoption of a resolution amending the Bylaws of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors concerning Board member participation on standing and advisory committees. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian) **WRAG**
24-024

- Attachments:** [Board Report](#)
[MCWRA Bylaws proposed amendments \(clean\) REVISED](#)
[MCWRA Bylaws proposed amendments \(redline\) REVISED](#)
[Resolution](#)
[Executed RESO #24-001 MCWRA Bylaws](#)
[Executed MCWRA Bylaws 2.20.24](#)

7. Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors to include funding for Interlake Tunnel Project development, in the recommended budget for fiscal-year 2024-2025. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

WRAG
24-032

- Attachments:** [Board Report](#)
[Board Order](#)
[Executed BO#24-004 Interlake Tunnel Project](#)

Key Information and Calendar of Events

8. February, March and April 2024 Calendars.

WRAG
24-025

- Attachments:** February 2024
March 2024
April 2024

General Manager's Report

9.
 - Fiscal-Year Ending 2025 Budget Preparation Update
 - GEMS Expansion
 - Personnel Update
 - Monterey One Reconciliation
 - Dam Safety Project Funding
 - Carmel River Flood Model Update Funding
 - Association of California Water Agencies Update
 - Other

WRAG
24-026

- Attachments:** General Manager Memo
Board of Director - Special Meeting GEMS Expansion Presentation
WRA Planning Committee Presentation RE Financial Forecasting Model
BOS Legislative Workshop WRA Priorities Fact Sheets
DRAFT ACWA 2024 FAC Priorities

Committee Reports

- 10. Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for January and February 2024:** **WRAG 24-027**
- Special Water Resources Agency Board of Directors
 - Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee
 - Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee
 - Water Resources Agency Personnel and Administration Committee
 - Water Resources Finance Committee
 - Water Resources Planning Committee
 - Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee
- Attachments:** Final SPECIAL BOD MEETING Agenda January 24, 2024
 Final ResOps Agenda January 25, 2024
 Final BMAC Agenda February 7, 2024
 P&A Cancellation Notice February 2024
 Final Finance Agenda February 2, 2024
 Final Planning Agenda February 7, 2024
 Final SPECIAL BOD Agenda February 7, 2024
 JBL Cancellation Notice February 2024

Information Items

- 11. Reservoir Storage Release Update. (Staff: Peter Kwiek)** **WRAG 24-028**
- Attachments:** Reservoir Storage Release Update
- 12. Salinas Valley Water Conditions: Quarterly Update for the First Quarter of Water Year 2023-2024. (Staff: Rene Nunez, Guillermo Diaz Moreno, and Tamara Voss)** **WRAG 24-030**
- Attachments:** Salinas Valley Water Conditions for the First Qtr. Water Yr 23-24
- 13. Well Permit Application Summary. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz Moreno)** **WRAG 24-031**
- Attachments:** Well Permit Application Summary

Correspondence

- 14. 1. Letter dated January 23, 2024 to Governor Gavin Newsom, Ben Allen (Bond Authors), Susan Eggman (Bond Authors), Eduardo Garcia (Bond Authors), Carlos Villapudua (Bond Authors), Josh Becker (Budget Subcommittee Chair), Steve Bennett (Budget Subcommittee Chair) from ACWA, CMUA, California Alliance for Jobs, Irvine Ranch Water District, San Diego County Water Authority, Sweetwater Authority, Yuba Water Agency, EVMWD, El Dorado Irrigation District, United Water Conservation District, Sonoma Water, NCWA, Serrano Water District,** **WRAG 24-029**

Monterey County, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, The City of San Diego, Turlock Irrigation District, Northern California Power Agency, Valley Water, SAFCA

RE: Dam Safety and Resilience Program/Legislative Bond Proposals

2. Letter dated February 2, 2024 to Majority Leader Charles Schumer, Republican Leader Mitch McConnell, Speaker of the House Mike Johnson, Democratic Leader Hakeem Jefferies from Agribusiness and Water Council Arizona, Animas - La Plata Water Conservancy District (Colorado), Central Arizona Irrigation and Drainage District, Colorado Ag Water Alliance Colorado River District, Columbia Basin Development League (WASHINGTON), Deschutes Basin Board of Control (OREGON) - Arnold Irrigation District - Central Oregon Irrigation District -North Unit Irrigation District -Ochoco Irrigation District -Swalley Irrigation District -Three Sisters Irrigation District -Tumalo Irrigation District -Lone Pine Irrigation District, East Columbia Basin Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Elephant Butte Irrigation District (NEW MEXICO), Farmers Conservation Alliance, Family Farm Alliance, Family Water Alliance (CALIFORNIA), Farwell Irrigation District (NEBRASKA), Greenfields Irrigation District (MONTANA), Idaho Water Users Association, Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District (KANSAS), Kittitas Reclamation District (WASHINGTON), Klamath Water Users Association (OREGON), Iliff Irrigation District (COLORADO), Logan Irrigation District; Loup Basin Reclamation District (NEBRASKA), Maricopa-Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), Milk River Joint Board of Control (MONTANA), Monterey County Farm Bureau (CALIFORNIA), Monterey County Water Resources Agency (CALIFORNIA), National Water Resources Association, New Magma Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), North Sterling Irrigation District (COLORADO), Orange Cove Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), Oregon Farm Bureau, Oregon Water Resources Congress, Roza Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Salt River Project (ARIZONA), San Carlos Irrigation and Drainage District (ARIZONA), San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (CALIFORNIA), Sargent Irrigation District (NEBRASKA), Solana Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), South Columbia Basin Irrigation District (WASHINGTON), Truckee-Carson Irrigation District (NEVADA), Turlock Irrigation District (CALIFORNIA), Washington State Potato Commission, Washington State Water Resources Association.

RE: 70 million for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation Program

3. Letter dated February 1, 2024 to Honorable Alex Padilla, United States Senate from Sonia M. De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer RE: Support for the Low-Income Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP) Establishment Act

- Attachments:**
- 1.23.24 LTR Coalition to Governor Newsom RE Dam Safety Funding
 - 2.2.24 LTR Re WFPO Funding FY24 Appropriations
 - 2.1.24 CAO LTR of Support for Padilla RE: LIHWAP Establishment Act

Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment