

# County of Monterey

*Board of Supervisors Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St 1st Flr,  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Agenda

**Monday, April 15, 2024**

**12:00 PM**

### **Water Resources Agency Board of Directors**

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**THE BOARD RECESSES FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: Closed Session may be held at the conclusion of the Board's Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting, before or after the scheduled time, announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.**

**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:
  - 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 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the General Manager.
  - c. 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)
    2. *California-American Water Company, et al. v. Marina Coast Water District, et al.*, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-15-546632
  - 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. Presentation on the Vegetation Management Plan (VMP) on agency lands around the Nacimiento Reservoir.

(Presenter: Cal-Fire Fuels Battalion Chief Luke Bourgault)

**Attachments:** [Nacimiento and Heritage VMP PPT 2024](#)

**Public Hearing**

3. Public hearing to consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:
- Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Zone 2B water delivery charge of up to \$89.60 per acre-foot (AF) of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP); and
  - Notice and hold a public hearing on May 29, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. to consider approving and adopting the rate change; and
  - Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the public hearing by Board of Supervisors.

(Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[M1W Five Year Expense Trend](#)  
[M1W SVRP and CSIP utility and chemical expense in FY2023-24](#)  
[Notice of Public Hearing Board of Directors](#)  
[Board Order](#)

**Presentations**

4. Update on Analysis of the 2023 Seawater Intrusion Data.  
(Presenter: Tamara Voss)

**Attachments:** [2023 Update on SWI Process PPT](#)

**Consent Calendar**

5. Approve the Action Minutes of March 18, 2024.

**Attachments:** [Draft BOD Minutes March 18, 2024](#)

6. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. for the Salinas River Lagoon Community Engagement and Planning Project.  
(Staff: Jason Demers & Peter Kwiek)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Amendment No. 1 ICF Jones & Stoke Inc](#)  
[Board Order](#)

7. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Services with Quinn Company to extend the contract term to June 30, 2028, and increase the dollar amount by \$150,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$400,000 for short term equipment rental and preventative maintenance and repair of Agency owned heavy equipment; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.(Staff: Jason Demers)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Original Agreement for Services](#)  
[Amendment No. 1](#)  
[Amendment No. 2](#)  
[Amendment No. 3](#)  
[Board Order](#)

8. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with Don Chapin Company to increase the dollar amount by \$70,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,070,000 for work related to Pajaro Levee 2023 storm damage; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.  
(Staff: Shaunna Murray)

**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
[Original Agreement for Services](#)  
[Amendment No. 1](#)  
[Amendment No. 2](#)  
[Board Order](#)

9. Approve a Notice of Completion for the 180-Foot and 400-Foot Aquifers Dedicated Monitoring Well Installation Project, RFB No. 2022-0022; and authorize the General Manager to execute and record the Notice at the Monterey County Recorder's Office. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
[Board Order](#)  
[Notice of Completion](#)

10. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Funding Agreement with the City of Salinas to increase the dollar amount by \$80,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$202,833.75 for waterway cleanup, mitigation, and restoration with Encampment Resolution Funding offered through the California Interagency Council on Homelessness; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement. (Staff: Jennifer Bodensteiner)

**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
[Original Funding Agreement with City](#)  
[Amendment No.1 to 22ERF06 Funding Amendment - MCWRA](#)  
[Copy of Casentini Work Site Map](#)  
[Cassentini Project photos](#)  
[Board Order](#)

11. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Services with Don Chapin Company, Inc. to increase the dollar amount by \$80,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$465,000 for maintenance and repairs to Agency owned facilities related to storm events and restoration; and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement. (Staff: Jennifer Bodensteiner)

**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
[Amendment No. 3](#)  
[Original Agreement for Services](#)  
[Funding Agreement No. 22ERF06 Amendment No. 1 City of Salinas](#)  
[Board Order](#)

12. Adopt a Resolution to:
- a. Authorize the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to submit an application to the California Department of Water Resources

(DWR) Statewide Flood Emergency Response Grant Program (Flood ER Grant) to obtain financial assistance for a web-based tool for flood forecast mapping of the Salinas River for enhanced planning, coordination, preparedness, and response related to flood emergencies, pursuant and subject to all of the terms and provisions of California Proposition 84, The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality & Supply, Flood Control, River & Coastal Bond Act of 2006 (Section 75032 of Chapter 3 of Division 43 of the Public Resources Code); and,

- b. Designate, authorize, and direct the General Manager of the MCWRA, Operations Manager, and Finance Manager III to execute and manage applications, grant documents, and any amendments thereto with DWR, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to comply with grant funding requirements. (Staff: Jennifer Bodensteiner)

**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
                              [California DWR Statewide Flooding Emergency Response Grant Program](#)  
                              [Resolution](#)

- 13.**                      Adopt a release schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs for 2024.  
(Staff: Peter Kwiek & Joseph Klein)

**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
                              [Reservoir Release Schedule for 2024](#)  
                              [Board Order](#)

### **Action Items**

- 14.**                      Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:
- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
  - b. Set and hold a public hearing on May 29, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. to consider approving and adopting assessment rate charges; and
  - c. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing.
- (Staff Presenting: Nan Kyung Kim)



**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
                              [Summary FY2024-25 Assessment Charges Flood Zones](#)  
                              [FY25 Public Hearing Notice Flood Zones 1](#)  
                              [FY25 Public Hearing Notice Flood Zones 1A](#)  
                              [FY25 Public Hearing Notice Flood Zones 8](#)  
                              [FY25 Public Hearing Notice Flood Zones 9](#)  
                              [FY25 Public Hearing Notice Flood Zones 12](#)  
                              [FY25 Public Hearing Notice Flood Zones 17](#)  
                              [Board Order](#)

- 15.** Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to:
- a. Approve and adopt a Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 cost of living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP); and
  - b. Approve and adopt a FY 2024-25 COLA increase of 2.4% to the Zone 2B water service charge for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project (SRDF); and
  - c. Notice and hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on May 29, 2024, to consider approving and adopting assessment rate charges; and
  - d. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing.
- (Staff Presenting: Nan Kyung Kim)

**Attachments:**    [Board Report](#)  
                              [Summary of Rates and Charges of Zone 2B,2Y and 2Z](#)  
                              [Notice of Public Hearing](#)  
                              [Board Order](#)

- 16.** Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to:
- a. Approve and adopt a Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations & Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
  - b. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2024, to consider approving and adopting assessment rate charges; and
  - c. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing.
- (Staff Presenting: Nan Kyung Kim)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Summary FY2024-25 Assessment charges Zone 2C](#)  
[Notice of Public Hearing Zone 2C](#)  
[Resolution](#)  
[Board Order](#)

17. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2024-25 Recommended Budget.  
(Staff Presenting: Nan Kyung Kim)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[MCWRA FY2024-25 Recommended Budget Book](#)  
[FY25 Budget PPT](#)  
[Resolution](#)  
[Board Order](#)

18. Consider authorizing the General Manager to engage with a collation of Western irrigated agriculture interests, including other water agencies, on the United States Army Corps of Engineers Proposed Rule for Agency Specific Procedures for implementation of its Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for water resources investments.(Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Draft Comment Letter](#)  
[Board Order](#)

### **Key Information and Calendar of Events**

19. April, May, and June 2024 Calendars.

**Attachments:** [April 2024](#)  
[May 2024](#)  
[June 2024](#)

### **General Manager's Report**

- 20.
- GEMS Expansion
  - Personnel Update
  - Monterey One Reconciliation
  - Dam Safety Project Funding
  - Association of California Water Agencies Update
  - Other

### **Committee Reports**

21. Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for March and April 2024:
- Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Cancellation
  - Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Agenda
  - Water Resources Agency Planning Committee Agenda
  - Special Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Agenda
  - Water Resources Personnel and Administration Committee Agenda
  - Water Resources Agency Finance Committee Agenda

**Attachments:**   [ResOps Cancellation Notice March 2024](#)  
[Final BMAC Agenda April 3, 2024](#)  
[Final Planning Agenda April 3, 2024](#)  
[Final SPECIAL ResOps Agenda April 4, 2024](#)  
[Final P&A Agenda April 5, 2024](#)  
[Final Finance Agenda April 5, 2024](#)

### **Information Items**

22. Reservoir Storage and Release Update. (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

**Attachments:**   [Reservoir Storage Release Update](#)

### **Board of Directors Comments**

### **Adjournment**