Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Referral Submittal Form

Referral No. 2021.18 (REVISED)
Assignment Date: 9/28/21
(Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than noon on Thursday prior to Board meeting

Date: 9-22-21	Submitted By: Supervisor Adams	District #: 5
Referral Title: Board Workshop to Review Regional Water Issues and Potential Solutions		
Referral Purpose: To initiate a comprehensive discussion on regional scale water issues and potential solutions in Monterey County.		

Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required):
The Board of Supervisors represents Monterey County in various settings, as the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), and individually at several water related agencies including SVBGSA, Monterey One Water, Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. There are additional public agencies, regulated utilities, and other entities that operate water systems. To achieve new regional water supply solutions will require better communication among the Supervisors, the agencies they participate in, and a collaborative approach with the involvement of numerous stakeholders.

Monterey County faces water supply issues and constraints that require regional strategies to address seawater intrusion, lowering groundwater levels and overdraft conditions in several of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) subbasins. New information has come to light through the recently developed Groundwater Sustainability Plans that are being circulated for public review that warrant discussion by the Board of Supervisors. While much of Fifth District relies on water supplies from the Carmel River, the Seaside Groundwater Basin, and other water projects, the Corral de Tierra area is not connected to these supplies and is part of the SVBGSA Monterey Subbasin. The GSP process has identified the need for this area to participate in regional projects in the future.

The Board of Supervisors of the MCWRA is an appropriate body to provide leadership to convene key agencies and stakeholders. This referral is for the Board of Supervisors of the MCWRA to hold a special joint meeting with the MCWRA Board of Directors, the SVBGSA Board of Directors, and the Marina Coast Water District GSA Board for the water agencies' leadership to provide a comprehensive overview of regional projects under consideration by the MCWRA, SVBGSA and MCWD GSA. Elected officials, local agencies, water purveyors, industry representatives, landowners and other stakeholders that may have some oversight or authority, or potential interest in participating in regional solutions should be invited.

The goal of this workshop is to gain a common understanding of water supply constraints countywide and in the greater region, to provide better context for other potential County actions on water-related policies, to explore options for water project development, as well as roles and responsibilities across agencies and interested parties, and to define a path forward on potential regional projects and solutions.

Classification - Implication	Mode of Response
☐ Ministerial / Minor	☐ Memo ☐ Board Report √ Presentation
☐ Land Use Policy	**Requested Response Timeline**
☐ Social Policy	☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 6 weeks
☐ Budget Policy	☐ Status reports until completed
√ Other: _____	√ Other: Hold special meeting within 60 days ☐ Specific Date: _____

ASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO at Board Meeting. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s)
Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s): Water Resources Agency	Referral Lead: Brent Buche	Board Date: 9/28/21

REASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s). Completed by CAO's Office:

Department(s):	Referral Lead:	Date:

ANALYSIS - Completed by Department and copied to Board Offices and CAO:

Department analysis of resources required/impact on existing department priorities to complete referral:	
Analysis Completed By: _____ Date: _____	**Department's Recommended Response Timeline** ☐ By requested date ☐ 2 weeks ☐ 1 month ☐ 6 weeks ☐ 6 months ☐ 1 year ☐ Other/Specific Date: _____

REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:

Referral Response Date:	Board Item No.:	Referrals List Deletion:

Note: Please cc Karina Bokanovich, Rocio Quezada and Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.