

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

12:30 PM

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Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

*Mike LeBarre, Chair
Matt Simis, Vice Chair
Mark Gonzalez
Deidre Sullivan
Ken Ekelund
Mike Scattini
Jason Smith
John Baillie
Marvin Borzini*

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2. Si prefiere no asistir a la reunión de la Junta Directiva pero desea hacer un comentario sobre algún tema específico de la agenda, por favor envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m. el Viernes antes de la reunion. Envíe su comentario al Secretario de la junta al correo electronico WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us <mailto:WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us> Para ayudar al Secretario a identificar el artículo de la agenda relacionado con su comentario, por favor indique en la linea de asunto del correo electronico el cuerpo de la reunion (es decir, la Agenda de la Junta Directiva) y el número de artículo (es decir, el Artículo No. 10). Su comentario se colocará en el registro de la reunion de esta Junta.
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5. Si usted asiste a la reunión en persona, deberá mantener un distanciamiento social apropiado, es decir, mantener una distancia de 6 pies entre

Call to Order at 12:30 P.M.

Roll Call

Present: Director John Baillie, Director Mark Gonzalez, Director Deidre Sullivan, Director Ken Ekelund, Director Mike Scattini, Director Mike LeBarre, Director Jason Smith, Director Matthew Simis, Director Marvin Borzini

Absent: None

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

None

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

Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will confer regarding appointment to the position of Monterey County Water Resources Finance Manager.

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.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. Per County Counsel, there were no reportable actions taken in Closed Session.

Public Comment

None

Appointment of Vice-Chair

2. 1. Appointment of replacement Vice-Chair to serve the remaining year of a two-year term.

Upon Motion by Director Ekelund and Second by Director Sullivan the Board appointed Director Mike LeBarre to serve as Vice-Chair for the remaining year of a two-year term.

Ayes: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, LeBarre, Smith, Simis and Borzini
Noes: None

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Director Smith and Second by Director Gonzalez the Board approved the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, LeBarre, Smith, Simis and Borzini
Noes: None

3. Approve the Action Minutes of January 19, 2021

Attachments: Draft Action Minutes January 19, 2021

4. Receive the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) FY 2020-21 Second Quarter Financial Status Report through December 31, 2020.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[FY 2020-21 Second Quarter Financial Status](#)

5. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with McMillen Jacobs Associates for a term extension from March 16, 2021 to March 16, 2022; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Amendment No. 4](#)
 [Amendment No. 3](#)
 [Amendment No. 2](#)
 [Amendment No. 1](#)
 [Agreement](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Scheduled Items

6. Consider receiving a report on the winter storm event of 2021.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

Upon Motion by Director Sullivan and Second by Director LeBarre the Board received a report on the winter storm event of 2021.

Ayes: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, LeBarre, Smith, Simis and Borzini
Noes: None

Public Comment: Norm Groot

7. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the General Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to receive a grant of \$17 million dollars for the construction of Fish Exclusion System in conjunction with the Interlake Tunnel construction.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Draft Final CDFW Agreement](#)
 [Fish Screen WRABOS Resolution](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director LeBarre and Second by Director Smith, the Board recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution authorizing and directing the General Manager to enter into a grant agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to receive a grant of \$17 million dollars for the construction of a Fish Exclusion System in conjunction with the Interlake Tunnel construction.

Ayes: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, LeBarre, Smith and Simis
Noes: Director Borzini

Public Comment: Norm Groot

8. Consider receiving a report on the Groundwater Extraction Management System (GEMS) 2019 Groundwater Extraction Summary Report.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [2019 GEMS Summary Report](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Gonzalez and Second by Director Smith, the Board received a report on the Groundwater Extraction Management System (GEMS) 2019 Groundwater Extraction Summary Report.

Ayes: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, LeBarre, Smith, Simis and Borzini
Noes: None

9. Consider receiving a report on the addition of a Deep Aquifers Addendum to the Salinas Valley Water Conditions Report.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Quarterly Report WY2021](#)
 [Deep Aquifer Addendum](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Scattini and Second by Director Smith the Board received a report on the addition of a Deep Aquifers Addendum to the Salinas Valley Water Conditions Report.

Ayes: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, LeBarre, Smith, Simis and Borzini
Noes: None

Public Comment: Marieke Desmond

10. Consider adopting the “Standards and Guiding Principles of Reservoir Operations During Drought Conditions” for the Drought Operations Technical Advisory Committee.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Standards and Guiding Principles](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Ekelund and Second by Director Sullivan the Board adopted the “Standards and Guiding Principles of Reservoir Operations During Drought Conditions” for the Drought Operations Technical Advisory Committee and in addition, stated that other members and organizations can be a part of the DTAC Committee to the extent that it is consistent with the Settlement Agreement.

Ayes: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, LeBarre, Smith, Simis and Borzini
Noes: None

Public Comment: Nancy Isakson, Marieke Desmond

Key Information and Calendar of Events

11. February, March and April 2021 Calendars

Attachments: February 2021
March 2021
April 2021

General Manager's Report

- 12.
- COVID-19 Update
 - Personnel Update
 - Reservoir Drought Operations
 - Prop 1 Grant Update
 - Other

Committee Reports

Information Items

13. Information Items:
1. Reservoir Release Update
 2. Well Permit Application Activities Update

Attachments: Reservoir Release Update
Well Permit Application Activities Update

Correspondence

14. Letter dated February 3, 2021 from Brent Buche, General Manager to Drought Operations Technical Advisory Committee

Attachments: D-TAC Stand Down Notice 2021

Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:59 p.m.