

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 19, 2021

1:00 PM

SPECIAL MEETING

**IMPORTANT COVID-19 NOTICE ON PAGE 2-4
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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*

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

This meeting is compliant with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 which allows local legislative bodies to hold public meetings electronically only, without a physical location for public participation, accessible only telephonically or otherwise electronically (video conferencing) to all members of the public seeking to observe and address the local legislative body, in order to avoid public gatherings, and until further notice.

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1. If you choose not to attend the Board of Directors meeting but wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the meeting. Please submit your comment to the Secretary of the Board at WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us In an effort to assist the Secretary in identifying the agenda item relating to your public comment please indicate in the Subject Line, the meeting body (i.e. Board of Directors Agenda) and item number (i.e. Item No. 10). Your comment will be placed into the record at the Board meeting.
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Aviso Importante Sobre COVID-19

Esta reunión cumple con la Orden Ejecutiva N-29-20 del Gobernador Newsom que permite que los cuerpos legislativos locales tengan reuniones públicas electrónicas solamente, sin un lugar físico para la participación pública, accesibles solo por teléfono o electrónicamente (videoconferencia) para todos los miembros del público que busquen observar y dirigirse al cuerpo legislativo local, a fin de evitar reuniones públicas, y hasta nuevo aviso.

Basado en la guía del Departamento de Salud del Estado de California (California Department of Public Health) y de la Oficina del Gobernador, para minimizar la propagación del virus COVID 19, por favor haga lo siguiente:

1. 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 reunión. Envíe su comentario al Secretario de la junta al correo electrónico 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 línea de asunto del correo electrónico el cuerpo de la reunión (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 reunión de esta Junta.
2. Si usted está observando la transmisión de la reunión de la Junta en vivo y desea hacer un comentario público general para artículos que no son parte de la agenda del día o para comentar en un artículo específico de la agenda mientras se está escuchando, envíe su comentario, con un límite de 250 palabras o menos, al Secretario de la Junta al correo electrónico WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us <mailto:WRAPubliccomment@co.monterey.ca.us> Para ayudar al Secretario a identificar el artículo de la agenda del día relacionado con su comentario, por favor indique en la línea de asunto del correo electrónico el cuerpo de la reunión (es decir, la Agenda de la Junta Directiva) y el número de artículo (es decir, al Artículo No. 10). Se hará todo lo posible para leer su comentario y hacerlo parte del registro de la Junta, pero algunos comentarios pueden no leerse debido a limitaciones de tiempo. Cualquier comentario recibido después del artículo de la agenda se hará parte del registro de la reunión si es recibido antes de que termine la reunión.
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4. Se le colocará en la reunion como asistente; cuando desee hacer un comentario público si esta unido por la computadora utilice la opción de levantar la mano en el chat de la pantalla; o por teléfono presione *9 en su teclado.

Call to Order at 1:00 P.M.

Present: Directors Baillie, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattiini, LeBarre, Smith, Simis and Borzini

Absent: None

Public Comment

Election of Officers

1. 1. Appointment of replacement Chair to serve the remaining year of a two-year term, or selection of nomination committee for appointment of replacement Chair at the February 16, 2021 Board of Director meeting.

2. Committee Assignments

Upon Motion by Director Ekelund and Second by Director Gonzalez the Board appointed John Baillie as the replacement Chair to serve the remaining year of a two-year term, and selected Directors Ekelund, Gonzalez and Sullivan as the Nomination Committee for the appointment of the replacement Vice-Chair at the February 16, 2021 Board of Directors meeting.

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

Noes, None

Absent: None

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Director Ekelund and Second by Director Simis, the Board approved the Consent Calendar, with the exception of Agenda Item No. 4, which was pulled by Director Ekelund for further discussion.

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

2. Approve the Action Minutes of November 16, 2020

Attachments: Draft Action Minutes November 16, 2020

3. Approve the 2021 Board of Directors and Committee Meetings Schedule.

Attachments: 2021 BOD and Committee Meetings Schedule

4. Ratify the General Manager's execution of Amendment 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Smith & Enright Landscaping, Inc. to provide mowing & pruning services at the Pajaro River, in addition to litter removal services; and increase the total contract amount by \$82,175, to an amount not to exceed \$132,175

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Executed - Amendment No. 1](#)
[Smith & Enright Encampment Cleanup Quote](#)
[Executed Agreement](#)
[Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Ekelund and Second by Director Simis, the Board ratified the General Manager's execution of Amendment 1 to the professional services agreement with Smith & Enright Landscaping, Inc. to provide mowing & pruning services at the Pajaro River, in addition to litter removal services; and increase the total contract amount by \$82,175, to an amount not to exceed \$132,175

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

Scheduled Matters

5. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:
- a. Approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement by and among the City of Watsonville ("Watsonville"), the County of Monterey ("Monterey"), the County of Santa Cruz ("Santa Cruz"), the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA"), and Zone 7 of Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("Zone 7"), herein referred to as the "Member Agencies", to form the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (PRFMA) and authorize the Chair to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and
 - b. Approve the Indemnity Agreement regarding the Pajaro River Flood Risk Reduction Project ("Project") by and among the Member Agencies and authorize the Chair to sign the Indemnity

Agreement.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Draft Indemnity Agreement - Final Blackline](#)
 [Draft JPA Agreement - Final Blackline](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Gonzalez and Second by Director Sullivan the Board recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

a. Approve the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement by and among the City of Watsonville ("Watsonville"), the County of Monterey ("Monterey"), the County of Santa Cruz ("Santa Cruz"), the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA"), and Zone 7 of Santa Cruz County Flood Control and Water Conservation District ("Zone 7"), herein referred to as the "Member Agencies", to form the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (PRFMA) and authorize the Chair to sign the Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement; and

b. Approve the Indemnity Agreement regarding the Pajaro River Flood Risk Reduction Project ("Project") by and among the Member Agencies and authorize the Chair to sign the Indemnity Agreement.

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

Absent: None

Key Information and Calendar of Events

6. January and February 2021 Calendars

Attachments: January 2021
 February 2021

General Manager's Report

Public Comment: Bill LiPe

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- COVID-19 Update
 - Personnel Update
 - Reservoir Drought Operations
 - Prop 68 Grant
 - COWCAP Update
 - Other

Committee Reports

Information Items

8. Information Items:
1. Reservoir Release Update
 2. Well Permit Application Activities Update
 3. Dept. of Water Resources Technical Advisory Committee Participation
 4. Prop. 1 Grant Notification Letters

Attachments: Reservoir Release Update Report
 Well Permit Information Application Activities Update
 DWR TAC Participation Information
 Prop 1 Grant Notification Letters

Correspondence

Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment

The Board adjourned at 2:11 p.m.