

County of Monterey

*Board of Supervisor's Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, Ca 93901*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 15, 2025

12:00 PM

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Chambers 168 W. Alisal 1st Fl., Salinas, Ca 93901**

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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.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzales, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini (arrived at 12:02p.m.), Jason Smith (arrived at 12:11 p.m.), John Baillie, Jon Conatser (12:23 p.m.)
Absent: None

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

None

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

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

Recess to Closed Session

Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m., County Counsel has no reportable items from Closed Session.

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

None

Presentations

2. Receive a presentation by David Ceppos on the Department of Water Resources Facilitation Support Services (DWR FSS) Assessment for Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project. (CSIP) (Presenter: Dave Ceppos)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [CSIP Stakeholder Assesment PPT](#)

Directors Comments: John Baillie, Mike Scattini
Public Comments: Norman Groot

3. Receive an update on recommendations from the July 22, 2024, GPP Analytics, Inc. Water Recycling Agreement Expense Audit of the Water Recycling Agreement with Monterey One Water (M1W). (Presenter: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [GPP Audit Recommendations](#)

Directors Comments: Mike LeBarre
Public Comments: Margie Kay

4. Update on the Nonpoint Source Implementation Plan. (Presenter: Manuel Saavedra)

Attachments: [Nonpoint Source Implemenation Plan PPT](#)

Directors Comments: Mike Scattini, Mike LeBarre
Public Comments: None

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Director Mike Scattini and Second by Director John Baillie the Board approved the Consent Calendar.

Upon Motion by Director John Baillie Consent Items #7 and #12 were pulled for further Board of Directors discussion.

Ayes: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, John Baillie, Jon Conatser

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Recused: None.

Board of Director Comments: None.
Public Comments: None.

5. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on August 18, 2025.

Attachments: [draft BOD Minutes August 18, 2025](#)

6. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with TCB Industrial, Inc., (TCB), to increase the dollar amount by \$275,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$640,000 to provide maintenance and repair services for the Nacimiento Dam Hydroelectric Power Plant; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment. (Staff: Manuel Saavedra)

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

7. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Service Agreement with Kennedy Jenks Consultants, Inc. for the CSIP Condition Assessment Project, to extend the term length to July 1st, 2027, and increase the dollar amount by \$94,271 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$193,971; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1. (Staff: Pete Vannerus)

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

Board of Director Comments: John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez
Public Comments: None

8. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Errol L. Montgomery & Associates, Inc. for CSIP Groundwater Well Consulting Services, to add a dollar increase of \$150,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1. (Staff: Pete Vannerus)

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

9. Authorize the General Manager to enter into Amendment Number 2 to the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Sub-grant Disbursement Agreement with the Castroville Community Services District Sub-grantee to extend the term to June 30, 2027 and update the submittal schedule for progress reports and invoices; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Sub-grant Agreement. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

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

10. Authorize the General Manager to enter into Amendment Number 2 to the Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Sub-grant Disbursement Agreement with the City of Salinas to extend the term to June 30, 2027; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Sub-grant Agreement. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

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

11. Approve the annual Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for streamgaging and reservoir elevation gaging work in Monterey County in the amount of \$256,210; and Authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement. (Staff: Joey Klein)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [26ZGJFA03000019_JFA \(Final-BOD\)](#)
 [Board Order USGS JFA 2026](#)

12. Consider approving an Agreement for Services with GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$226,815 for work to be performed related to the *Enhancing Predictive Tools and Operational Strategies for the Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Project* (Project). (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [GEI PSA with Exhibits](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Mike Scattini and Second by Director Ken Ekelund the Board approved the Agreement for Services with GEI Consultants, Inc. in the amount of \$226,815 for work to be performed related to the Enhancing Predictive Tools and Operations Strategies for the Nacimiento and San Antonio dams and Reservoirs Project (Project) with a modification to move to Fund 111.

Aye: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, John Baillie, Jon Conatser

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

Recused: None.

Board of Director Comments: Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, John Baillie

Public Comments: None

Action Items

Upon Motion by Director Ken Ekelund and Second by Director Matt Simis the Board received an update on the MCWRA activities related to the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Subgrant Agreements.

Aye: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, John Baillie, Jon Conatser

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

Recused: None.

Board of Director Comments: Mike Lebarre, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Matt Simis, John Baillie, Diedre Sullivan

Public Comments: Norman Groot, Christopher Bunn, Thomas Virsik, Nancy Isakson

13. Consider receiving an update on the MCWRA activities related to the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Subgrant Agreements. (Presenter: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [SVBGSA Projects PPT](#)
 [Board Order](#)

14. Consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Fieldman, Rolapp and Associates, Inc., to extend the term of the contract from August 3, 2028, to December 31, 2028, to increase the dollar amount by \$75,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$165,000 for municipal financing services; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment. (Presenter: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Original Agreement for Services](#)
 [Amendment No. 1](#)
 [Revised Scope of Services](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion by Director Jason Smith and Second by Director Mike LeBarre the Board approved Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Fieldman, Rolapp and Associates, Inc., to extend the term of contract from August 3, 2028, to December 31, 2028, to increase the dollar amount by \$75,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$165,000 for municipal financing services; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

Aye: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, Jon Conatser

Noes: John Baillie

Absent: None

Abstained: None

Against: None

Recused: None.

Board of Director Comments: Mike Lebarre, Ken Ekelund, Jason Smith, Mark Gonzalez, John Baillie, Diedre Sullivan
Public Comments: None

Key Information and Calendar of Events

- 15.** September, October and November 2025 Calendars.

Attachments: [September 2025](#)
 [October 2025](#)
 [November 2025](#)

General Manager's Report

Director Comments: None
Staff Comments: None
Public Comments: Nancy Isakson, Thomas Virsik

- 16.**
1. Personnel
 2. Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Implementation
 3. Deep Aquifers Monitoring Plan
 4. Dam Safety & Operations Future Funding Strategy
 5. Salinas River Habitat Conservation Plan
 6. Property Management

Attachments: [GM Report](#)

Committee Reports

- 17.** Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for August and September 2025:
- Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee
 - Water Resources Agency Finance Committee
 - Water Resources Personnel and Administration Committee Cancellation Notice
 - Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee Cancellation Notice
 - Water Resources Agency Planning Committee
 - County of Monterey Legislative Committee

Attachments: [Final ResOps Agenda Aug. 28, 2025](#)
 [Final Finance Agenda Sept. 5, 2025](#)
 [Final P&A Cancellation Notice Sept. 5, 2025](#)
 [BMAC Cancellation Notice Sept. 3, 2025](#)
 [Final Planning Agenda Sept. 3, 2025](#)
 [Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda 9.8.25](#)

Correspondence

- 18.** 1. Email Correspondence dated September 2, 2025 to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Board of Supervisors, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Eric N. Robinson, Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann & Girard re: Comments on April 2025 Salinas Valley Historical Benefits Analysis Update and May 29, 2025, Draft Interlake Tunnel and San Antonio Spillway Modification Assessment Engineers Report.
2. Email Correspondence dated September 2, 2025 to Amy Woodrow, Senior Hydrologist, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Thomas Virsik, Attorney at Law re: September 1, 2025(sic) deadline for comments on the HBA Update, 2021 Engineer's Report, et seq.
3. Email Correspondence dated September 11, 2025 to Ara, Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Christopher Bunn, President, Salinas Basin Water Alliance re: Concerns regarding Monterey County Water Resources Agency's April 2025 Update to the Historic Benefits Assessment of Water Infrastructure Projects for Salinas Valley.
4. Correspondence dated August 19, 2025, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Erik J. Malvick, Division Manager, Division of Safety of Dams, State of California Department of Water Resources re: Nacimiento Dam, No. 1008.
5. Correspondence dated August 19, 2025, to Ara, Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Erik J. Malvick, Division Manager, Division of Safety of Dams, State of California Department of Water Resources re: San Antonio Dam, No. 1008-2

Attachments: [CORRECTED Comments on MCWRA HBA Update & Draft ILT Engineer's RPT](#)
 [Comments on 2025 HBA Update, 2021 Engineer's RPT, 2025 ILT Project Draft](#)
 [Engineers RPT](#)
 [SBWA comments RE:MCWRA 07/25 workshop on Dam Safety projects](#)
 [Dept. Water Resources Nacimiento Dam](#)
 [Dept. Water Resources San Antonio Dam](#)

Board of Directors Comments

Directors Comments: Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Matt Simis.

Adjournment

The Meeting was adjourned at 3:29pm.