

# County of Monterey

*Government Center - Board Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Minutes - Final

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

9:00 AM

### Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3  
Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4  
Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5  
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1  
Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

**9:00 A.M. - Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Wendy Root Askew.

**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew present and Supervisor Chris Lopez joining shortly with Supervisor Kate Daniels appearing via Zoom pursuant to Government Code 54953.

**Staff Present**

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Iracema Lopez, Management Analyst were present.

**Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel**

There were no additions and corrections for closed session.

**Closed Session**

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
  - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency General Manager.

**Public Comments for Closed Session**

Open for public comments; no public comments made.

**The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items**

**10:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items**

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**Staff Present**

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**Announcement of the Interpreter**

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

**Consent Calendar**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Consent Calendar Item Number 2.

Roll Call Vote pursuant to GC 54953:

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew  
Supervisor Kate Daniels  
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo  
Supervisor Glenn Church  
Supervisor Chris Lopez

2.
  - a. Set and hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on May 28, 2025, to consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% to the assessment charges of Zones 1, 1A, 2B, 2C, 2Y, 2Z, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
  - b. Set and hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on May 28, 2025, to consider approving and adopting the FY26 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% to the Zone 2B water service charge for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project; and
  - c. Set and hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on May 28, 2025, to consider approving and adopting the FY26 Zone 2B water delivery fee of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered (AF) for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project; 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.

Approved

**12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch**

**1:30 P.M. - Reconvened**

**Roll Called**

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**Scheduled Matters**

3. Receive a presentation on the Groundwater Monitoring Program Fee Study; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Ara Azhderian, General Manager and Amy Woodrow, Senior Hydrologist from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

Open for public comments; Michelle (no last name provided) commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received a presentation on the Groundwater Monitoring Program Fee Study; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

**Read Out from Closed Session**

There was no reportable read out from closed session.

**Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Chris Lopez.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_\_/s/ Chris Lopez\_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_/s/ Valerie Ralph\_\_\_\_\_

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED ON: August 26, 2025

Please refer to the Board Orders for the approved and adopted Agreement, Resolution and Ordinance numbers.