



TODAY'S ACTION

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) cost-of-living adjustment (**COLA**) increase of **2.5%** to the assessment charges of **Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17**; and
- b. Adopt resolutions approving the **FY 2026-27 assessment** charges with COLA increase of **2.5% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17**



Prior Actions

- Reviewed Financial Impacts of the proposed fees at MCWRA Board of Directors (BoD) Budget Workshop on 3/16/2026
- Finance Committee approved staff recommendations on 4/3/2026
- MCWRA Board of Directors approved the recommendations on 4/20/2026



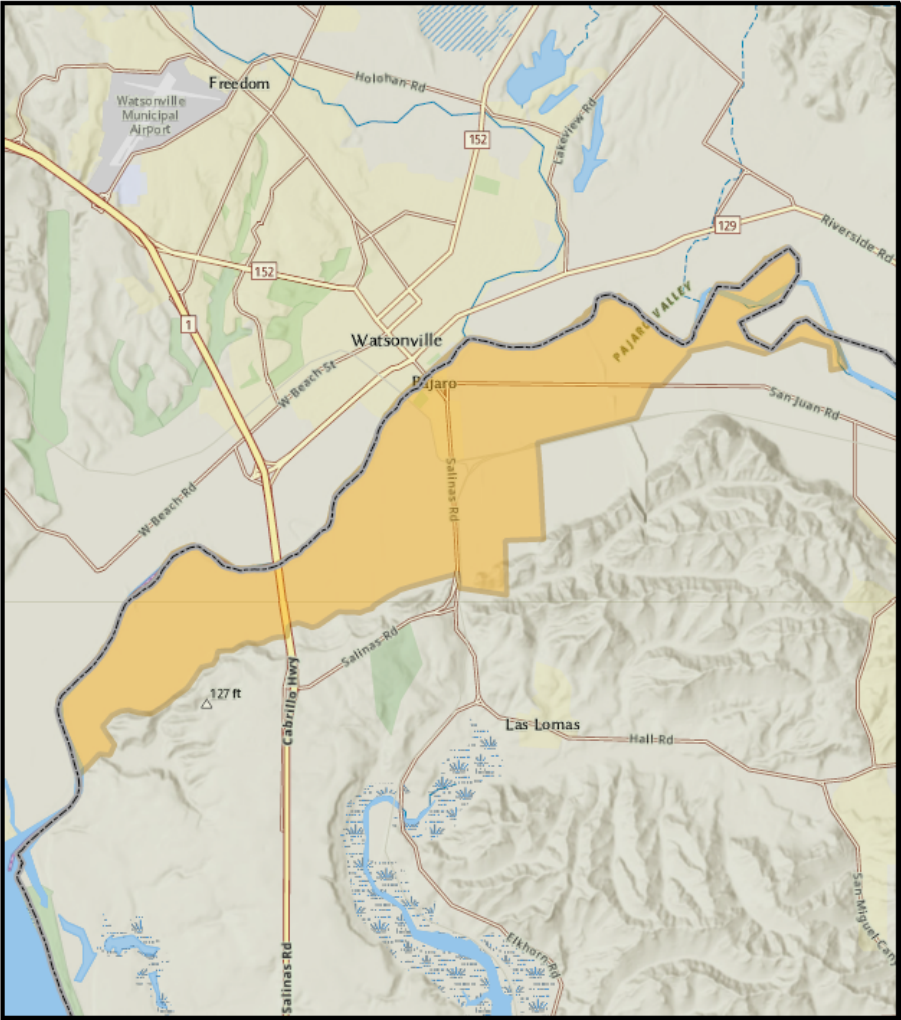
Discussion

- Ordinances Nos. **2626, 2974, 3878 and 3881**:
 - **Flood Control Benefit Assessments in Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17 to maintain flood protection systems** thru vegetation management and rodent control, maintaining banks and silt removal in channels, removal of debris from ditches and drainage structures and maintenance of roads, fences and canals.
 - Assessment rates be increased **annually** as a **cost-of-living adjustment** (COLA) by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) of **the San Francisco Bay Area**

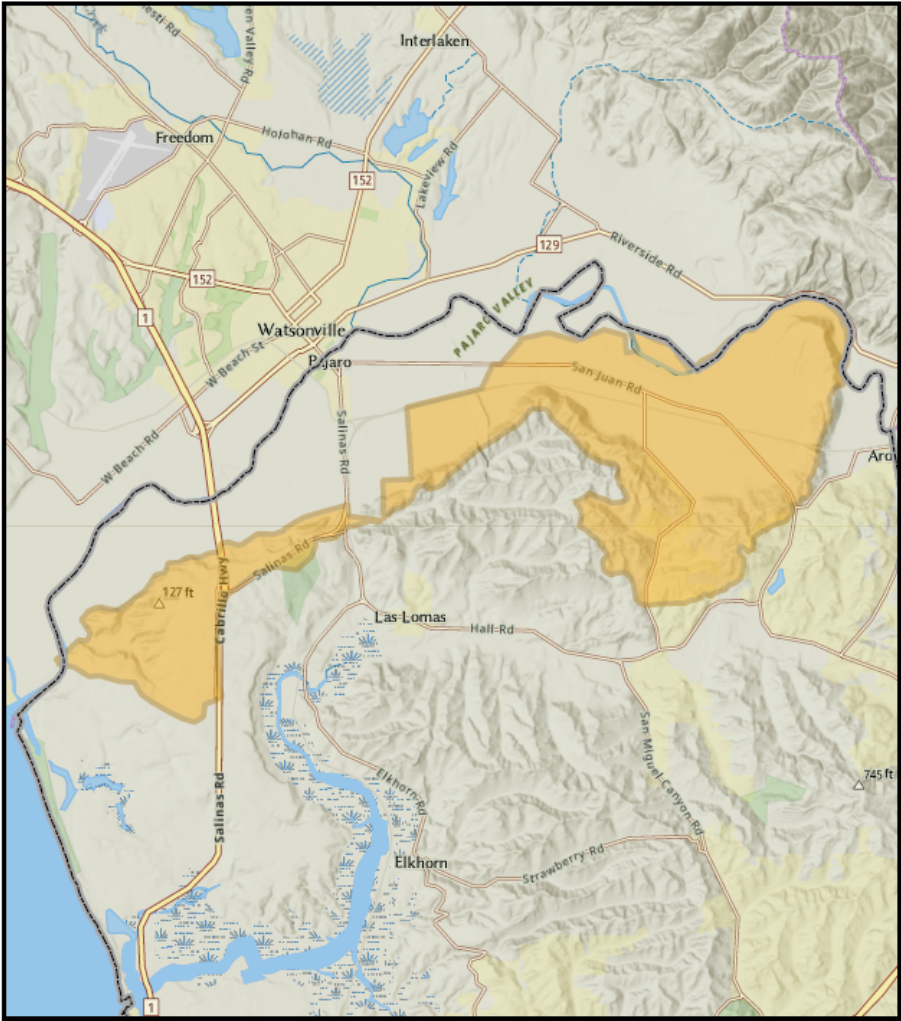
On **March 11, 2026**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February 2026 Consumer Price Index which increased **2.5%** from last year.



Zone 1 Boundary Pajaro



Zone 1A Boundary Pajaro



FY27 Rate : Zone 1

ZONE 1 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	106	\$ 385.31	106	\$ 394.94
B	45	\$ 385.31	45	\$ 394.94
C	191	\$ 96.35	191	\$ 98.76
E	151	\$ 96.35	151	\$ 98.76
F	42	\$ 7.83	42	\$ 8.02
Total:	535		535	
A = Commercial and Industrial				
B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family)				
C = Single Family Residence				
E = Vacant, Agricultural				
F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site				

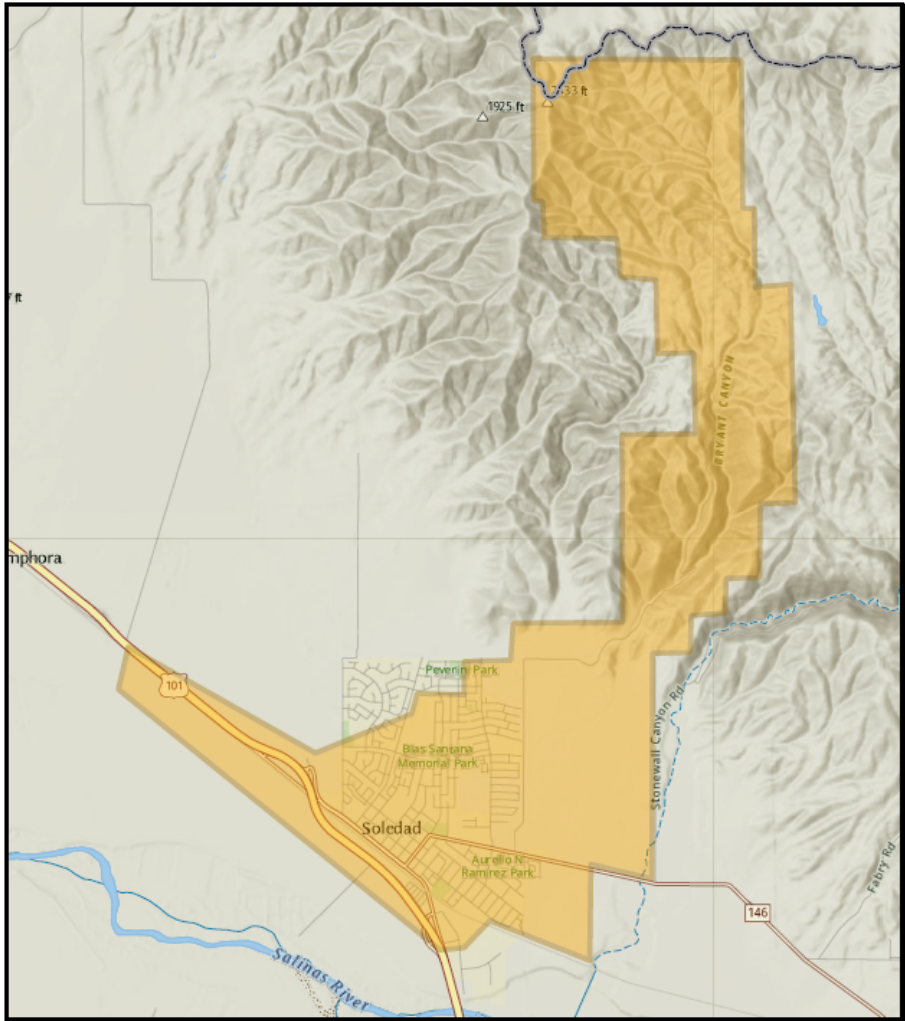


FY27 Rate : Zone 1A

ZONE 1A BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	37	\$ 188.10	37	\$ 192.80
B	5	\$ 188.10	5	\$ 192.80
C	368	\$ 47.04	368	\$ 48.21
E	173	\$ 47.04	173	\$ 48.21
F	399	\$ 3.92	399	\$ 4.02
Total:	982		982	
A = Commercial and Industrial				
B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family)				
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Zone 8 Boundary: Soledad Storm Drain



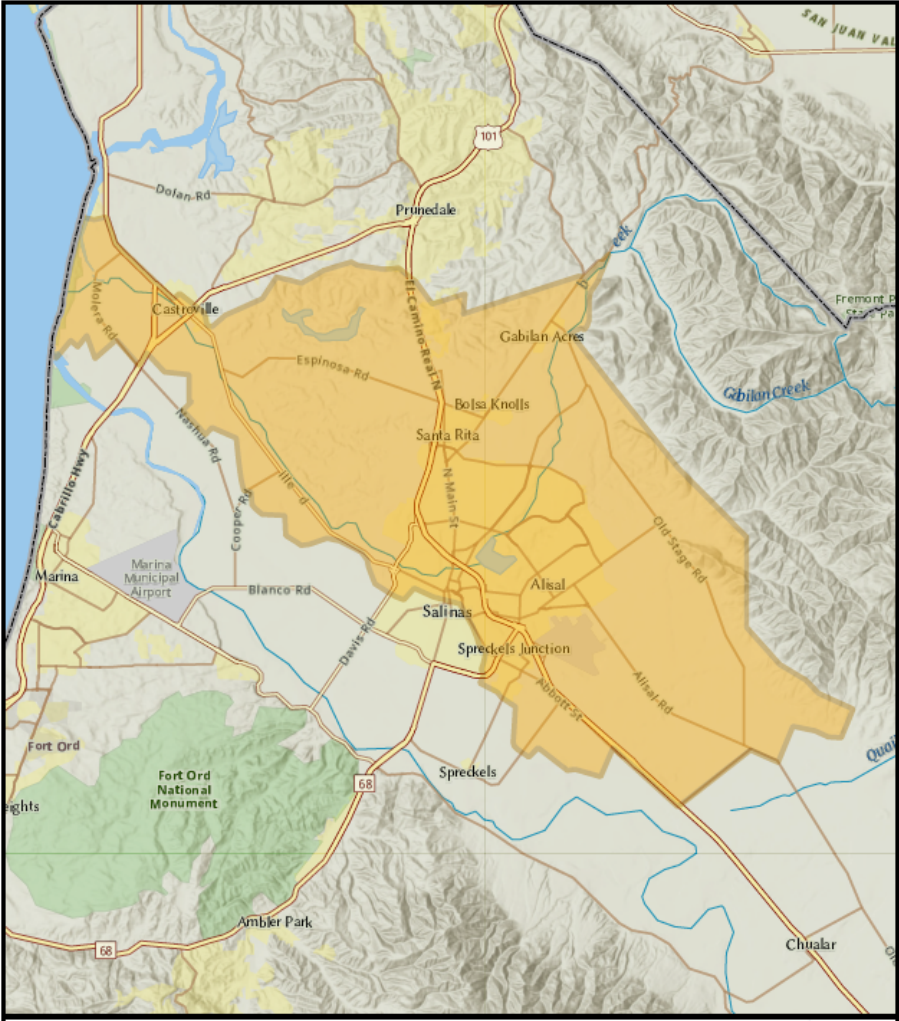
FY27 Rate : Zone 8

ZONE 8 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	400	\$ 75.66	400	\$ 77.55
B	69	\$ 56.75	69	\$ 58.17
C	2,623	\$ 9.47	2,623	\$ 9.70
E	119	\$ 18.95	119	\$ 19.42
F	311	\$ 9.47	311	\$ 9.70
G	1	\$ 0.94	1	\$ 0.97
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
I	0	\$ -	6	\$ -
Total:	3,523		3,529	

A = Commercial and Industrial
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 C = Single Family Residence
 E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space
 F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural State
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Zone 9 Boundary: Reclamation Ditch



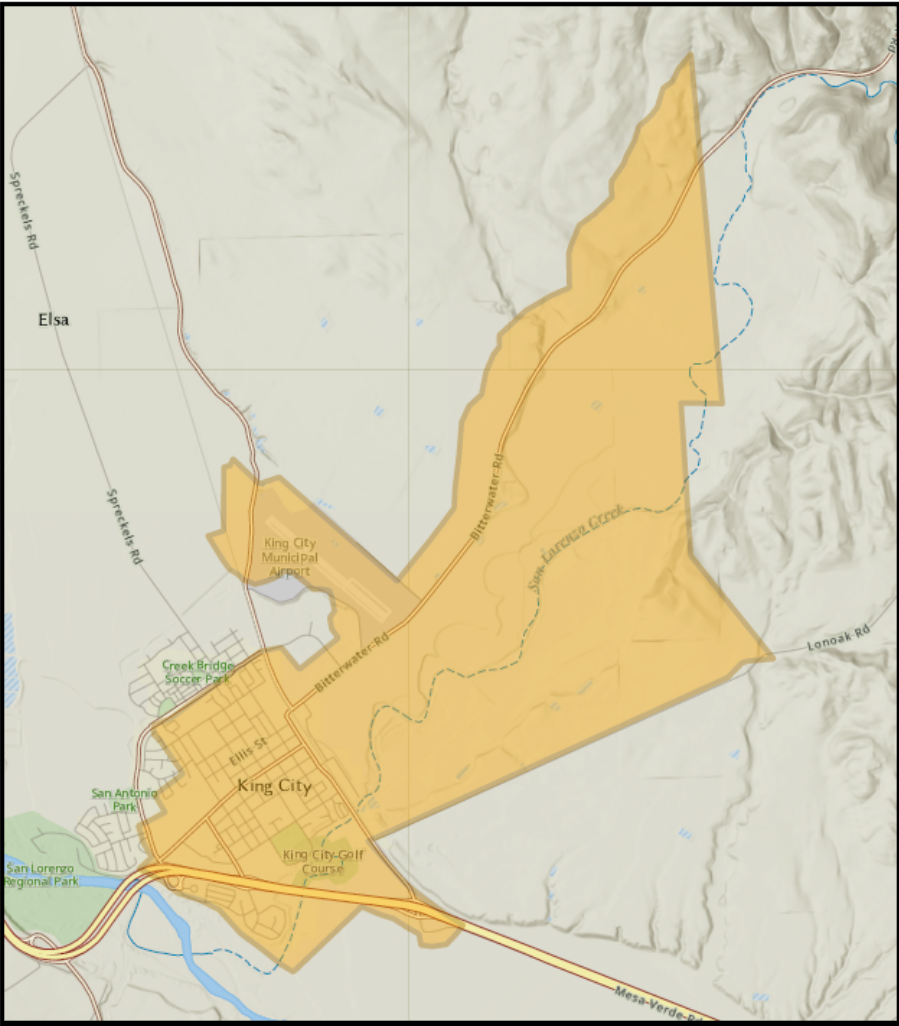
FY27 Rate : Zone 9

ZONE 9 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	3,265	\$ 80.00	3,261	\$ 82.00
B	1,170	\$ 60.00	1,169	\$ 61.50
C	22,007	\$ 10.01	22,007	\$ 10.26
E	1,316	\$ 20.00	1,314	\$ 20.50
F	1,421	\$ 10.01	1,420	\$ 10.26
G	7	\$ 1.00	7	\$ 1.02
Total:	29,186		29,178	

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Zone 12 Boundary: San Lorenzo Creek

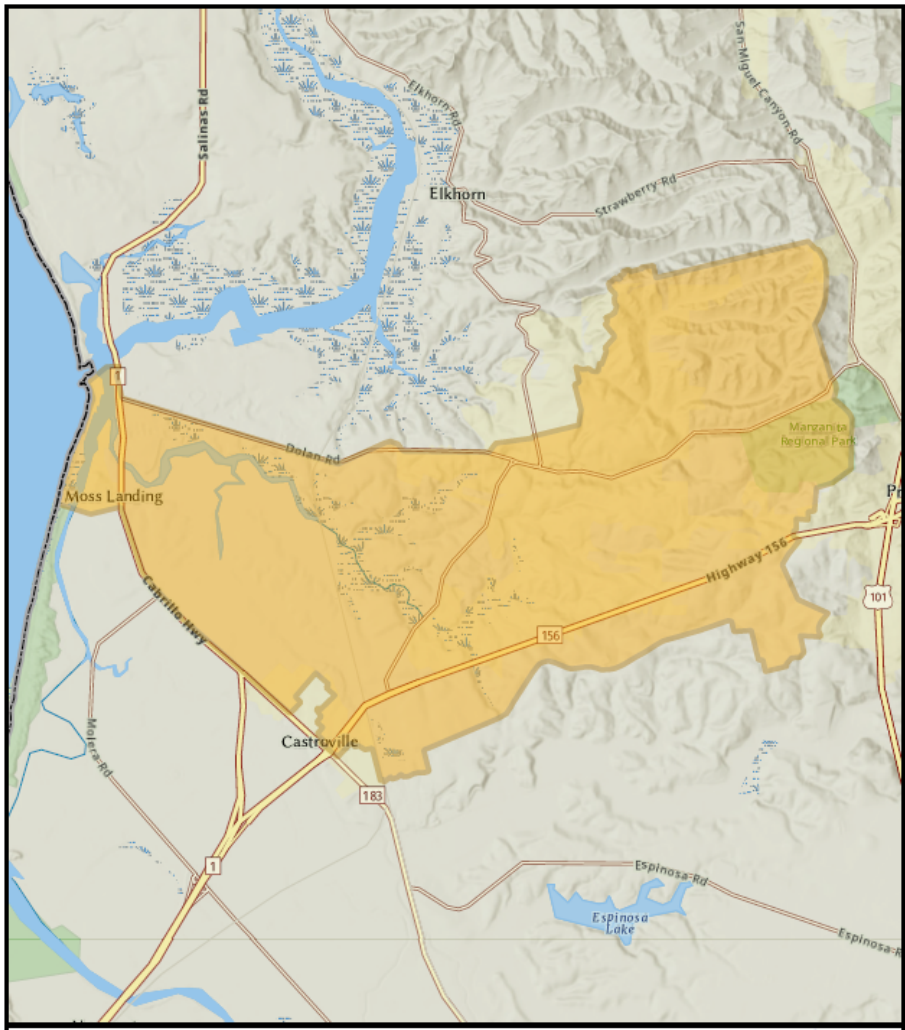


FY27 Rate : Zone 12

ZONE 12 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	249	\$ 28.43	248	\$ 29.14
B	136	\$ 21.33	136	\$ 21.86
C	1,055	\$ 3.55	1,055	\$ 3.64
E	102	\$ 7.11	102	\$ 7.29
F	93	\$ 3.55	92	\$ 3.64
G	3	\$ 0.37	3	\$ 0.38
Total:	1,638		1,636	
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Zone 17 Boundary: Moro Cojo



FY27 Rate : Zone 17

ZONE 17 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	124	\$ 27.42	123	\$ 28.11
B	66	\$ 20.56	66	\$ 21.07
C	2,207	\$ 27.42	2,207	\$ 28.11
E	1,080	\$ 13.72	1,080	\$ 14.06
F	739	\$ 6.86	739	\$ 7.03
G	20	\$ 0.37	20	\$ 0.38
H	5	\$ -	5	\$ -
I	3	\$ -	3	\$ -
Total:	4,244		4,243	
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FY27 Recommended Budget

MCWRA FY27 Unassigned Fund Balance Summary										
NEW Fund	CGI Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Estimated Add (Use)	FY26 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimated Beginning Balance	FY27 Budgeted Expense	FY27 Budgeted Revenue	FY27 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimate Ending Balance
1501	111	Administration Fund		598,662	(145,809)	5,103,687	7,929,719	5,871,248	(2,058,471)	3,045,216
1502	112	Pajaro Levee	1/1A	426,443	(204,496)	1,396,486	734,363	620,174	(114,189)	1,282,297
1503	116	Dam Operations	2C	1,660,288	(626,591)	2,734,104	14,602,612	13,941,763	(660,849)	2,073,255
1504	121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	69,802	2,802	376,312	57,761	102,744	44,983	421,295
1505	122	Reclamation Ditch	9	179,210	(333,348)	1,225,437	2,372,119	1,838,741	(533,378)	692,059
1506	124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	10,095	(6,133)	40,560	37,688	39,599	2,011	42,571
1507	127	Moro Cojo Slough	17	(49,900)	(321,329)	301,875	730,946	536,188	(194,758)	107,117
1508	130	Hydro-Electric Ops		676,354	(644,361)	2,109,875	1,933,457	1,365,496	(567,961)	1,541,914
1509	131	CSIP Operations	2B/Y	(729,644)	(240,935)	1,468,745	7,393,323	6,853,731	(539,592)	929,153
1510	132	SVRP Operations	2B/Z	(251,337)	(730,810)	1,673,239	6,348,903	6,165,240	(183,663)	1,489,576
1511	134	SRDF Operations		(503,314)	(800,686)	1,365,679	2,912,373	2,591,356	(321,017)	1,044,662
1810	303	CSIP Debt Service		-	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
1835	313	SVWP Debt Service		15	-	1,036,760	1,761,213	1,761,213	-	1,036,760
1950	426	Interlake Tunnel		405,534	(116,562)	498,403	222,204	14,952	(207,252)	291,151
Total:				2,492,208	(4,168,258)	20,101,834	48,686,681	43,352,545	(5,334,136)	14,767,698





TODAY'S ACTION

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year **2026-27 (FY27) assessment** charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of **2.5% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams**; and
- b. **Adopt a resolution** approving the FY 2026-27 COLA increase of **2.5% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.**



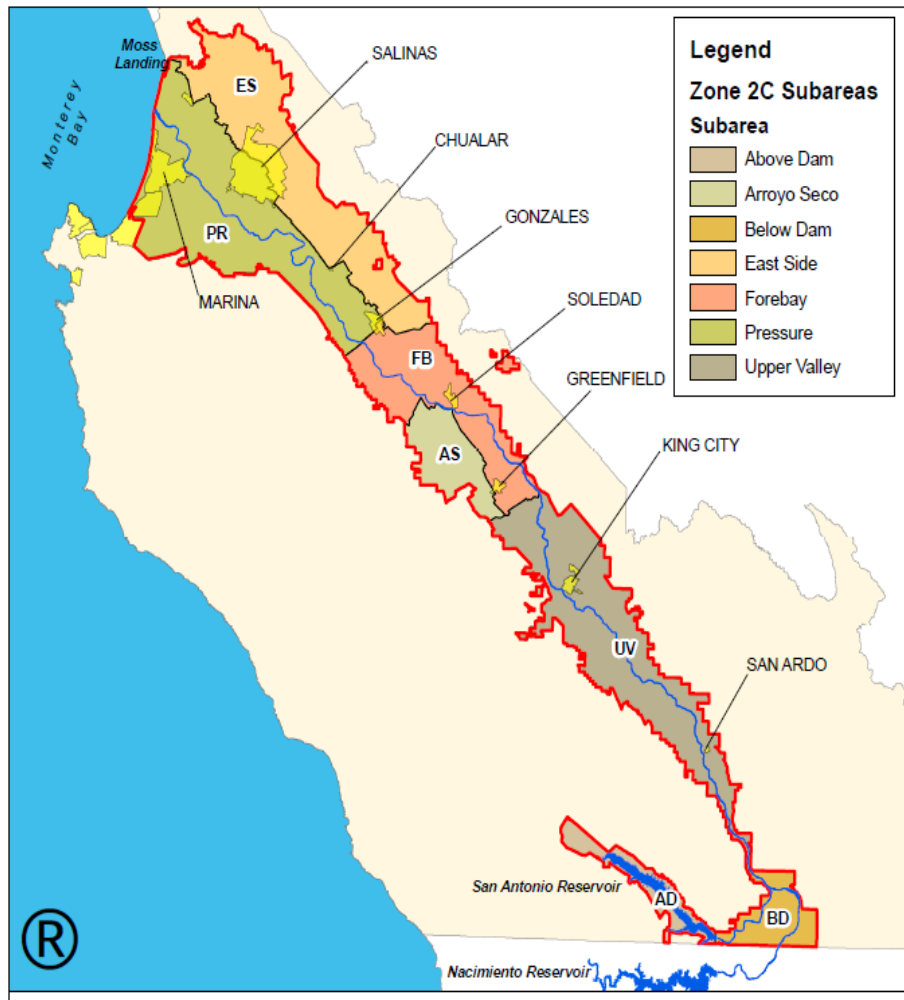
Discussion

- Ordinance No. **4203** :
 - Assessments in **Zone 2C** for the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) to fund **Operations and Maintenance at Nacimiento Dam and San Antonio Dam**.
 - Assessment rates be increased annually as a cost-of-living Adjustment (**COLA**) by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) of the **San Francisco Bay Area** measured from **March 1 of each year to March 1** of the next year.
 - COLA adjustments be applied to the Operation and Maintenance and the Administration components **only**.

- On **March 11, 2026**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February 2026 Consumer Price Index which increased **2.5%** from last year.



Zone 2C Boundary:



FY27 Rate : Zone 2C

Operation & Maintenance

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
O&M of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	12.91	13.87	12.46	12.94	27.32	14.83	4.76
B	12.91	13.86	12.46	12.94	27.32	14.83	4.76
C	1.25	1.40	1.23	1.25	2.67	1.50	0.47
D	0.13	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.25	0.17	0.05
I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A = Irrigated Agriculture							
B = Residential (1-4 units), Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional Land							
C = Dry Farming, Grazing, Vacant Lot							
D = River Channels and Lands with Frequent Flooding							
I = Land receiving no charge							



FY27 Rate : Zone 2C Administration

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Administration							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
B	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
C	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
A = Irrigated Agriculture							
B = Residential (1-4 units), Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional Land							
C = Dry Farming, Grazing, Vacant Lot							
D = River Channels and Lands with Frequent Flooding							
I = Land receiving no charge							



FY27 Rate : Zone 2C

Spillway Modification

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Nacimiento Spillway Modification (NO COLA)							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	1.82	1.28	1.04	1.14	2.86	2.18	0.46
B	1.82	1.28	1.04	1.14	2.86	2.18	0.46
C	0.18	0.12	0.10	0.10	0.28	0.22	0.04
D	0.02	-	-	-	0.02	0.02	-
A = Irrigated Agriculture							
B = Residential (1-4 units), Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional Land							
C = Dry Farming, Grazing, Vacant Lot							
D = River Channels and Lands with Frequent Flooding							



FY27 Rate : Zone 2C

Diversion Facility Construction

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Diversion Facility Construction (NO COLA)							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	-	-	-	-	6.18	5.14	-
B	-	-	-	-	6.18	5.14	-
C	-	-	-	-	0.62	0.52	-
D	-	-	-	-	0.06	0.04	-
A = Irrigated Agriculture							
B = Residential (1-4 units), Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional Land							
C = Dry Farming, Grazing, Vacant Lot							
D = River Channels and Lands with Frequent Flooding							



FY27 Budget: Fund **1503** Dam Operations

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	4,616,155
PROGRAM REVENUE - (GMP, BDA, LU)	654,196
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	7,214,787
SLO COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT	680,000
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	76,625
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS*	700,000
TOTAL REVENUES	13,941,763

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	4,298,010
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	587,346
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	739,427
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	829,896
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT FUNDED	6,710,000
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	579,712
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	858,221
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,602,612

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(660,849)
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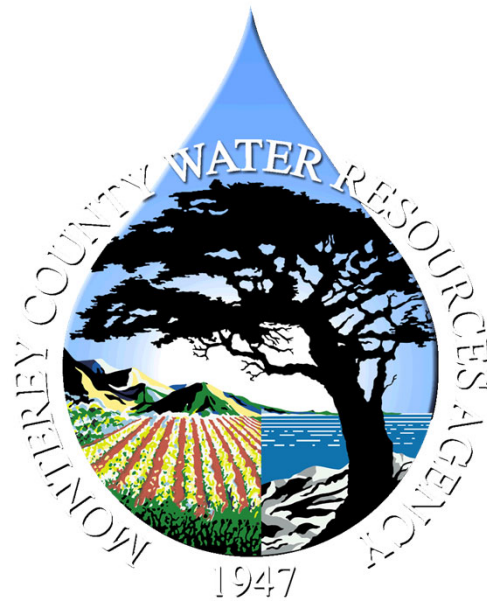
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	2,734,104
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Zone 2C Assessments

Grants:

- ✓ FIRO, Flood Map & IRWMP
- ✓ Naci Maintenance grant \$.97M
 - Plunge Pool
 - LLO bypass
- ✓ SB 104 \$5.4M
 - Naci Road & Bridge Repair
 - Naci High-level gate
 - SAD Buoy line
 - SAD 12' drain
 - SAD LLO designs
 - SAD Spillway replacement project
- \$700K transfer from Fund **1508** (130)
- Boat Dock Program
- Land Management
- Old Salinas River Management
- Facility Equipment & Repairs
- Naci South Access Road Repair
- Naci spillway inspection & maintenance





TODAY'S ACTION

Hold a public hearing to

- a. Consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year 2026-27 (**FY27**) rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (**COLA**) increase of **2.5%** for **Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments, and Water Delivery Charge and Water Service Charge in FY27**; and
- b. Consider **adopting a resolution** to:
 1. Approve the **FY27 COLA increase of 2.5% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z** for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP);
 2. Approve the **FY27 Zone 2B Water Delivery charge of \$100.24** per acre-foot of water delivered for **CSIP and SVRP**; and
 3. Approve the **FY27 Zone 2B Water Service Charge of \$113.57** per acre-foot of water delivered for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (**SRDF**).



Prior Actions

- **CSIP Landowner Workshop** re: FY27 Water Delivery Fee on 3/3/2026
- Reviewed Financial Impacts of the proposed fees at MCWRA Board of Directors Budget Workshop on 3/16/2026
- Finance Committee approved staff recommendations on 4/3/2026
- **Public Hearing by MCWRA Board of Directors** regarding Water Delivery Charge on 4/20/2026
- MCWRA Board of Directors approved staff recommendations on 4/20/2026



Discussion

- Ordinance Nos. **3635 and 3636**:
 - **Assessments in Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z** provide funding to operate and maintain the **CSIP** and **SVRP** as well as the funding necessary to make debt payments to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the loans that funded these projects.

- **Resolution 10-188**:
 - **Water Service charge** provides the funding to operate the Salinas River Diversion Facility (**SRDF**).

- Annual a cost-of-living adjustment (**COLA**) by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) of the **San Francisco Bay Area** measured from **March 1 of each year to March 1** of the next year is allowed by the Ordinances and the Resolution.



Discussion

- **Resolution 10-188:**

- Adopted on January 29, 2008
- Established the Zone 2B **Water Service Charge** for the operations & maintenance of the **Salinas River Diversion Facility**
- Subject to a COLA increase by a CPI for the first five years and thereafter, based **on evaluation by the Agency**
- *First time increase **beyond annual CPIs***

WHEREAS, On January 29, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the enactment of a water service charge of \$66.23/AF for the operations and maintenance of the Salinas River Diversion Facility with the charge to be increased annually for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for the first five years, and thereafter based on an evaluation by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and

Zone 2Y & Z Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



FY27 Rate : Zone 2Y (CSIP)

ZONE 2Y BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,370	\$ 4.20	52,361	\$ 4.31
B	4,641	\$ 36.79	4,630	\$ 37.71
C	3,013	\$ 0.45	3,005	\$ 0.46
D	266	\$ -	265	\$ -
H	1,111	\$ 1.82	1,108	\$ 1.87
Total:	61,366		61,369	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
B = Industrial, Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional				
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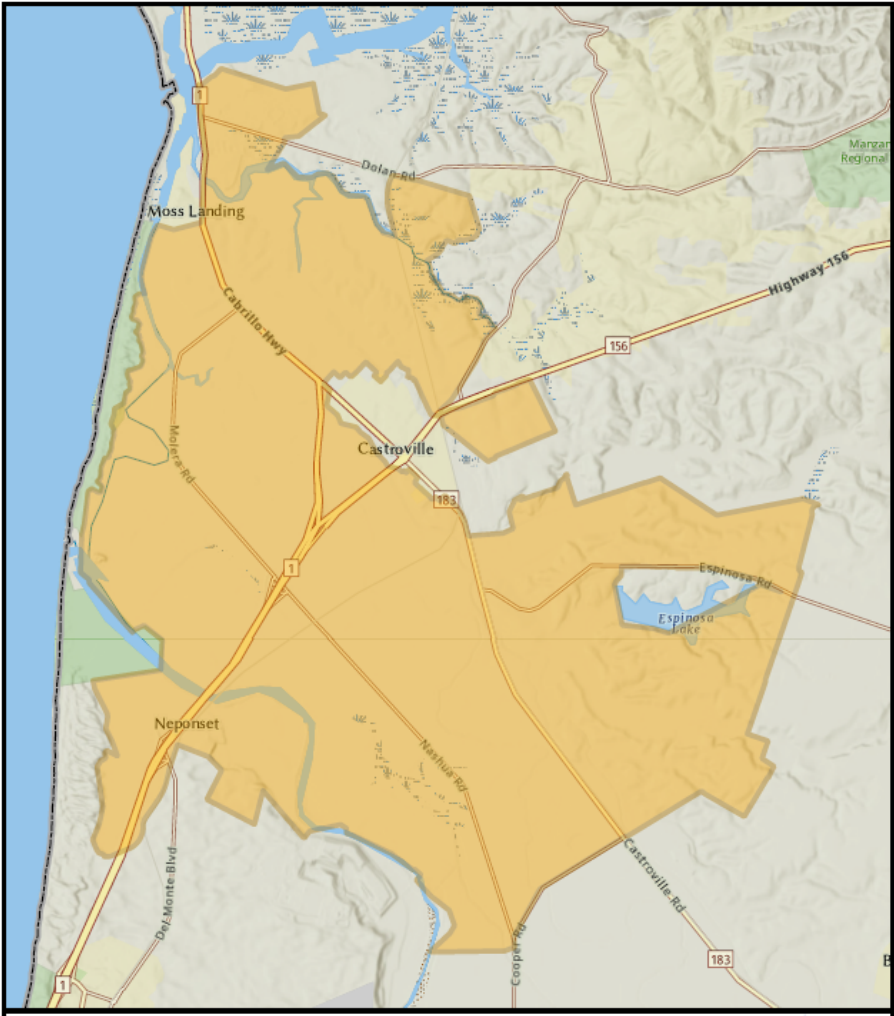


FY27 Rate : Zone 2Z (SVRP)

ZONE 2Z BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,369	\$ 12.81	52,369	\$ 13.13
B	4,639	\$ 111.57	4,628	\$ 114.35
C	3,015	\$ 1.38	3,007	\$ 1.41
D	266	\$ -	265	\$ -
H	1,111	\$ 5.73	1,108	\$ 5.87
Total:	61,400		61,377	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
B = Industrial, Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional				
C = Dry Farm, Grazing, Vacant				
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Zone 2B Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



FY27 Rate : Zone 2B

ZONE 2B BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	194	\$ 365.04	191	\$ 374.17
B	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
C	0	\$ -	36	\$ -
D	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total:	194		227	
A = Net Irrigated Agricultural (vicinity of Castroville)				
B = Industrial, Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional				
C = Dry Farm, Grazing, Vacant				
D = River Channels and Lands Subject to Frequent Flooding				
H = Irrigated Agricultural (South Valley)				



FY27 Rates : Water Delivery & Service Charge

WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES		
Fiscal Year	2025-2026	2026-2027
Water Delivery Charge	\$85.24	\$100.24
Water Service Charge	\$88.57	\$113.57
Total:	\$173.81	\$213.81



FY27 Recommended Budget

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