

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

9:00 AM

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Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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PUBLIC COMMENTS: 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.

9:00 A.M. - Call to Order

Roll Call

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.

General Public Comments

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may respond briefly to the statement made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Consent Calendar

Scheduled Matters

1. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

Attachments:

[Board Report](#)

[MCWRA FY2025-26 Recommended Budget Book Final pg. 69](#)

[MCWRA Executed Board Order](#)

[WRA FY26 Budget Hearing PPT](#)

2.
 - a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
 - b. Adopt resolutions approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Summary - FY26 WRA Assessment Charges & Fees](#)
 [FY26 WRA Assessments PPT](#)
 [Resolution Zones 1 and 1A](#)
 [Resolution Zones 8,9,12](#)
 [Resolution Flood Zones 17](#)

3. a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [FY26 WRA Assessments PPT](#)
 [Resolution Zone 2C](#)

4. a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [FY26 WRA Assessments PPT](#)
 [Executed MCWRA Board Order](#)
 [Resolution Zone 2BYZ WDF](#)

12:00 P.M. - Recess to Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Reconvene

Roll Call

Scheduled Matters

Read Out from Closed Session

Read out by County Counsel will only occur if there is reportable action(s).

Adjournment



County of Monterey

Item No.1

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-071

May 28, 2025

Introduced: 5/5/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: WR General Agenda

Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) FY 2025-2026 (FY26) Recommended Budget totals \$43,485,541 in expenses and \$39,235,673 in revenue. It represents an 11% decrease in expenditures and a 7% decrease in revenue compared to the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25).

The FY26 Budget allocates \$8.59 million for salaries and benefits, accounting for 20% of the total budget. Although the Agency is authorized for 57 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, the budget provides funding for 44 FTE positions, leaving 13 FTE positions unfunded, resulting in salary savings of \$2.45 million.

The total budgeted amount for consultant services is \$20,082,704, marking a \$5.11 million (20%) decrease from the FY25 Adopted Budget. The Monterey One Water contract amount increases by 2% to \$9,357,370, while grant-funded consultant costs decrease by 42% to \$5.25 million, and other consultant expenses decrease by 22% to \$5.48 million.

The Recommended Budget does not allocate \$105,000 from Fund 116 fund balance to Fund 116 Dam Operations' capital project reserve, limiting use of Fund 116 fund balance.

The FY26 Recommended Budget estimates total revenue at \$39.24 million, a 7% decrease from the FY25 Adopted Budget revenue of \$42.15 million. Ad-Valorem tax revenue in FY26 is estimated at \$3.56 million and total assessment revenue is budgeted at \$17.78 million, adopting 2.7% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase to FY25's assessment charges and the Water Services Charge. The Agency recommends that the Water Delivery Fee in FY26 be \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered. Estimated combined revenue from Water Delivery Fee and Water Services Charge is \$3.30 million.

Grant revenue is estimated at \$6.16 million from sources such as the Salinas Valley Basin

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) subgrant, the Nacimiento Project with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the SB 104 Dam Safety Project with DWR, Section 6 HCP grants with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant with DWR, and the Prop 1 Well Destruction grant. IRWM, HCP, and Prop 1 Well Destruction grants will conclude in FY26. The budget also includes \$900,000 in federal assistance for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and revenue from two grants awarded in FY25.

FY26 marks the first year of the Groundwater Monitoring Program (GMP) Fee, authorized by Agency Ordinance Number 5426. The Recommended Budget includes \$800,000 of the GMP Fee in Fund 111, which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2025. It also accounts for \$700,000 in revenue transfers from Fund 130 to Fund 116 to cover regulatory costs and \$252,500 in transfers from the County's Public Works Department for tide-gate construction in Fund 127 Moro Cojo. Additionally, FY26's total debt service fund transfer is \$3.41 million, hydroelectric revenue is estimated at \$1.1 million, and payments from San Luis Obispo County are estimated at \$0.75 million.

The FY26 Recommended Budget reflects use of \$4.25 million of fund balances of fund balances and achieve a structurally balanced budget.

Staff will bring this item back for approval and adoption of a resolution on June 17, 2025.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Staff worked with Monterey One Water for Fund 131 CSIP Operations, Fund 132 SVRP Operations, and Fund 134 SRDF Operations. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors reviewed the Budget at the budget workshop on March 17, 2025 and recommended approval of the FY26 Recommended Budget at its April 21, 2025 meeting.

FINANCING:

The Agency FY26 Recommended Budget represents a statutorily balanced budget and meets all requirements for adoption.

Prepared by: Nan Kyung Kim, Finance Manager III, (831) 755-4860

Approved by: _____
Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

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MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

Summary Fund Balance Estimates (FB) of FY 2024-25 Recommended Budget

Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY23 Beginning FB	FY24 Beginning FB	FY24 Amended Expenditures	FY24 Amended Revenues	FY24 Amended FB Use	FY25 Estimated Beginning FB	FY25 Expenditure	FY25 Revenue	FY25 Total FB Use	FY25 Ending Fund Balance
111	Administration Fund		2,533,679	4,310,741	5,374,265	4,909,517	(464,748)	3,845,993	6,962,120	5,286,612	(1,675,508)	2,170,485
112	Pajaro Levee	1&1A	(111,700)	1,243,368	3,640,108	2,443,673	(1,196,435)	46,933	1,045,000	1,040,356	(4,644)	42,289
116	Dam Operations (*)	2C	2,368,478	4,302,888	15,024,383	15,548,422	524,039	3,926,927	15,877,607	12,984,201	(2,893,406)	1,033,521
121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	237,642	287,577	147,903	106,435	(41,468)	246,109	129,292	108,542	(20,750)	225,359
122	Reclamation Ditch	9	1,464,970	1,283,668	2,648,376	2,650,886	2,510	1,286,178	1,968,504	2,040,285	71,781	1,357,959
124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	33,340	31,644	51,518	47,249	(4,269)	27,375	254,482	246,811	(7,671)	19,704
127	Moro Cojo Slough (^)	17	572,372	596,684	610,407	240,667	(369,740)	626,944	582,491	322,261	(260,230)	366,714
130	Hydro-Electric Ops		1,457,439	1,414,742	975,726	789,656	(186,070)	1,228,672	1,104,323	1,177,727	73,404	1,302,076
131	CSIP Operations	2B&2Y	3,945,232	3,247,842	7,908,709	7,527,636	(381,073)	2,866,769	7,133,033	6,163,072	(969,961)	1,896,808
132	SVRP Operations (~)	2B&2Z	2,343,677	2,642,341	6,394,009	5,060,202	(1,333,807)	2,508,534	6,187,071	5,726,571	(460,500)	2,048,034
134	SRDF Operations		4,513,943	3,407,279	6,810,286	5,426,002	(1,384,284)	2,022,995	3,717,282	3,595,965	(121,317)	1,901,678
303	CSIP Debt Service Fund		770,672	770,672	1,668,000	1,668,000	0	770,672	1,668,000	1,668,000	0	770,672
313	SVWP Debt Service Fund		1,034,991	1,035,749	1,755,338	1,755,338	0	1,035,749	1,756,213	1,756,213	0	1,035,749
426	Interlake Tunnel Project		767,077	588,406	1,851,181	1,924,147	72,966	661,372	374,377	38,234	(336,143)	325,229
Total:			21,931,813	25,163,601	54,860,209	50,097,830	(4,762,379)	21,101,222	48,759,795	42,154,850	(6,604,945)	14,496,277

(^) FY25 Estimated Beginning FB reflecting postponement of tidegate construction (\$400,000) to FY25

(*) FY25 Estimated Beginning FB reflecting postponement of realizing Nacimiento Maintenance Grant revenue (\$900,000)

(~) FY25 Estimated Beginning FB reflecting receipts of unbudgeted \$1.2M SVB GSA grant payment in FY24



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California***

BOARD ORDER No. 25-29

**RECOMMENDED THAT THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER
RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE
THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY FISCAL
YEAR (FY) 2025-26 RECOMMENDED BUDGET.**

Upon motion of Director Mark Gonzalez, seconded by Director Ken Ekelund, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

Recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Recommended Budget.


PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **21st** day of **April 2025**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jon Conatser

NOES: None

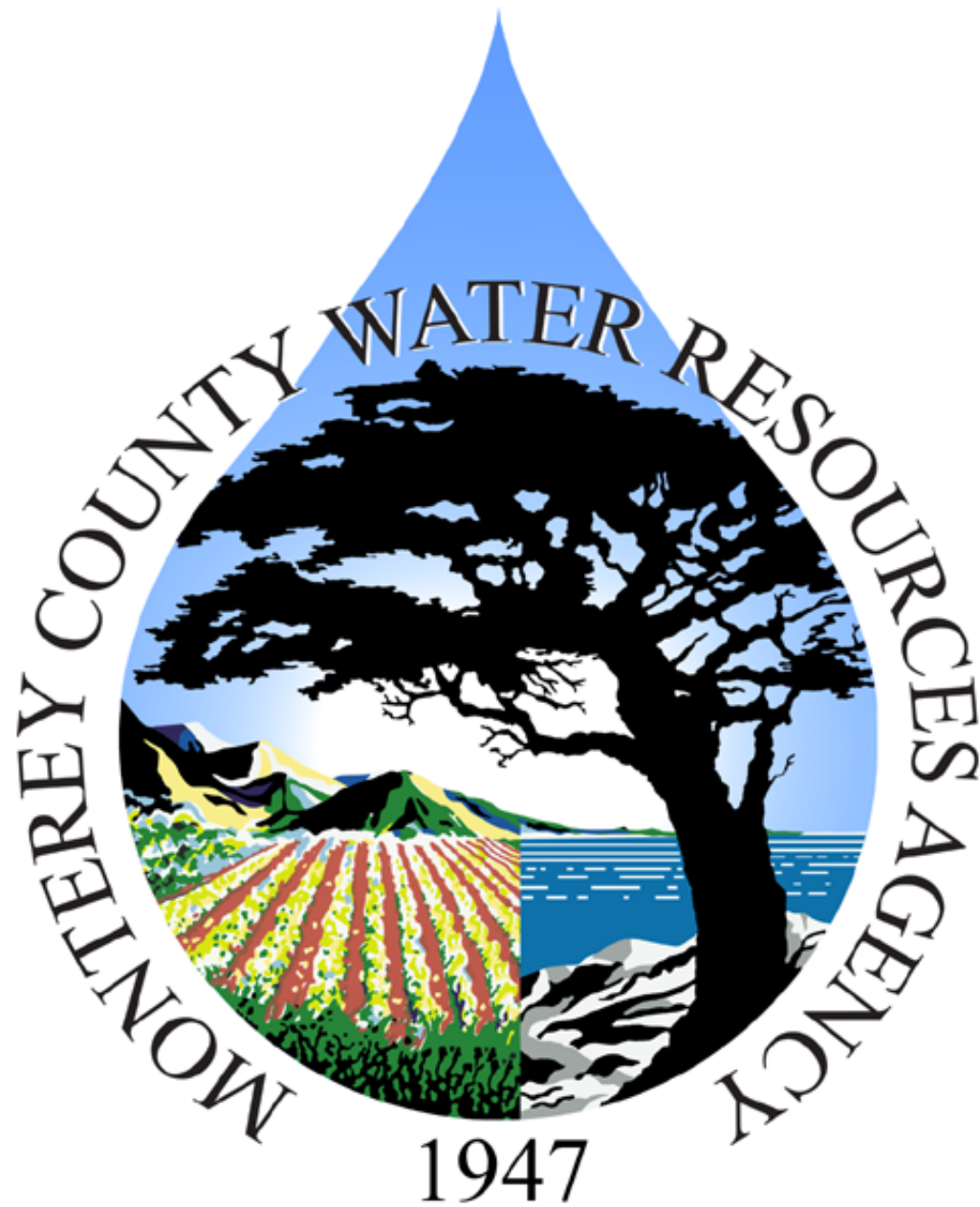
ABSENT: Deidre Sullivan, Jason Smith, John Baillie

ABSTINED: None

Signed by:

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BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair
Board of Directors

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ATTEST: Ara Azhderian
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General Manager





TODAY'S ACTION

Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.





FY26 Recommended Budget

Total Appropriations :

- **\$43,485,541 Expense**
 - **10.8 % decrease** from FY25 \$48,524,974

Total Revenue :

- **\$39,235,673 Revenue**
 - **6.9 % decrease** from FY24 43,058,808
 - **Adopting 2.7% CPI released on March 12, 2025**

Fund Balance Use:

- Statutorily balanced by using \$4,249,868 fund balance to cover funding gaps

FY26 Budget – Position Changes

Positions:

- Total 57 FTE Authorized
 - 13 FTE unfunded
 - 44 Positions Funded
 - 6 Positions currently vacant to fill
- Focus in FY26
 - Current staffing for ongoing operations & maintenance activities
 - Minimal repair and replacement projects, primarily grant funded projects
 - Utilizing grants to fund staff salaries and benefits

FY26 Recommended Budget

Expense Considerations:

- Expense growth will exceed an annual COLA
 - County's labor union negotiation outcomes
 - Cost of services and supplies
 - GL and pollution insurance cost increased by \$277,280 (17%)
- Limiting use of fund balances
- County's Cost Plan decreased by \$281,479
 - Estimate of \$500,000 to add as a carry-forward to FY28 Cost Plan Allocation
- Budget amendments will be needed for projects & staff to be funded by unbudgeted grants

FY26 Recommended Budget

Revenues:

Revenue growth is not keeping pace with expenses needed for increased O&M cost, needed staffing and major repair and replacement projects

- Annual COLA : 2.7% CPI
 - Flood Assessments & Special Assessments
 - Recycle Water Project Water Service Charge
- New Revenue Stream
 - Groundwater Monitoring Program Fee \$800,000
- Revenue adjusted for operational needs
 - Recycle Water Project Water Delivery Fee at **\$85.24**
- Other Revenues:
 - Grants, Boat Dock, Groundwater Monitoring Program Fee
 - Grants, FEMA
 - SLO County Reimbursements (San Antonio expenses)
 - Hydro-Electric Revenue & Ad Valorem Taxes

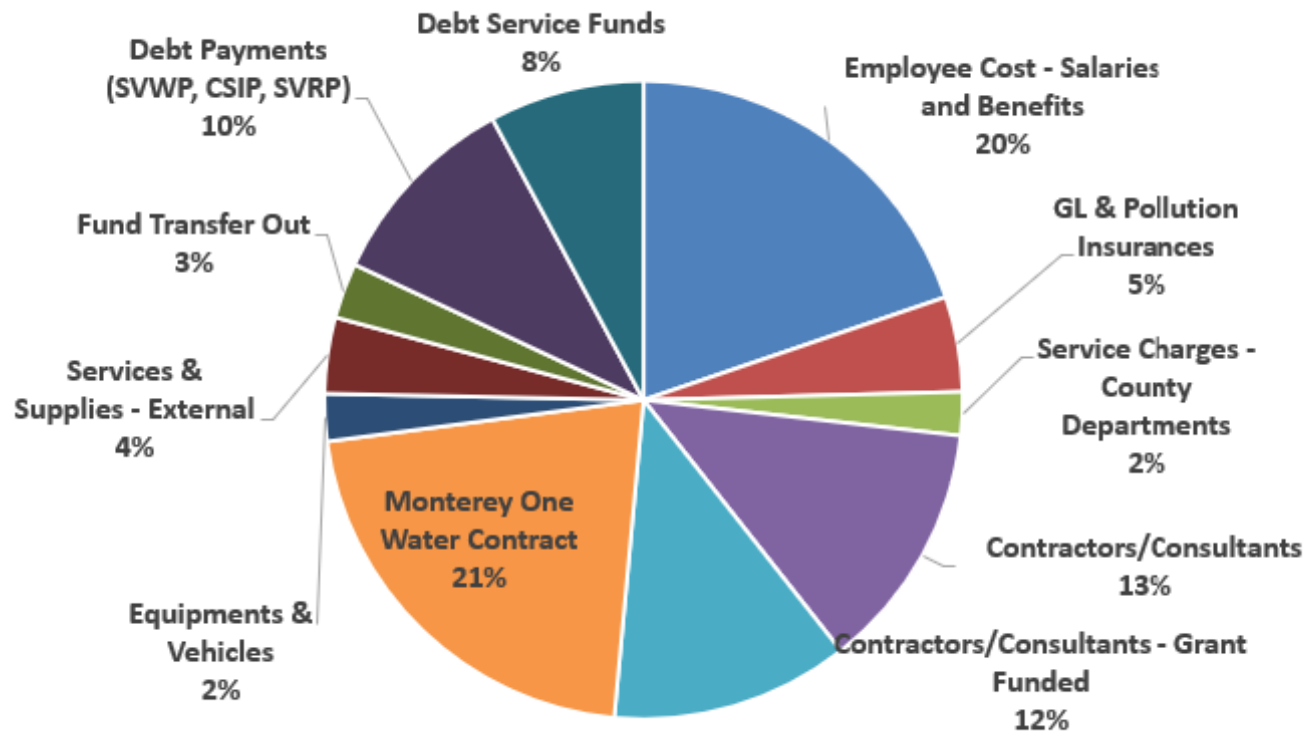
FY26 Recommended Budget

Expense

Expense & Revenue Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 CYE	2026 Requested	% Change
Employee Cost - Salaries and Benefits	6,209,859	6,213,703	8,752,585	7,485,502	8,591,997	-1.8%
GL & Pollution Insurances	939,570	1,346,512	1,781,691	1,814,508	2,091,788	17.4%
Service Charges - County Departments	1,037,875	2,384,285	1,420,577	1,129,581	954,768	-32.8%
Contractors/Consultants	3,954,916	3,279,641	7,054,556	4,521,471	5,475,414	-22.4%
Contractors/Consultants - Grant Funded	1,183,350	2,345,042	8,980,000	709,344	5,250,000	-41.5%
Monterey One Water Contract	8,019,596	9,557,314	9,163,033	9,163,033	9,357,370	2.1%
Equipments & Vehicles	1,117,613	1,055,061	936,790	1,473,840	1,041,506	11.2%
Services & Supplies - External	3,401,330	3,856,243	1,761,885	2,294,841	1,674,726	-4.9%
Fund Transfer Out	636,162	3,162,069	1,044,252	596,511	1,218,544	16.7%
Debt Payments (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	4,308,952	4,271,886	4,440,213	4,440,213	4,419,714	-0.5%
Debt Service Funds	3,316,393	3,292,467	3,424,213	3,424,213	3,409,714	-0.4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	34,125,616	40,764,223	48,759,795	37,053,057	43,485,541	-10.8%

FY26 Recommended Budget

Expense Distribution



FY26 Recommended Budget

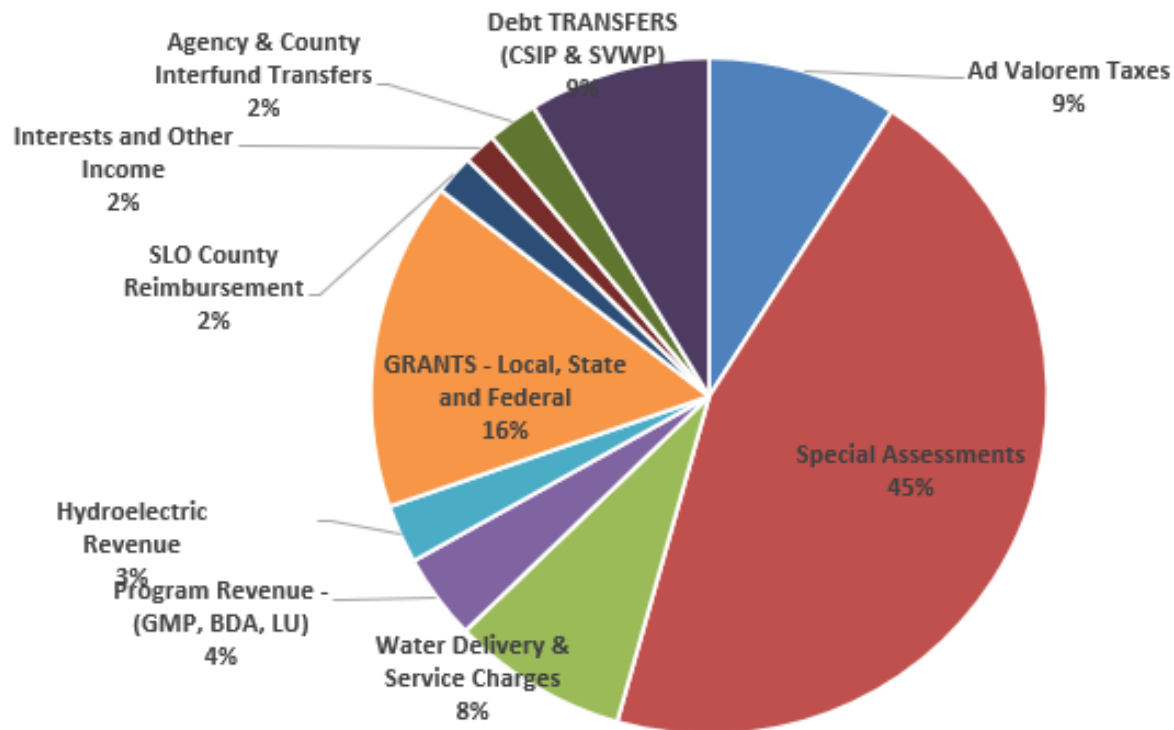
Revenue

Expense & Revenue Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 CYE	2026 Requested	% Change
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,360,656	3,516,520	3,447,294	3,447,294	3,558,675	3.2%
Special Assessments	16,338,356	16,992,670	17,535,649	17,517,226	17,782,840	1.4%
Water Delivery & Service Charges	1,276,896	2,449,764	2,629,626	2,562,951	3,302,362	25.6%
Program Revenue - (GMP, BDA, LU)	653,715	996,967	1,042,184	749,472	1,610,998	54.6%
Hydroelectric Revenue	634,394	1,345,925	1,140,961	1,158,319	1,100,000	-3.6%
GRANTS - Local, State and Federal	2,158,290	4,710,087	9,869,900	4,603,546	6,161,372	-37.6%
SLO County Reimbursement	582,468	614,071	614,070	786,699	750,000	22.1%
Interests and Other Income	544,790	680,730	786,479	926,177	607,212	-22.8%
Agency & County Interfund Transfers	8,586,162	1,923,148	1,664,474	850,000	952,500	-42.8%
Debt TRANSFERS (CSIP & SVWP)	3,316,392	3,292,467	3,424,213	3,424,213	3,409,714	-0.4%
TOTAL REVENUES	37,452,119	36,522,349	42,154,850	36,025,897	39,235,673	-6.9%

CPI 2.7%

FY26 Recommended Budget

Revenue Distribution



FY26 Recommended Budget

Fund Balances ESTIMATES

Expense & Revenue Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Adopted	2025 CYE	2026 Requested	% Change
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	34,125,616	40,764,223	48,759,795	37,053,057	43,485,541	-10.8%
TOTAL REVENUES	37,452,119	36,522,349	42,154,850	36,025,897	39,235,673	-6.9%
Beginning Fund Balance	21,931,812	25,163,601	20,816,727	20,816,727	19,789,567	
FY24 Use of Fund Balance (Draw)	3,231,789	(4,346,874)	(6,604,945)	(1,027,160)	(4,249,868)	
Estimate Ending Fund Balance *^~	25,163,601	20,816,727	14,211,782	19,789,567	15,539,699	

* includes unspent strategic reserve from the County for 2023 winterstorm event (estimated at \$1.18 M)

^ Ending Fund Balance for FY22, F23 & F24 is actual

~ Ending Fund Balance for FY25 & FY26 is estimated

Fund Balance Summary

MCWRA Unassigned Fund Balance Summary

Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Actual Beginning Balance	FY25 Estimated Changes	FY25 Ending Balance Estimates	FY26 Expense Budget	FY 26 Revenue Budget	FY26 Requested Use	FY26 Ending Balance Estimates
111	Administration Fund		4,241,073	252,281	4,493,354	5,591,321	5,363,908	(227,413)	4,265,941
112	Pajaro Levee - Zones	1/1A	963,440	381,365	1,344,805	891,499	687,003	(204,496)	1,140,309
116	Dam Operations	2C	1,700,408	(119,215)	1,581,193	11,835,605	11,209,013	(626,592)	954,601
121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	303,708	9,464	313,172	109,379	112,180	2,801	315,973
122	Reclamation Ditch	9	1,301,112	(14,932)	1,286,180	2,176,631	1,843,282	(333,349)	952,831
124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	36,598	459	37,057	56,033	49,898	(6,135)	30,922
127	Moro Cojo Slough	17	411,270	(27,703)	383,567	686,838	365,508	(321,330)	62,237
130	Hydro-Electric Ops		2,077,882	73,014	2,150,896	1,817,087	1,172,726	(644,361)	1,506,535
131	CSIP Operations	2B/2Y	2,439,324	(881,069)	1,558,255	6,664,214	6,423,278	(240,936)	1,317,319
132	SVRP Operations	2B/2Z	2,655,386	(257,966)	2,397,420	6,891,960	6,161,150	(730,810)	1,666,610
134	SRDF Operations		2,669,679	(388,424)	2,281,255	3,233,462	2,432,777	(800,685)	1,480,570
303	CSIP Debt Service		770,672	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
313	SVWP Debt Service		1,036,745	6,543	1,043,288	1,759,714	1,759,714	-	1,043,288
426	Interlake Tunnel		209,431	(60,977)	148,454	121,798	5,236	(116,562)	31,892
Total:			20,816,728	(1,027,160)	19,789,568	43,485,541	39,235,673	(4,249,868)	15,539,700

Assigned Fund Balances

MCWRA Assigned Fund Balance Summary						
Fund	Fund Name	BSA	Description	FY25 Estimated Ending Balance	Change in FY26	FY26 Estimated Ending Balance
111	Administration Fund	3066	Canyon Del Rey Improvement	12,200	0	12,200
116	Dam Operations	3115	Cloud Seeding Reserve	125,000	0	125,000
116	Dam Operations	3123	Capital Project	840,000	0	840,000
122	Reclamation Ditch	3115	Markeley Swamp Reserve	245,158	0	245,158
131	CSIP Operations	2569	USBR Loan Reserve	254,187	0	254,187

FY26 Recommended Budget

FUND 111: ADMINISTRATION & COUNTYWIDE SERVICES

Zones: Countywide (CW), Nacimiento and San Antonio Non-O&M (2- 2A), Lower Salinas River (3), Merritt Lake (5), N. Monterey County (7), Carmel Valley (11), Arroyo Seco (14), Alisal-Spence Road Drainage (15), Blanco Storm Drain (S2), Gonzales Slough (GS)

Fund 111 supports the Agency's organizational structure and functions as well as to provide Countywide services related to water resources management. In 2024, the Agency adopted a groundwater monitoring program, through Ordinance Number 5426, to investigate and produce the data necessary to perform a thorough review, or audit, of the hydrologic budget within the monitored area. The ordinance authorizes Agency's collection of a regulatory fee, which is set effective July 1, 2025, by resolution of the Agency Board of Supervisors and is included in the recommended budget.

The range of activities, within this Fund, include:

- Administration covers the planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and controlling of the Agency's operations, including: 2.4 FTE + \$837,000 services and supplies + vehicles and equipment costs
 - Governance related items
 - Strategic Planning Process
 - Funding Strategy Development
 - Public engagement, coordination and advocacy
 - Training, safety, policies and procedures
- Operations and Maintenance of facilities including: 4.3 FTE + \$475,000 services and supplies + vehicles and equipment costs
 - Upper and Merritt Pump Stations
 - Merritt Channel & Tembladero Slough
 - Potrero Tide Gates
 - Blanco Storm Drain
 - Old Salinas River
 - Gonzales Slough Pump Station
- Groundwater Monitoring Program Administration 3.47 FTE + \$120,000 services and supplies + vehicles and equipment costs
 - Well Registration
 - Groundwater Extraction Monitoring
 - Groundwater Level Monitoring
 - Groundwater Quality Monitoring
- Countywide flood monitoring and flood response 0.3 FTE + \$68,000 services and supplies
 - Real-time storm monitoring
 - ALERT equipment
 - Flood fight training and supply of materials
 - Emergency Operations Center participation
 - General flood inquiries

FY26 Budget Book details programs & activities budgeted for FY26

FY26 Recommended Budget

Table 2. Fund 111 Revenues & Expense

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	3,175,642
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	1,122,045
PROGRAM REVENUE - (GMP, BDA, LU)	856,421
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	75,000
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	134,800
TOTAL REVENUES	5,363,908

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,860,493
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	182,562
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	265,799
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	929,100
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT FUNDED	50,000
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	189,094
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	354,559
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	1,759,714
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,591,321

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(227,413)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	4,493,354
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	4,265,941

Budget Book :

- Summary of projected revenue types and total per fund
- Summary of proposed expense types and total per fund
- Use of Fund Balance
- Estimated Ending Fund Balance



TODAY'S ACTION

Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.





County of Monterey

Item No.2

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-072

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WRA FY2025-26 ASSESSMENTS & Fees - Flood Zones

WRA Zones	Fiscal Year	Land Factor							
		A	B	C	E	F	G	H	I
1	2024-25	\$375.18	\$375.18	\$93.81	\$93.81	\$7.62			
	2025-26	\$385.31	\$385.31	\$96.35	\$96.35	\$7.83			
1A	2024-25	\$183.15	\$178.86	\$44.73	\$44.73	\$3.73			
	2025-26	\$188.10	\$183.69	\$45.93	\$45.93	\$3.83			
8	2024-25	\$ 73.66	\$ 53.96	\$ 9.00	\$18.02	\$9.00	\$0.90	\$ -	\$ -
	2025-26	\$ 75.65	\$ 55.41	\$ 9.24	\$18.50	\$9.24	\$0.92	\$ -	\$ -
9	2024-25	\$ 77.90	\$ 57.05	\$ 9.52	\$19.02	\$9.52	\$0.95	\$ -	\$ -
	2025-26	\$ 80.00	\$ 58.59	\$ 9.78	\$19.54	\$9.78	\$0.98	\$ -	\$ -
12	2024-25	\$ 27.68	\$ 20.28	\$ 3.38	\$ 6.76	\$3.38	\$0.35	\$ -	\$ -
	2025-26	\$ 28.43	\$ 20.83	\$ 3.47	\$ 6.94	\$3.47	\$0.36	\$ -	\$ -
17	2024-25	\$ 26.69	\$ 19.55	\$26.07	\$13.05	\$6.52	\$0.35	\$ -	\$ -
	2025-26	\$ 27.41	\$ 20.08	\$26.77	\$13.40	\$6.69	\$0.36	\$ -	\$ -

Land Factors:

A = Commercial and Industrial

B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family)

C = Single Family Residence

E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space

F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural State

G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35%

H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded

I = Land receiving no charge

WRA FY2025-26 ASSESSMENTS & Fees - Zone 2B, 2Y & 2Z

WRA Zones	Fiscal Year	Land Factors				
		A	B	C	D	H
2B	2023-24	\$355.44				
	2024-25	\$365.04				
2Y	2023-24	\$4.09	\$35.83	\$0.43		\$1.78
	2024-25	\$4.20	\$36.79	\$0.45		\$1.82
2Z	2023-24	\$12.48	\$108.63	\$1.34		\$5.58
	2024-25	\$12.81	\$111.57	\$1.38		\$5.73
Water Delivery	2023-24	\$45.24				
	2024-25	\$85.24				
Water Service	2023-24	\$86.24				
	2024-25	\$88.57				

Land Factor of Zone 2B only:

A = Net Irrigated Agricultural (vicinity of Castroville)

Land Factors of Zone 2Y & 2Z:

A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)

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)

WRA FY2025-26 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS - Zone 2C									
Sub Areas	Assessment Components	Land Factor							
		A		B		C		D	
		FY25	FY26	FY25	FY26	FY25	FY26	FY25	FY26
Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	O&M	\$12.27	\$12.60	\$12.27	\$12.60	\$1.19	\$1.22	\$0.12	\$0.13
	Admin	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$0.14	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.82	\$1.82	\$1.82	\$1.82	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.02	\$0.02
	Div Facility								
Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	O&M	\$13.18	\$13.53	\$13.17	\$13.52	\$1.33	\$1.37	\$0.16	\$0.17
	Admin	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$0.14	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.28	\$1.28	\$1.28	\$1.28	\$0.12	\$0.12		
	Div Facility								
Upper Valley	O&M	\$11.84	\$12.16	\$11.84	\$12.16	\$1.17	\$1.20	\$0.12	\$0.13
	Admin	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$0.14	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$0.10	\$0.10		
	Div Facility								
Forebay	O&M	\$12.29	\$12.62	\$12.29	\$12.62	\$1.19	\$1.22	\$0.12	\$0.13
	Admin	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$0.14	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$0.10	\$0.10		
	Div Facility								
Pressure	O&M	\$25.95	\$26.65	\$25.95	\$26.65	\$2.54	\$2.61	\$0.24	\$0.24
	Admin	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$0.14	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$2.86	\$2.86	\$2.86	\$2.86	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.02	\$0.02
	Div Facility	\$6.18	\$6.18	\$6.18	\$6.18	\$0.62	\$0.62	\$0.06	\$0.06
East Side	O&M	\$14.09	\$14.47	\$14.09	\$14.47	\$1.42	\$1.46	\$0.16	\$0.17
	Admin	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$0.14	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$2.18	\$2.18	\$2.18	\$2.18	\$0.22	\$0.22	\$0.02	\$0.02
	Div Facility	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.04	\$0.04
Arroyo Seco	O&M	\$4.53	\$4.65	\$4.53	\$4.65	\$0.45	\$0.46	\$0.05	\$0.05
	Admin	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$1.80	\$1.85	\$0.14	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.04	\$0.04		
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TODAY'S ACTION

Hold a public hearing :

- a. consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (**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. b. consider approving and adopting the FY26 **COLA increase of 2.7% to the Zone 2B water service charge** for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project; and
- c. c. 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





Prior Actions

- CSIP Growers' Workshop re: FY26 Water Delivery Fee on 3/4/2025
- Reviewed Financial Impacts of the proposed fees at MCWRA Board of Directors (BoD) Budget Workshop on 3/17/2025
- Finance Committee approved staff recommendations on 4/4/2025
- MCWRA Board of Directors approved staff recommendations on 4/21/2025





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**

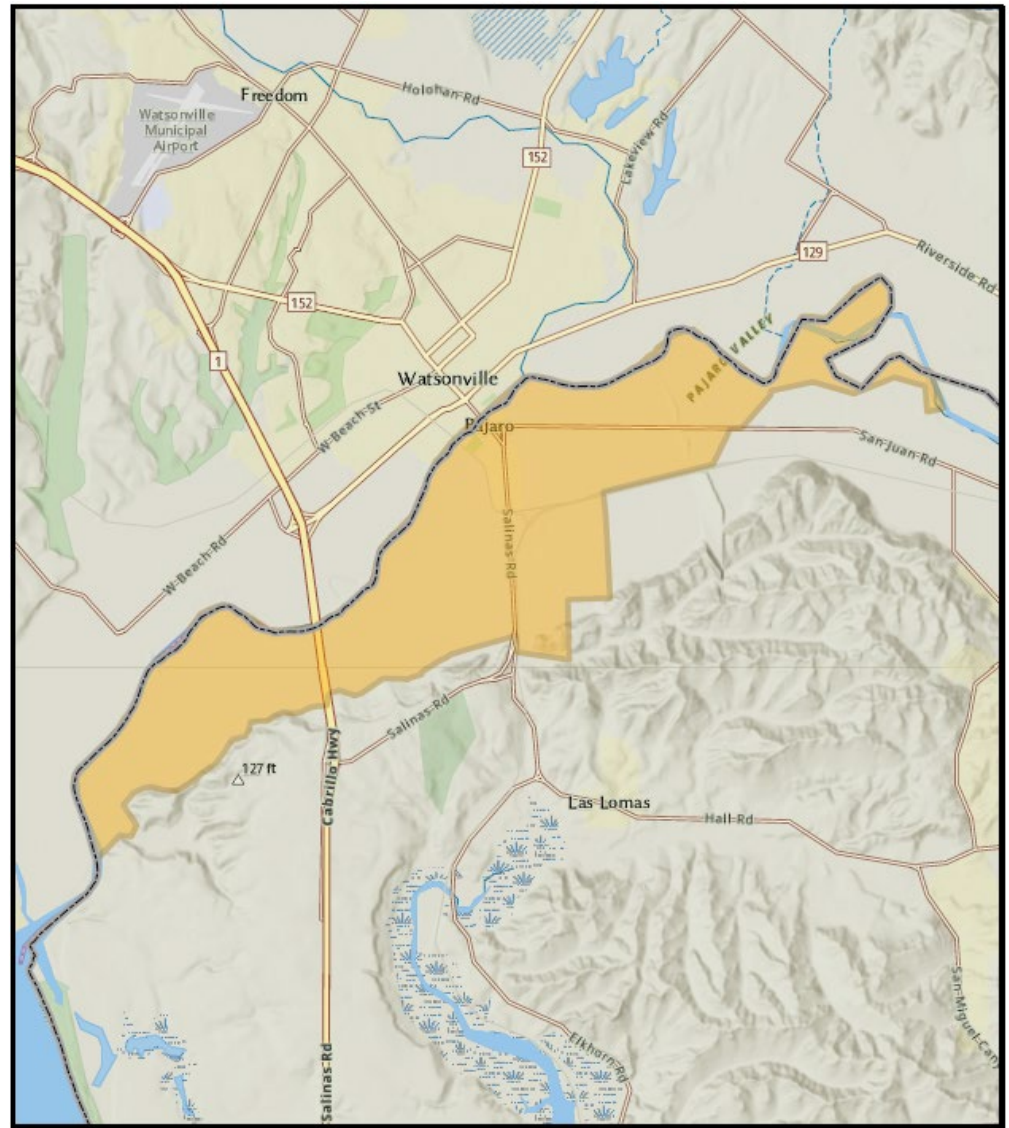
Discussion

- 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.

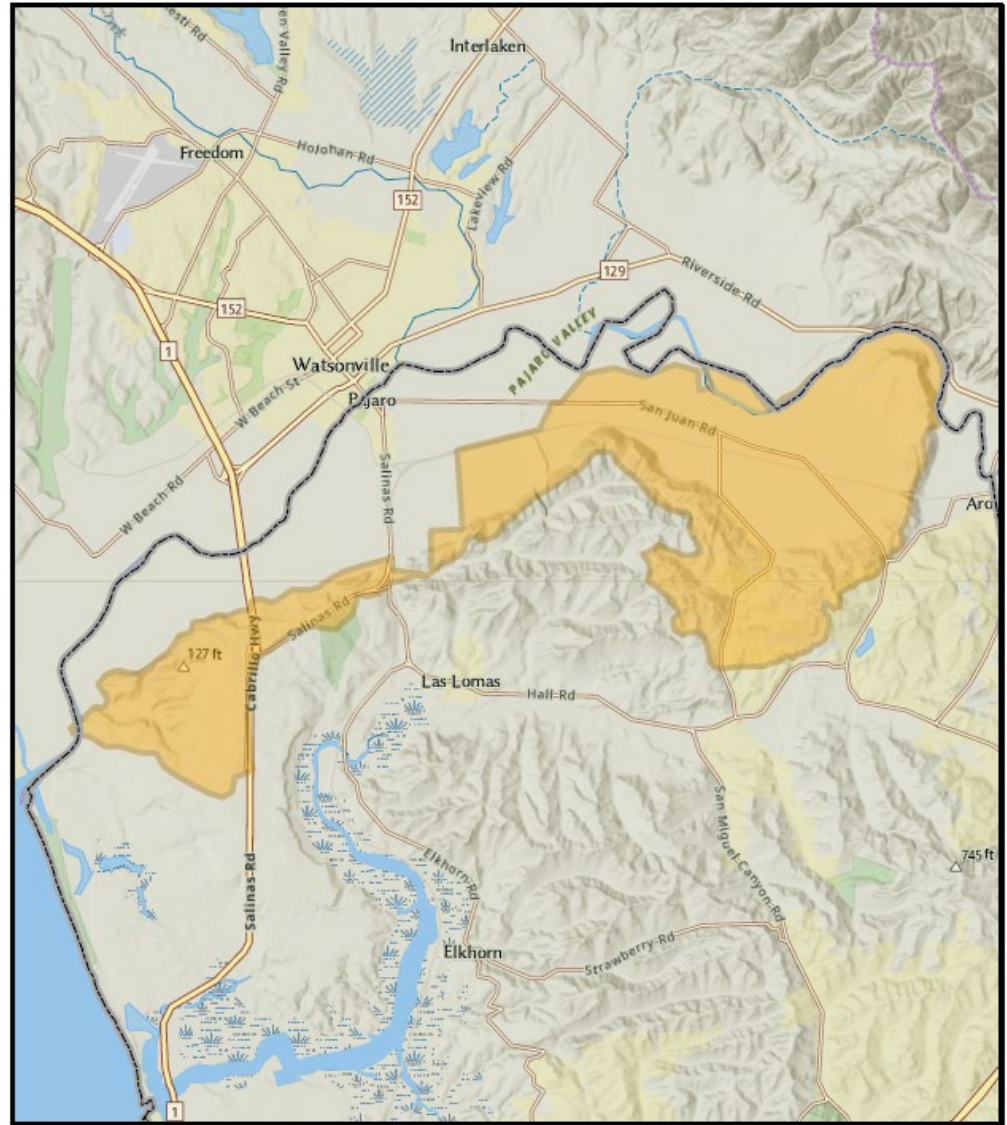
Discussion

- 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 12, 2025**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February 2025 Consumer Price Index which increased **2.7%** from last year.

Zone 1 Boundary Pajaro



Zone 1A Boundary Pajaro



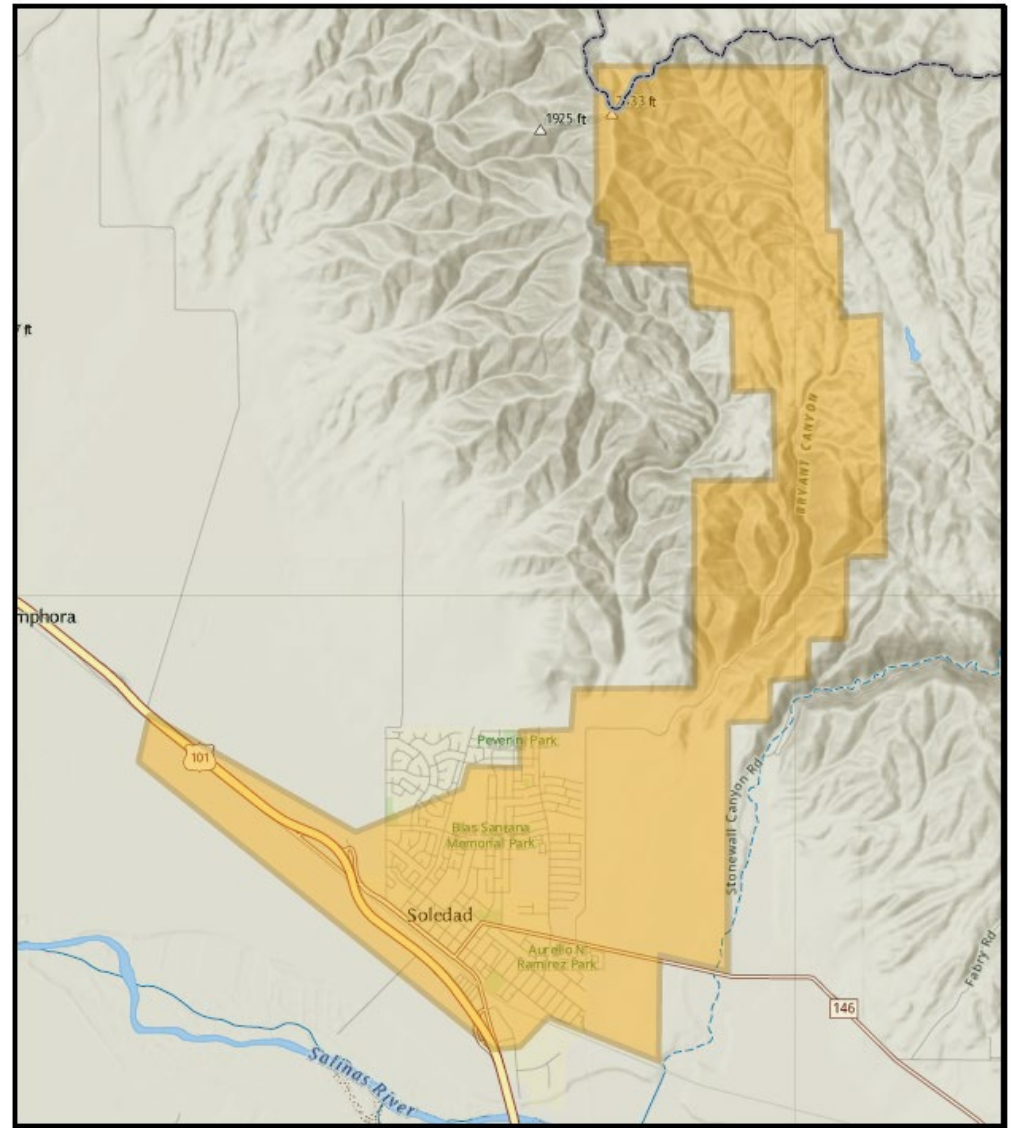
FY26 Rate : Zone 1

ZONE 1 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
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FY26 Rate : Zone 1A

ZONE 1A BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
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Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	34	\$ 183.15	37	\$ 188.10
B	5	\$ 178.86	5	\$ 183.69
C	371	\$ 44.73	368	\$ 45.93
E	173	\$ 44.73	173	\$ 45.93
F	399	\$ 3.73	399	\$ 3.83
Total:	982		982	
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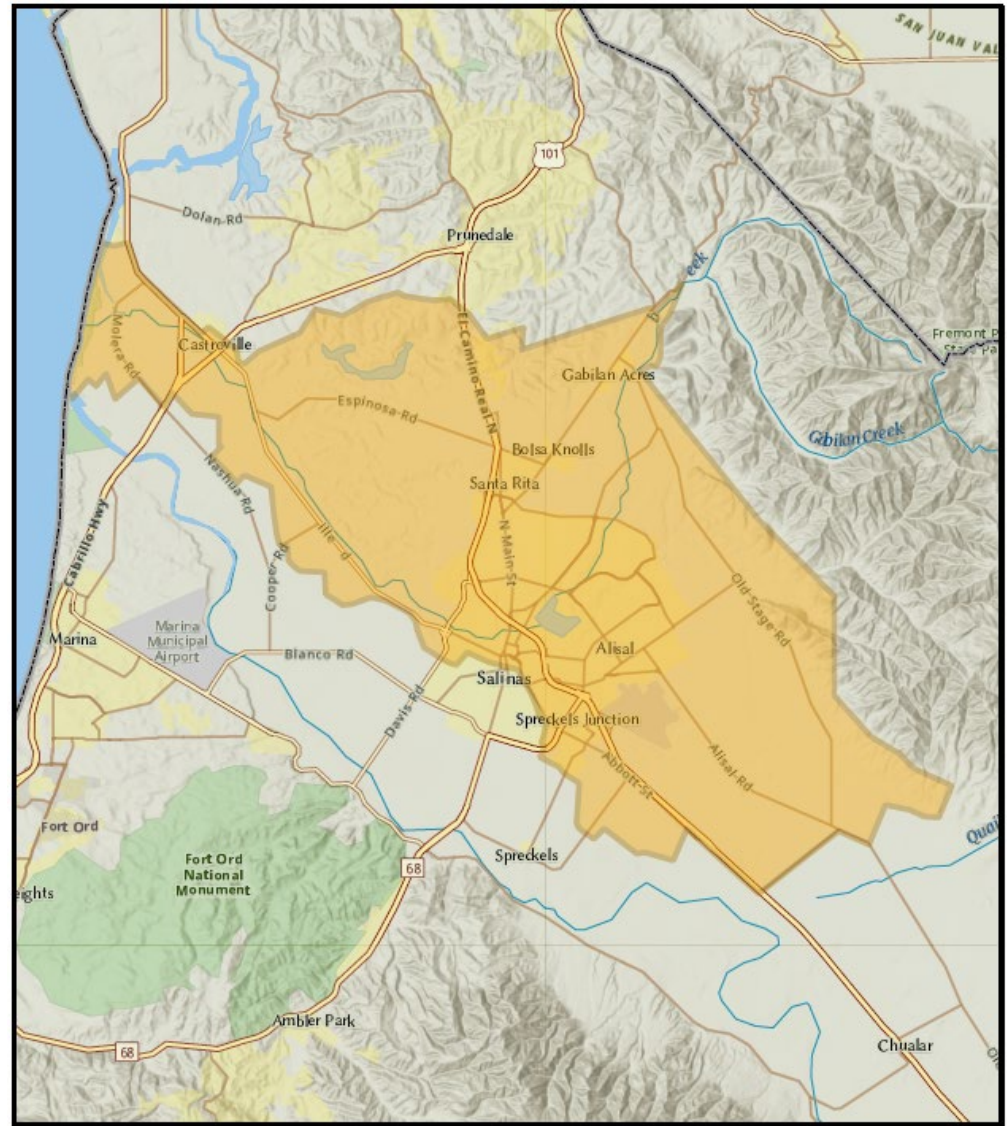
Zone 8 Boundary: Soledad Storm Drain



FY26 Rate : Zone 8

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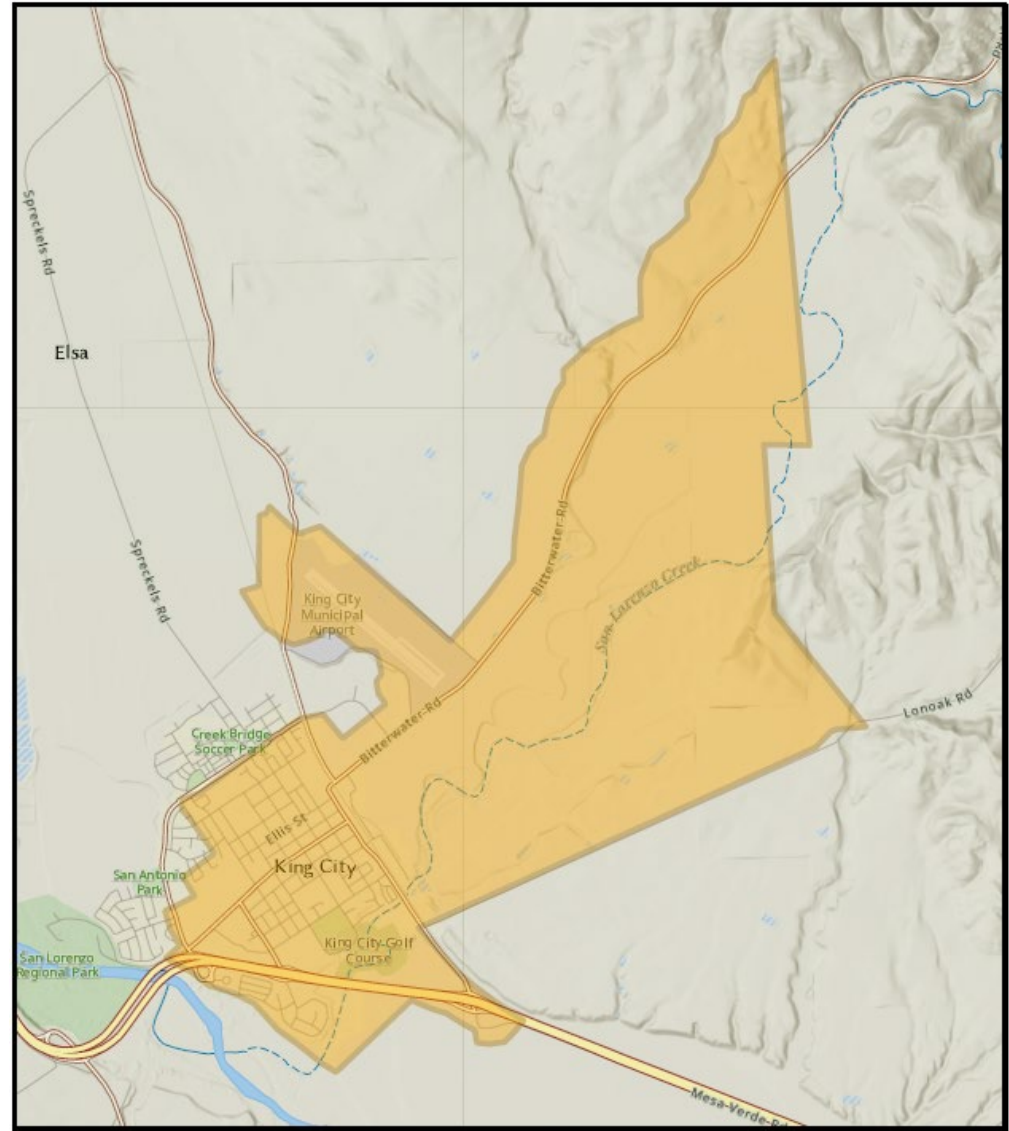
Zone 9 Boundary: Reclamation Ditch



FY26 Rate : Zone 9

ZONE 9 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	3,273	\$ 77.90	3,265	\$ 80.00
B	1,168	\$ 57.05	1,170	\$ 58.59
C	22,008	\$ 9.52	22,007	\$ 9.78
E	1,322	\$ 19.02	1,316	\$ 19.54
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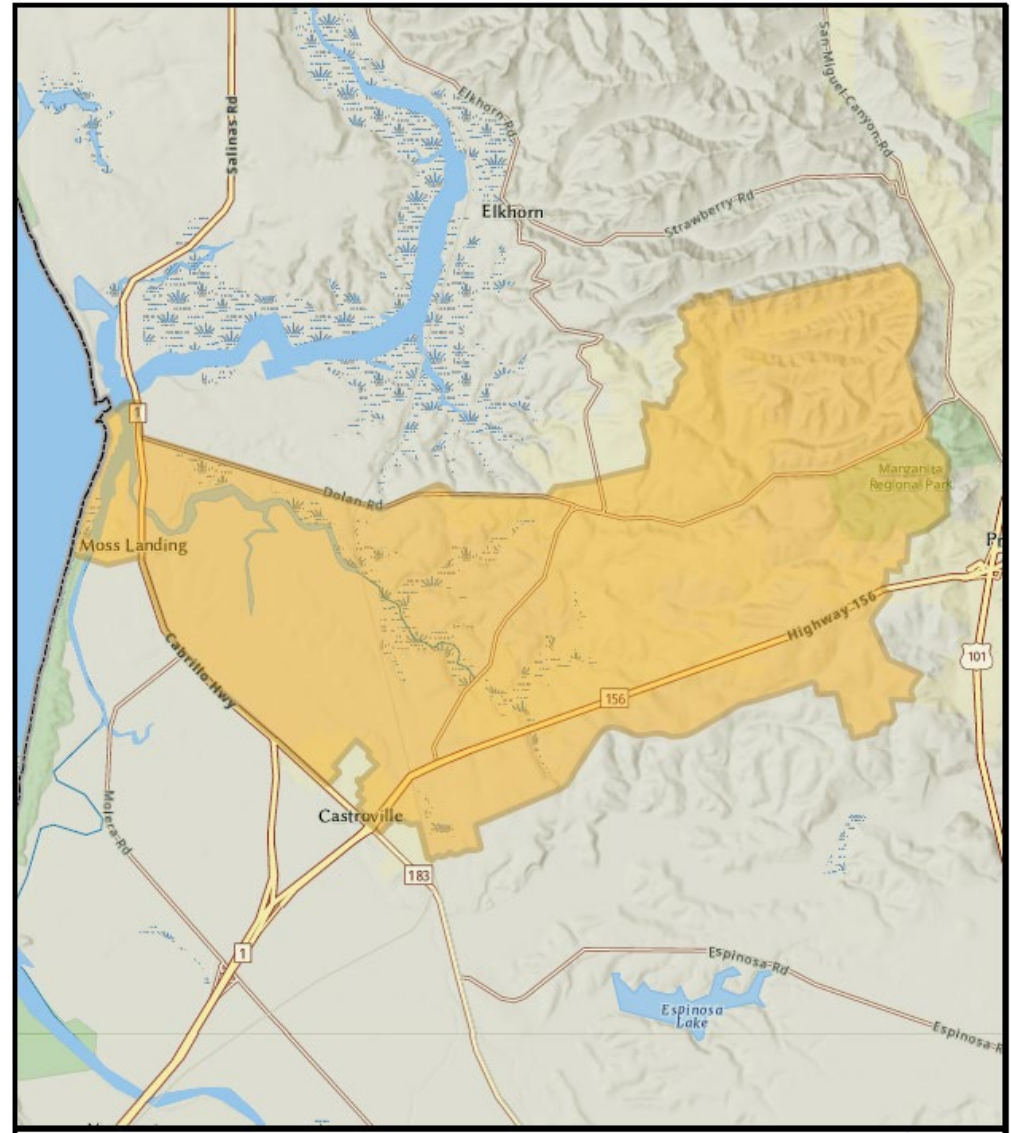
Zone 12 Boundary: San Lorenzo Creek



FY26 Rate : Zone 12

ZONE 12 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	248	\$ 27.68	249	\$ 28.43
B	136	\$ 20.28	136	\$ 20.83
C	1,047	\$ 3.38	1,055	\$ 3.47
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Total:	1,637		1,638	
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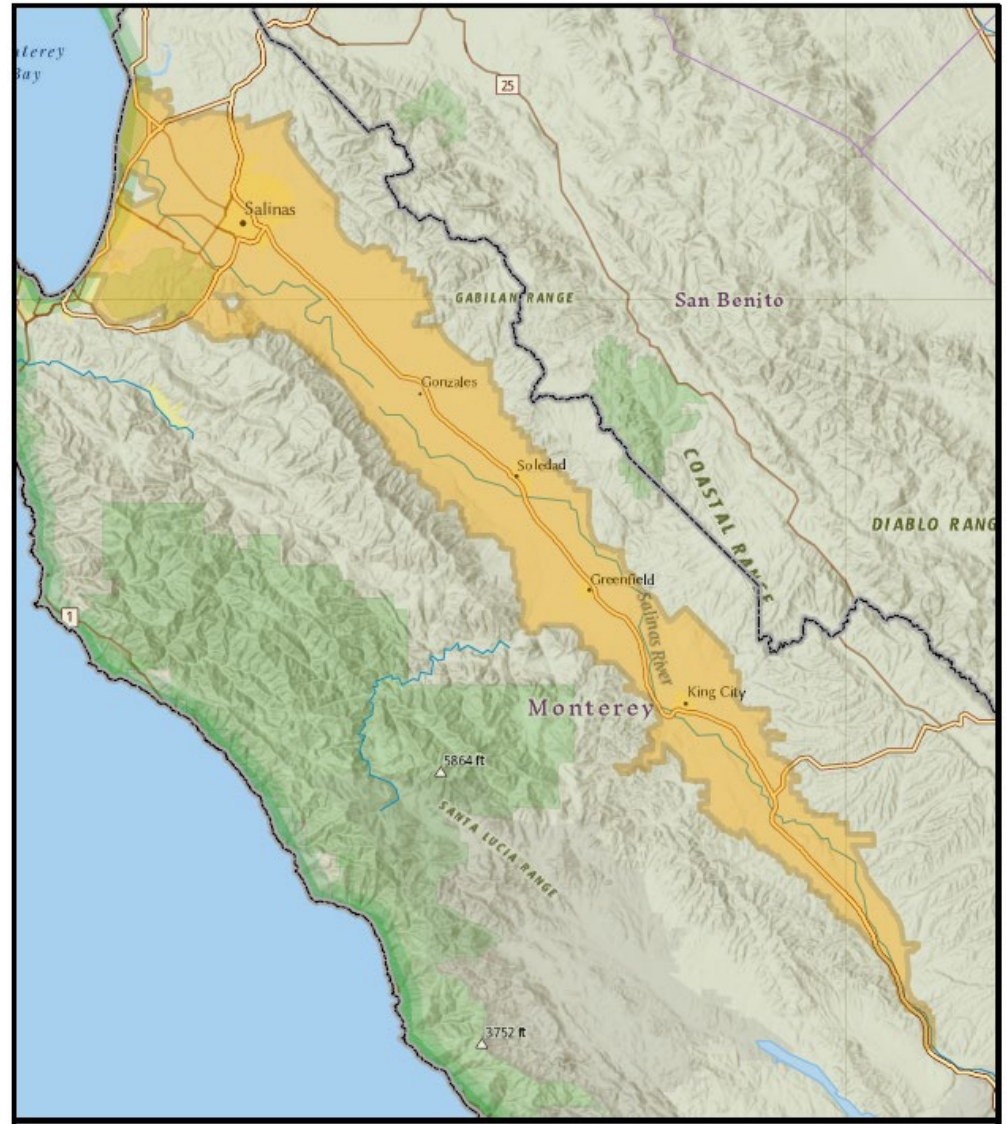
Zone 17 Boundary: Moro Cojo



FY26 Rate : Zone 17

ZONE 17 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	126	\$ 26.69	124	\$ 27.41
B	66	\$ 19.55	66	\$ 20.08
C	2,191	\$ 26.07	2,207	\$ 26.77
E	1,081	\$ 13.05	1,080	\$ 13.40
F	749	\$ 6.52	739	\$ 6.69
G	20	\$ 0.35	20	\$ 0.36
H	5	\$ -	5	\$ -
I	3	\$ -	3	\$ -
Total:	4,241		4,244	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35% H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded I = Land receiving no charge				

Zone 2Y & Z Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



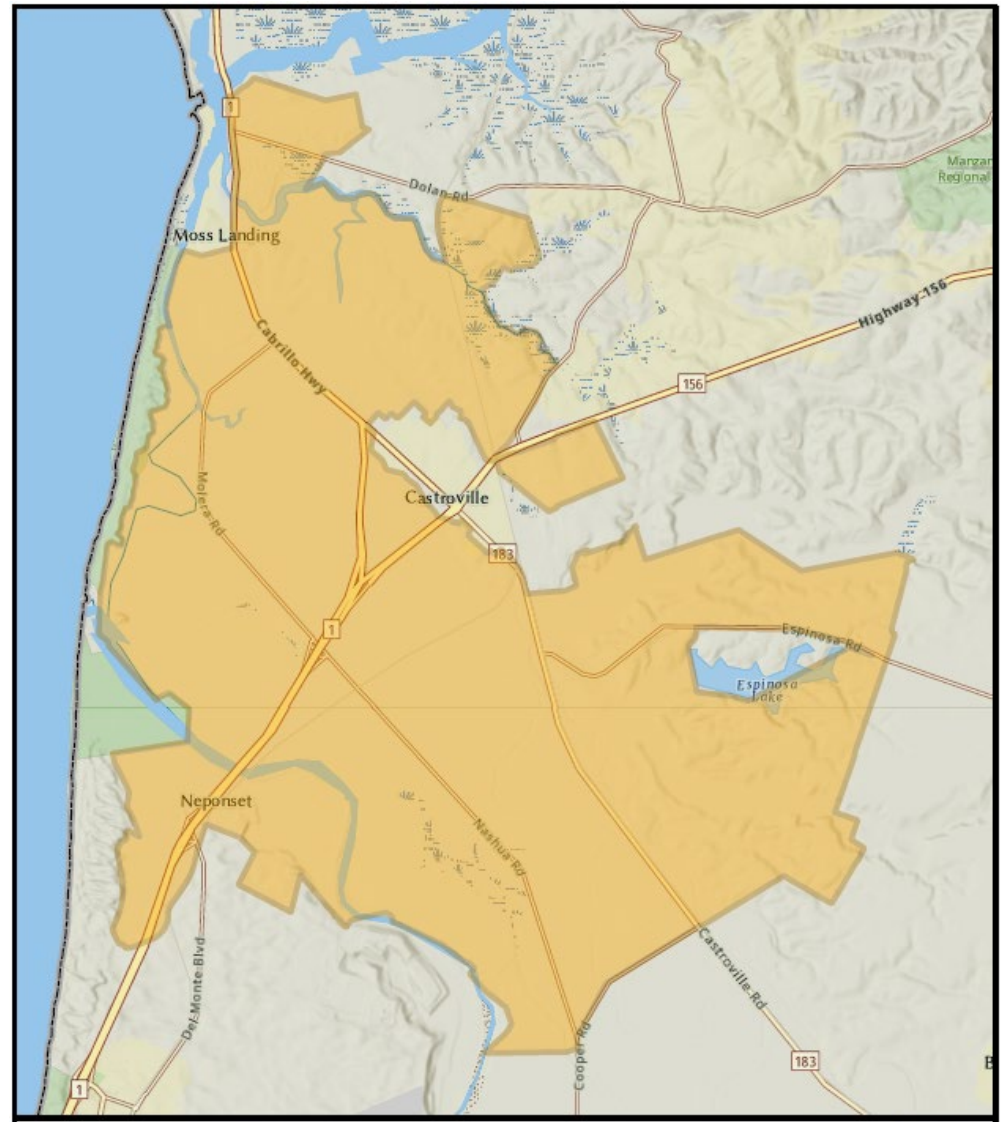
FY26 Rate : Zone 2Y (CSIP)

ZONE 2Y BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,195	\$ 4.09	52,370	\$ 4.20
B	4,632	\$ 35.83	4,641	\$ 36.79
C	3,668	\$ 0.43	3,013	\$ 0.45
D	265	\$ -	266	\$ -
H	1,110	\$ 1.78	1,111	\$ 1.82
Total:	61,366		61,401	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
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)				

FY26 Rate : Zone 2Z (SVRP)

ZONE 2Z BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,194	\$ 12.48	52,369	\$ 12.81
B	4,630	\$ 108.63	4,639	\$ 111.57
C	3,670	\$ 1.34	3,015	\$ 1.38
D	265	\$ -	266	\$ -
H	1,110	\$ 5.58	1,111	\$ 5.73
Total:	61,869		61,400	
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



FY26 Rate : Zone 2B

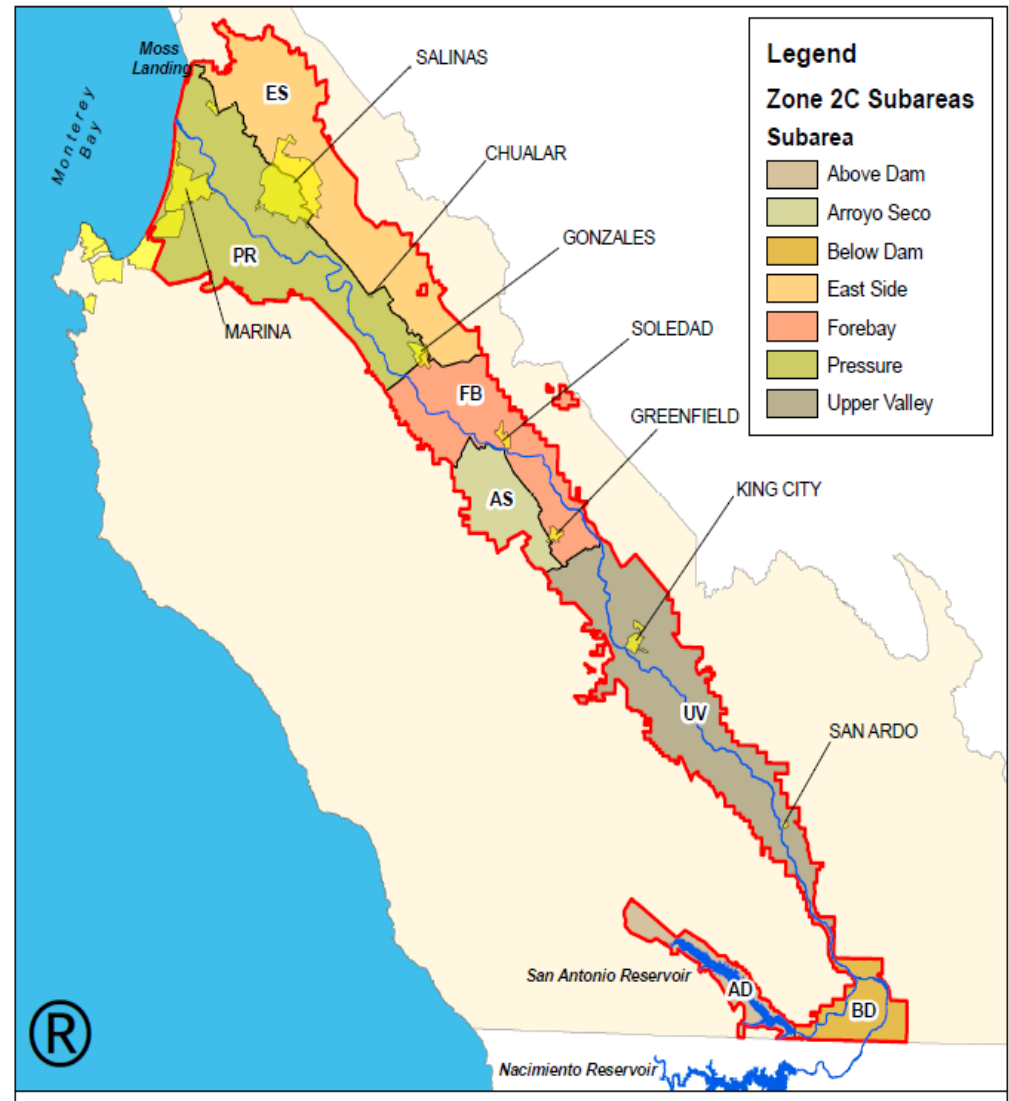
ZONE 2B BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	195	\$ 355.44	194	\$ 365.04
B	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
C	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
D	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total:	195		194	
A = Net Irrigated Agricultural (vicinity of Castroville)				
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)				

FY26 Rate :

Water Delivery & Service Charges

WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES		
Fiscal Year	2024-2025	2025-2026
Water Delivery Charge	\$45.24	\$85.24
Water Service Charge	\$86.24	\$88.57
Total:	\$131.48	\$173.81

Zone 2C Boundary:



FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Operation & Maintenance

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
O&M of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	12.60	13.53	12.16	12.62	26.65	14.47	4.65
B	12.60	13.52	12.16	12.62	26.65	14.47	4.65
C	1.22	1.37	1.20	1.22	2.61	1.46	0.46
D	0.13	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.24	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							

FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Administration

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Administration							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
B	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
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							

FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Spillway Modification

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Nacimiento Spillway Modification (<u>NO COLA</u>)							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
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							

FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Diversion Facility Construction

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Diversion Facility Construction (<u>NO COLA</u>)							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
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							

FY26 Recommended Budget

MCWRA Unassigned Fund Balance Summary									
Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Actual Beginning Balance	FY25 Estimated Changes	FY25 Ending Balance Estimates	FY26 Expense Budget	FY 26 Revenue Budget	FY26 Requested Use	FY26 Ending Balance Estimates
111	Administration Fund		4,241,073	252,281	4,493,354	5,591,321	5,363,908	(227,413)	4,265,941
112	Pajaro Levee - Zones	1/1A	963,440	381,365	1,344,805	891,499	687,003	(204,496)	1,140,309
116	Dam Operations	2C	1,700,408	(119,215)	1,581,193	11,835,605	11,209,013	(626,592)	954,601
121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	303,708	9,464	313,172	109,379	112,180	2,801	315,973
122	Reclamation Ditch	9	1,301,112	(14,932)	1,286,180	2,176,631	1,843,282	(333,349)	952,831
124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	36,598	459	37,057	56,033	49,898	(6,135)	30,922
127	Moro Cojo Slough	17	411,270	(27,703)	383,567	686,838	365,508	(321,330)	62,237
130	Hydro-Electric Ops		2,077,882	73,014	2,150,896	1,817,087	1,172,726	(644,361)	1,506,535
131	CSIP Operations	2B/2Y	2,439,324	(881,069)	1,558,255	6,664,214	6,423,278	(240,936)	1,317,319
132	SVRP Operations	2B/2Z	2,655,386	(257,966)	2,397,420	6,891,960	6,161,150	(730,810)	1,666,610
134	SRDF Operations		2,669,679	(388,424)	2,281,255	3,233,462	2,432,777	(800,685)	1,480,570
303	CSIP Debt Service		770,672	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
313	SVWP Debt Service		1,036,745	6,543	1,043,288	1,759,714	1,759,714	-	1,043,288
426	Interlake Tunnel		209,431	(60,977)	148,454	121,798	5,236	(116,562)	31,892
Total:			20,816,728	(1,027,160)	19,789,568	43,485,541	39,235,673	(4,249,868)	15,539,700



TODAY'S ACTION

Hold a public hearing :

- a. consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (**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. b. consider approving and adopting the FY26 **COLA increase of 2.7% to the Zone 2B water service charge** for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project; and
- c. c. 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





**Before the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California**

MCWRA ZONES 1 & 1A

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County)
Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to:)
)
Approve and adopt a Fiscal Year 2025-26 cost-of living adjustment)
("COLA") increase of 2.7% for Zones 1 and 1A.)

WHEREAS, on May 20, 1980, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("Board") adopted Ordinance No. 2626 entitled "An ordinance providing for the establishment and levy of benefit assessments to pay for costs of providing flood control services in certain zones of the District", establishing benefit assessments in Zone 1 of the Agency. Thereafter, at an election held on November 4, 1980, the voters in Zone 1, approved Ordinance No. 2626 and the assessments established therein for their respective zones. Ordinance No. 3878 entitled "An ordinance of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency levying annual benefit assessments in Zone 1 (Pajaro) to fund flood control services in that Zone" and Ordinance No. 3881 entitled "An ordinance of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency establishing flood control Zone 1A (Pajaro) and levying annual benefit assessments to fund flood control services and that Zone" supersedes Ordinance No. 2626 with respect to the rate of annual assessment levied on parcels within the Zone 1. All other provisions of Ordinance No. 2626 remain unchanged;

WHEREAS, in said Ordinances, the Board authorized and directed the levy of assessments in Zone 1 and 1A, to pay for flood control projects in the Pajaro Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessments will increase by the San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose Urban Consumer Price Index ("CPI")/COLA of 2.7%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Levy of Assessments in Zones 1 & 1A. Pursuant to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA") Ordinance Nos. 2626, 3878, and 3881 assessments for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 are hereby levied on all property in the categories described below located in Zone 1 and 1A, for Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Benefit assessments for Zones 1 & 1A are hereby fixed and established for the Fiscal Year 2025-26. The assessments are imposed on all land in Zones 1 & 1A of the MCWRA.

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Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
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Section 2. Collection of assessments. All County of Monterey officers charged with the duty of collecting taxes shall collect MCWRA assessments and fees with the regular tax payments to the County. The assessments shall be collected in the same form and manner as County taxes are collected and shall be paid to the MCWRA.

Section 3. Lien on property. The benefit assessments fixed herein shall be a lien on all property against which the assessments are imposed. Liens for the assessments shall be of the same force and effect as other liens for taxes, and their collection may be enforced by the same means as provided for the enforcement of liens for state and County taxes.

Section 4. Use of proceeds. The assessments collected pursuant to this resolution shall be used exclusively to pay the costs for the flood control projects in Zones 1 and 1A including, but not limited to, the costs of planning, design, property acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance, and debt service.

Section 5. Certified copies. The Secretary of the MCWRA shall deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County and to the Auditor of Monterey County.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____,
seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried this _____ day of _____, 2025, by
the following vote, to wit:

AYES: NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy

**Before the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California**

MCWRA ZONES 8, 9 & 12

Resolution No. _____

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Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to:)

Approve and adopt a Fiscal Year 2025-26 cost of living adjustment)
("COLA") increase of 2.7% for Zones 8, 9 and 12.)

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WHEREAS, in said Ordinance, the Board authorized and directed the levy of assessments in Zones 8, 9 and 12, to pay for flood control projects of Soledad Storm Drain in Soledad, Reclamation Ditch in Salinas and San Lorenzo Creek in King City, respectively.

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessments will increase by the San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose Urban Consumer Price Index ("CPI")/COLA of 2.7%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Levy of Assessments in Zones 8, 9 and 12, Pursuant to the MCWRA Ordinance No. 2626, assessments for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 are hereby levied on all property in the categories described below located in Zones 8, 9 and 12 for the MCWRA.

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ZONE 8 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
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A	309	\$ 73.66	400	\$ 75.65
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Section 5. Certified copies. The Secretary of the MCWRA shall deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County and to the Auditor of Monterey County.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____,
seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried this _____ day of _____, 2025,
by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ____ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy

**Before the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California**

MCWRA ZONE 17

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County)
Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to:)
)
Approve and adopt a Fiscal Year 2025-26 cost-of living adjustment)
("COLA") increase of 2.7% for Zones 17.)

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1984, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("Board") adopted Ordinance No. 2974, entitled "An ordinance for the establishment and levy of benefit assessments to pay for the cost of providing flood control in Zone 17 of the District" establishing benefit assessments in Zone 17 of the Agency. Thereafter, at an election held on June 5, 1984, the voters in Zone 17, approved Ordinance No. 2974 and the assessments established therein. The Board determines that the costs of the services to be financed are as set forth in the report to the Board by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("MCWRA") General Manager;

WHEREAS, in said Ordinance, the Board authorized and directed the levy of assessments in Zone 17 to pay for flood control projects in the Moro Cojo area; and

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessments will increase San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose Urban Consumer Price Index ("CPI")/COLA of 2.7%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Levy of Assessments in Zone 17. Pursuant to MCWRA Ordinance No. 2974, assessments for the fiscal year July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026 are hereby levied on all property in the categories described below and located in Zone 17 for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Benefit assessments for Zone 17 are hereby fixed and established for the fiscal year 2025-26. The assessment shall be imposed on all land in Zone 17 of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

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ZONE 17 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	126	\$ 26.69	124	\$ 27.41
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F	749	\$ 6.52	739	\$ 6.69
G	20	\$ 0.35	20	\$ 0.36
H	5	\$ -	5	\$ -
I	3	\$ -	3	\$ -
Total:	4,241		4,244	
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County of Monterey

Item No.3

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-073

May 28, 2025

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RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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FINANCING:

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TODAY'S ACTION

Hold a public hearing :

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- c. c. 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





Prior Actions

- CSIP Growers' Workshop re: FY26 Water Delivery Fee on 3/4/2025
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- Finance Committee approved staff recommendations on 4/4/2025
- MCWRA Board of Directors approved staff recommendations on 4/21/2025





Discussion

- Ordinances Nos. **2626, 2974, 3878 and 3881**:
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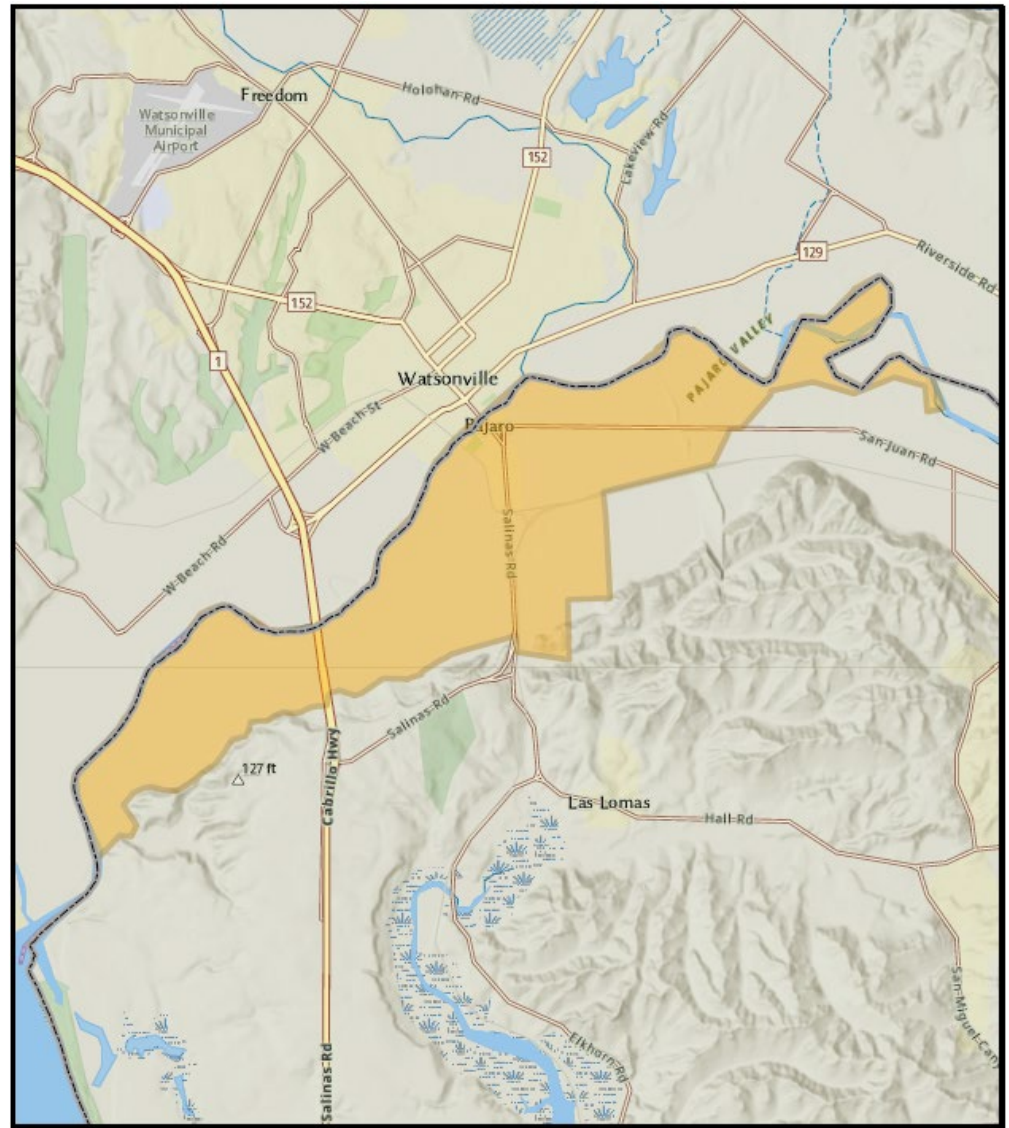
Discussion

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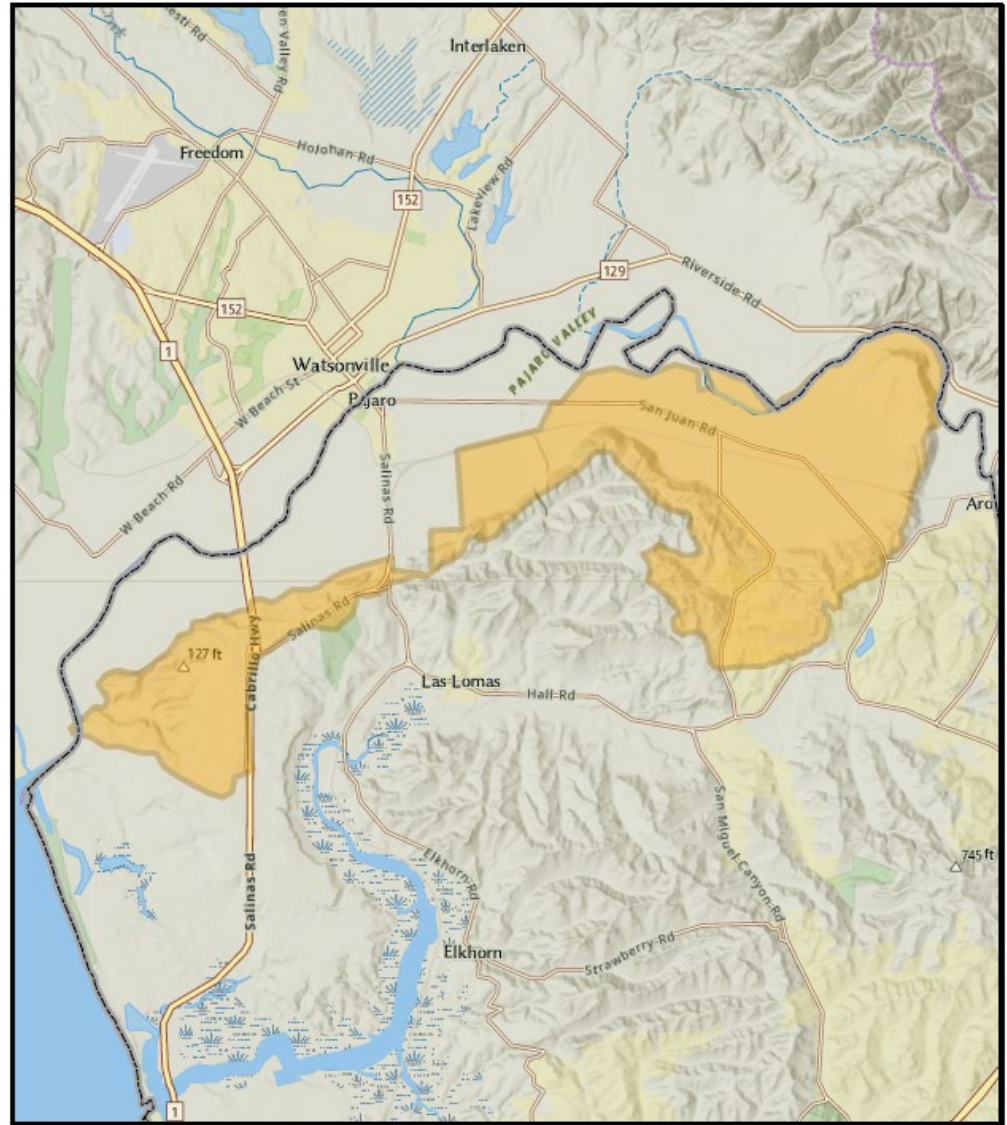
Discussion

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Zone 1 Boundary Pajaro



Zone 1A Boundary Pajaro



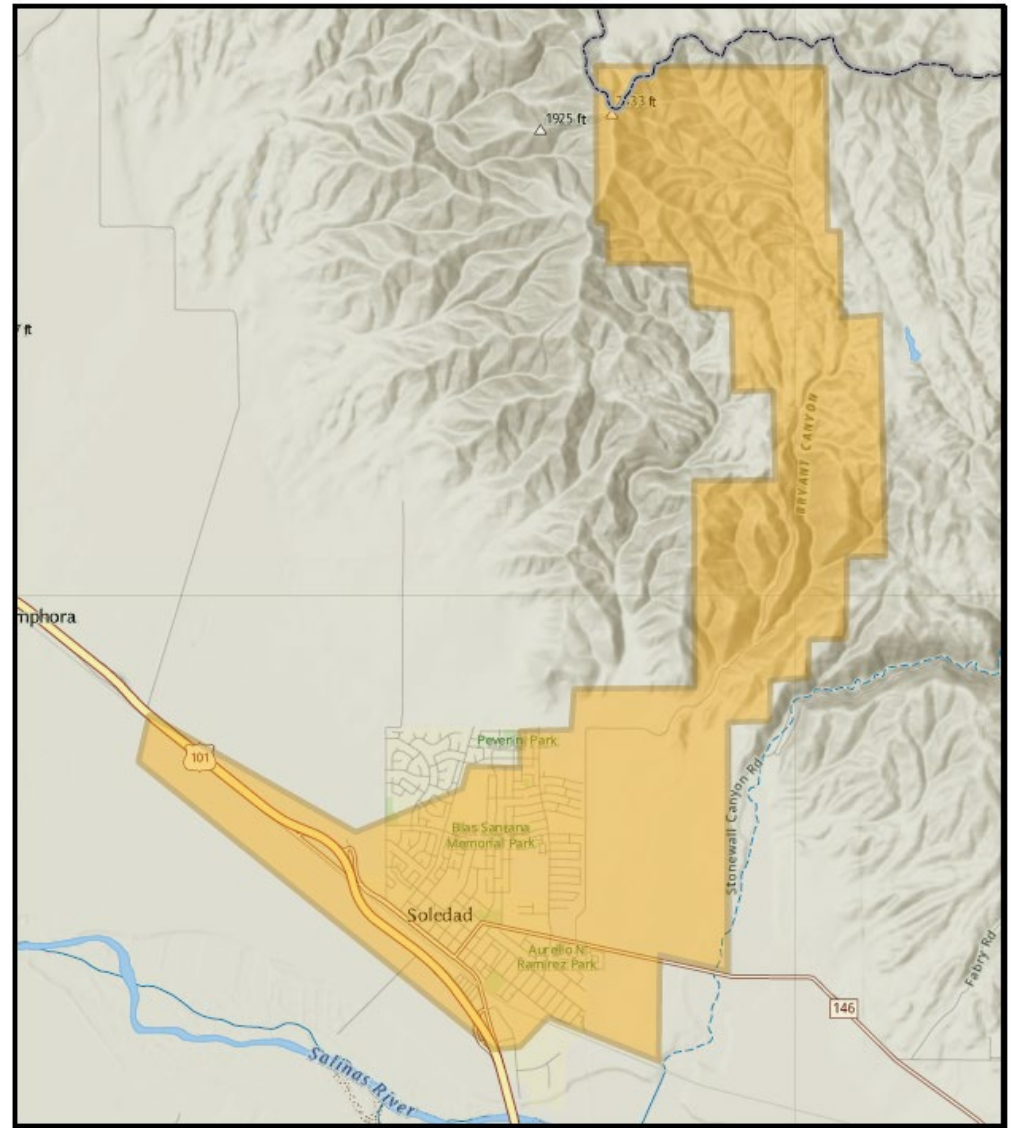
FY26 Rate : Zone 1

ZONE 1 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	106	\$ 375.18	106	\$ 385.31
B	45	\$ 375.18	45	\$ 385.31
C	191	\$ 93.81	191	\$ 96.35
E	151	\$ 93.81	151	\$ 96.35
F	42	\$ 7.62	42	\$ 7.83
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				

FY26 Rate : Zone 1A

ZONE 1A BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	34	\$ 183.15	37	\$ 188.10
B	5	\$ 178.86	5	\$ 183.69
C	371	\$ 44.73	368	\$ 45.93
E	173	\$ 44.73	173	\$ 45.93
F	399	\$ 3.73	399	\$ 3.83
Total:	982		982	
A = Commercial and Industrial				
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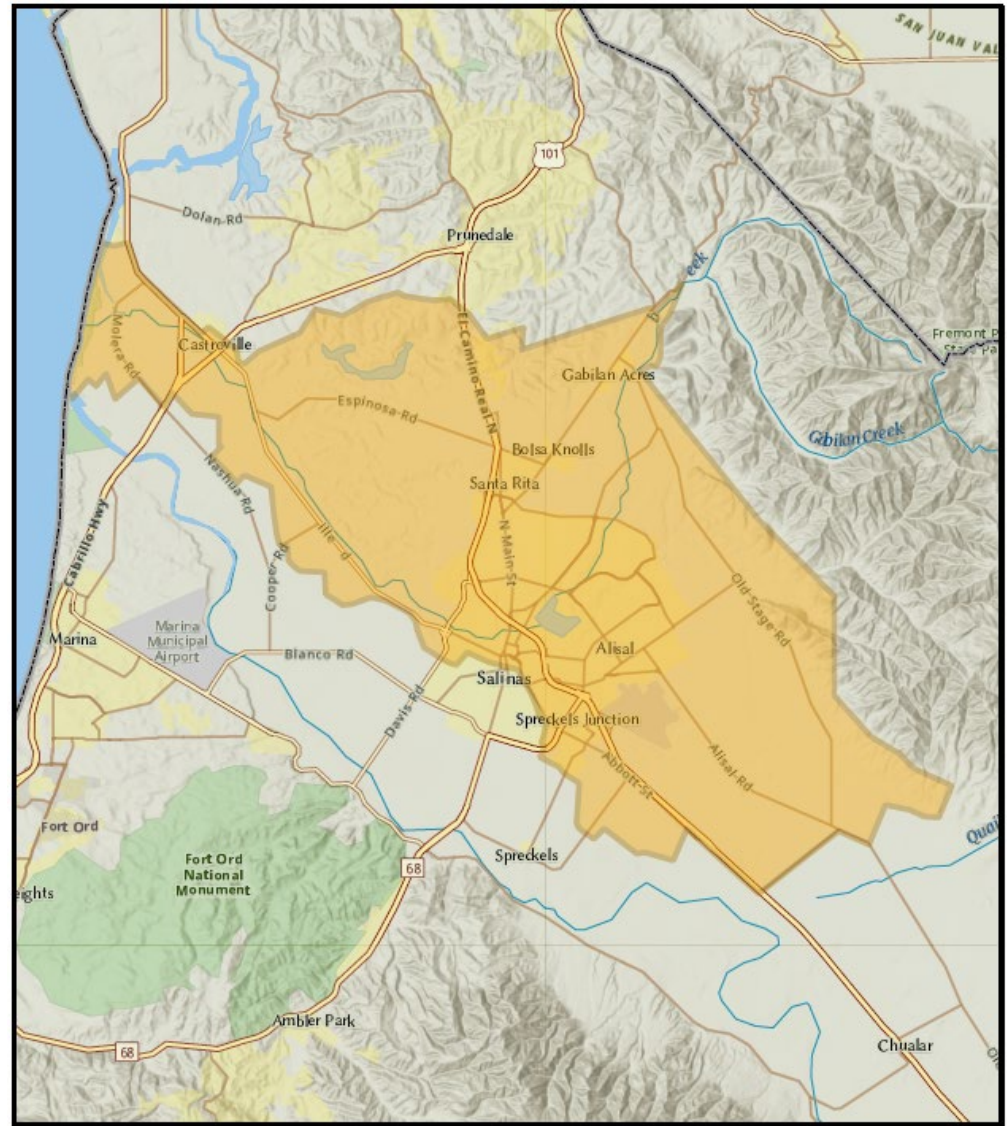
Zone 8 Boundary: Soledad Storm Drain



FY26 Rate : Zone 8

ZONE 8 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	309	\$ 73.66	400	\$ 75.65
B	68	\$ 53.96	69	\$ 55.41
C	2,513	\$ 9.00	2,623	\$ 9.24
E	208	\$ 18.02	119	\$ 18.50
F	306	\$ 9.00	311	\$ 9.24
G	1	\$ 0.90	1	\$ 0.92
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
I	6	\$ -	6	\$ -
Total:	3,411		3,529	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural State G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35% H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded I = Land receiving no charge				

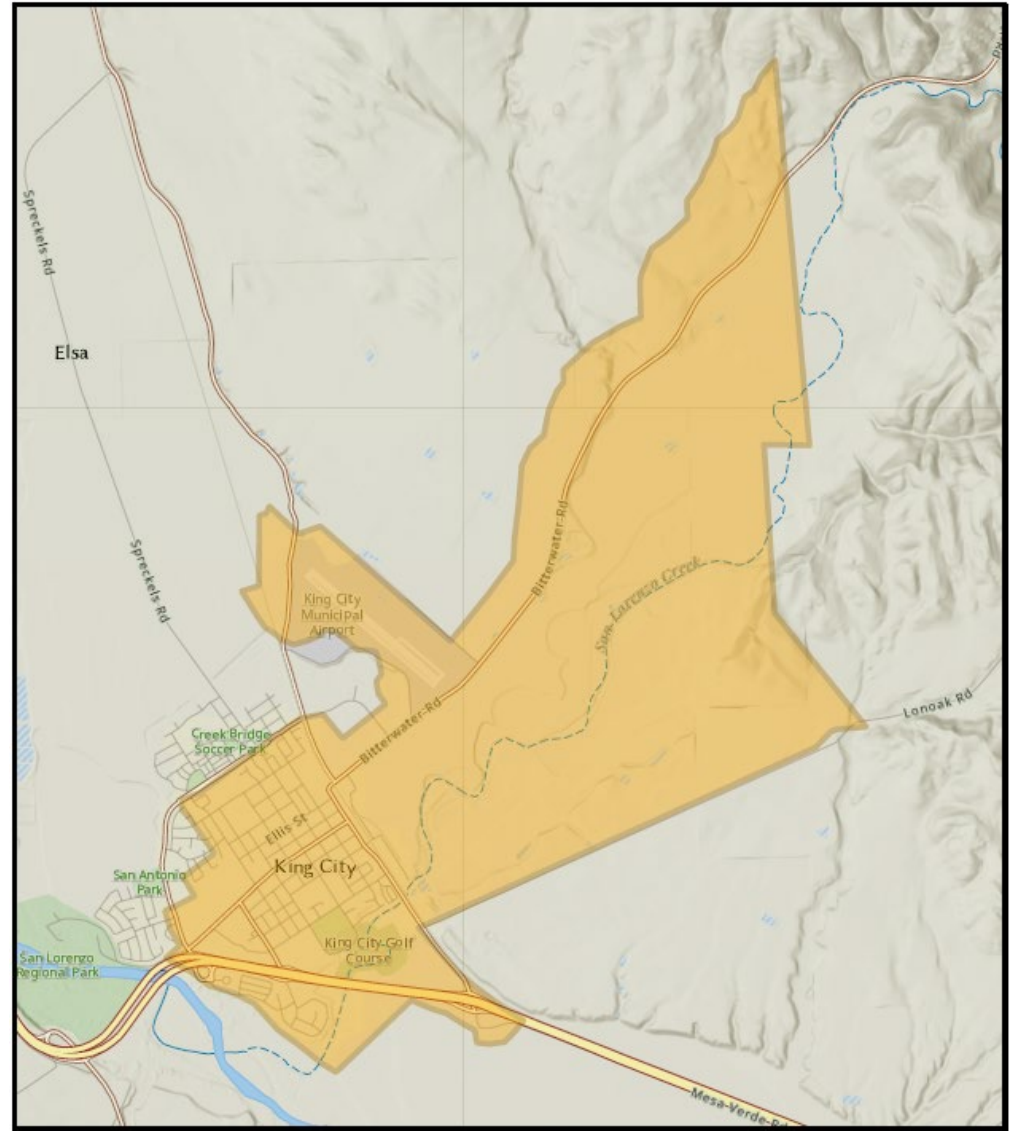
Zone 9 Boundary: Reclamation Ditch



FY26 Rate : Zone 9

ZONE 9 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	3,273	\$ 77.90	3,265	\$ 80.00
B	1,168	\$ 57.05	1,170	\$ 58.59
C	22,008	\$ 9.52	22,007	\$ 9.78
E	1,322	\$ 19.02	1,316	\$ 19.54
F	1,426	\$ 9.52	1,421	\$ 9.78
G	7	\$ 0.95	7	\$ 0.98
Total:	29,204		29,186	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35% H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded I = Land receiving no charge				

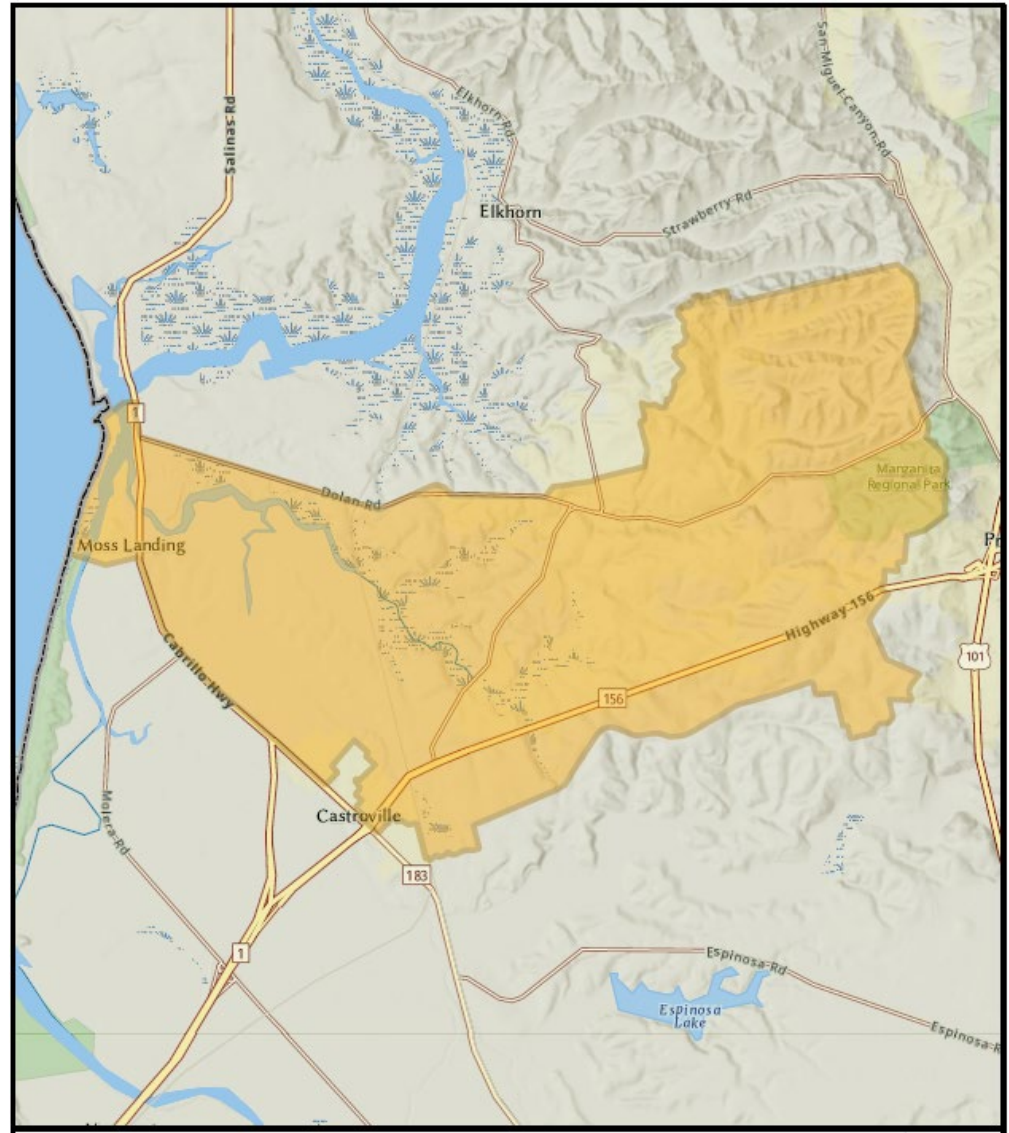
Zone 12 Boundary: San Lorenzo Creek



FY26 Rate : Zone 12

ZONE 12 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	248	\$ 27.68	249	\$ 28.43
B	136	\$ 20.28	136	\$ 20.83
C	1,047	\$ 3.38	1,055	\$ 3.47
E	109	\$ 6.76	102	\$ 6.94
F	94	\$ 3.38	93	\$ 3.47
G	3	\$ 0.35	3	\$ 0.36
Total:	1,637		1,638	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35%				

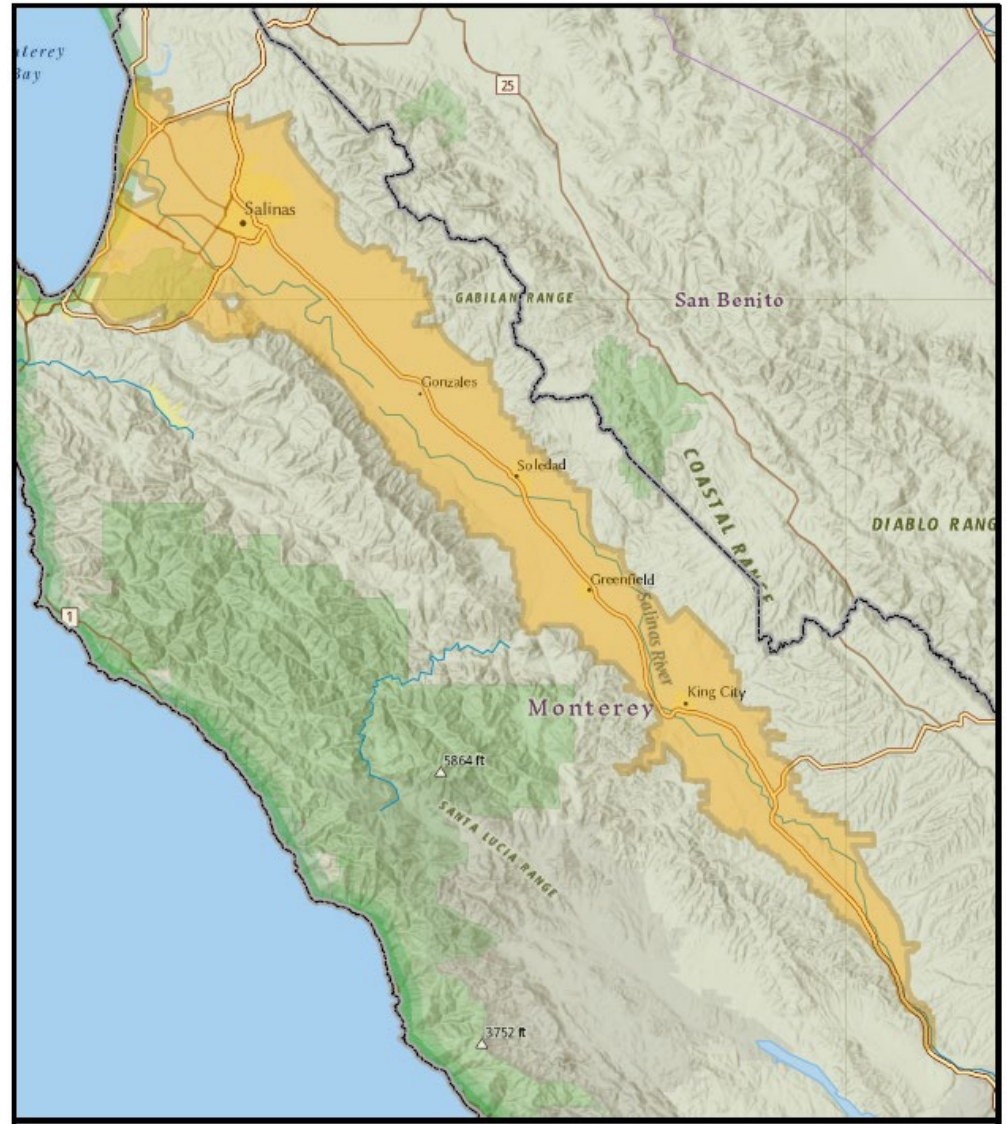
Zone 17 Boundary: Moro Cojo



FY26 Rate : Zone 17

ZONE 17 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	126	\$ 26.69	124	\$ 27.41
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Zone 2Y & Z Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



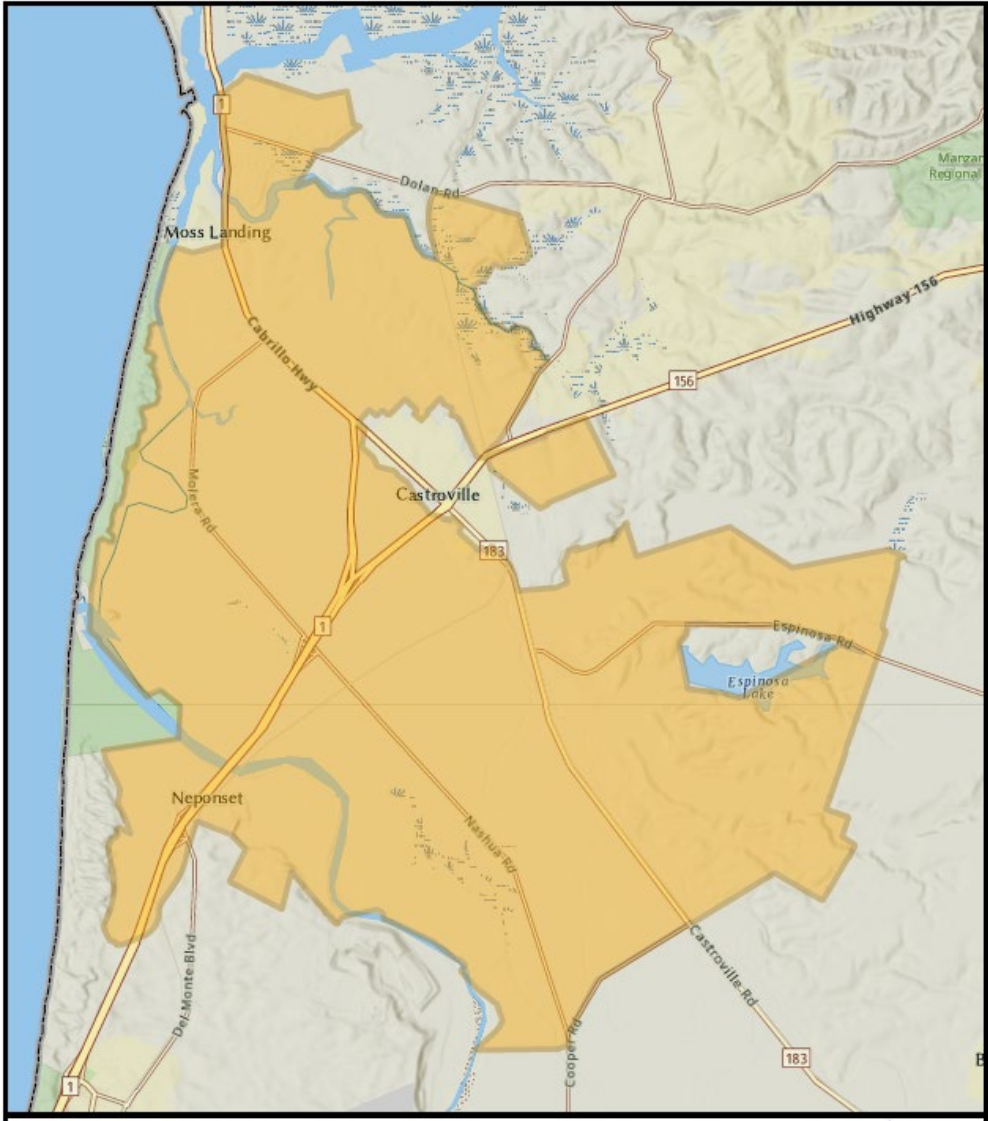
FY26 Rate : Zone 2Y (CSIP)

ZONE 2Y BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,195	\$ 4.09	52,370	\$ 4.20
B	4,632	\$ 35.83	4,641	\$ 36.79
C	3,668	\$ 0.43	3,013	\$ 0.45
D	265	\$ -	266	\$ -
H	1,110	\$ 1.78	1,111	\$ 1.82
Total:	61,366		61,401	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
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)				

FY26 Rate : Zone 2Z (SVRP)

ZONE 2Z BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,194	\$ 12.48	52,369	\$ 12.81
B	4,630	\$ 108.63	4,639	\$ 111.57
C	3,670	\$ 1.34	3,015	\$ 1.38
D	265	\$ -	266	\$ -
H	1,110	\$ 5.58	1,111	\$ 5.73
Total:	61,869		61,400	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
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Zone 2B
Boundary:
CSIP & SVRP



FY26 Rate : Zone 2B

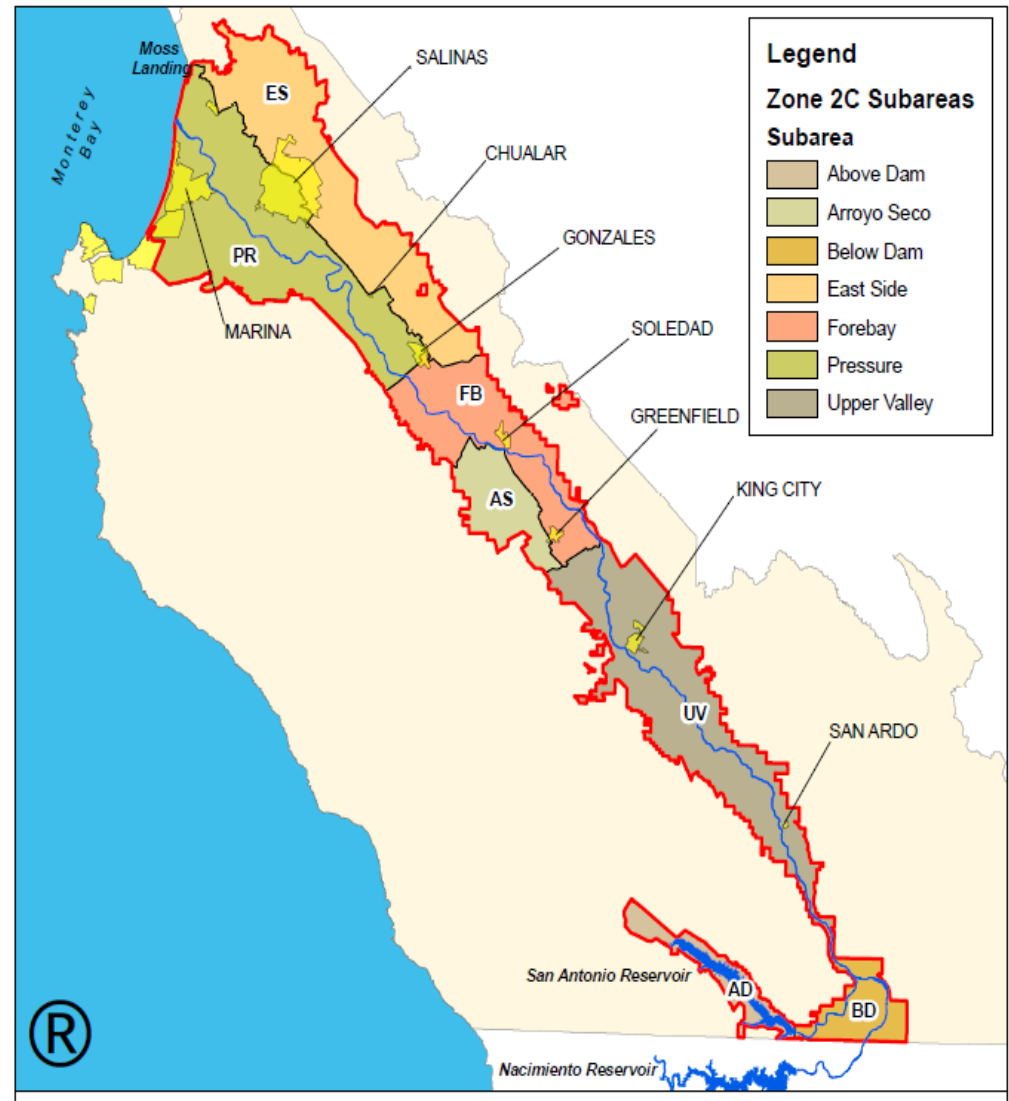
ZONE 2B BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	195	\$ 355.44	194	\$ 365.04
B	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
C	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
D	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total:	195		194	
A = Net Irrigated Agricultural (vicinity of Castroville)				
B = Industrial, Apartments (over 4 units), Commercial, Institutional				
C = Dry Farm, Grazing, Vacant				
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FY26 Rate :

Water Delivery & Service Charges

WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES		
Fiscal Year	2024-2025	2025-2026
Water Delivery Charge	\$45.24	\$85.24
Water Service Charge	\$86.24	\$88.57
Total:	\$131.48	\$173.81

Zone 2C Boundary:



FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Operation & Maintenance

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
O&M of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	12.60	13.53	12.16	12.62	26.65	14.47	4.65
B	12.60	13.52	12.16	12.62	26.65	14.47	4.65
C	1.22	1.37	1.20	1.22	2.61	1.46	0.46
D	0.13	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.24	0.17	0.05
I	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Administration

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Administration							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
B	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
C	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
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Nacimiento Spillway Modification (<u>NO COLA</u>)							
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Diversion Facility Construction

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Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
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FY26 Recommended Budget

MCWRA Unassigned Fund Balance Summary									
Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Actual Beginning Balance	FY25 Estimated Changes	FY25 Ending Balance Estimates	FY26 Expense Budget	FY 26 Revenue Budget	FY26 Requested Use	FY26 Ending Balance Estimates
111	Administration Fund		4,241,073	252,281	4,493,354	5,591,321	5,363,908	(227,413)	4,265,941
112	Pajaro Levee - Zones	1/1A	963,440	381,365	1,344,805	891,499	687,003	(204,496)	1,140,309
116	Dam Operations	2C	1,700,408	(119,215)	1,581,193	11,835,605	11,209,013	(626,592)	954,601
121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	303,708	9,464	313,172	109,379	112,180	2,801	315,973
122	Reclamation Ditch	9	1,301,112	(14,932)	1,286,180	2,176,631	1,843,282	(333,349)	952,831
124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	36,598	459	37,057	56,033	49,898	(6,135)	30,922
127	Moro Cojo Slough	17	411,270	(27,703)	383,567	686,838	365,508	(321,330)	62,237
130	Hydro-Electric Ops		2,077,882	73,014	2,150,896	1,817,087	1,172,726	(644,361)	1,506,535
131	CSIP Operations	2B/2Y	2,439,324	(881,069)	1,558,255	6,664,214	6,423,278	(240,936)	1,317,319
132	SVRP Operations	2B/2Z	2,655,386	(257,966)	2,397,420	6,891,960	6,161,150	(730,810)	1,666,610
134	SRDF Operations		2,669,679	(388,424)	2,281,255	3,233,462	2,432,777	(800,685)	1,480,570
303	CSIP Debt Service		770,672	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
313	SVWP Debt Service		1,036,745	6,543	1,043,288	1,759,714	1,759,714	-	1,043,288
426	Interlake Tunnel		209,431	(60,977)	148,454	121,798	5,236	(116,562)	31,892
Total:			20,816,728	(1,027,160)	19,789,568	43,485,541	39,235,673	(4,249,868)	15,539,700



TODAY'S ACTION

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**Before the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California**

MCWRA ZONE 2C

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County)
Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to:)

)
Approve and adopt a Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessment charges with)
cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C)
Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento)
and San Antonio Dams.)

WHEREAS, on July 22, 2003, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“Board”) adopted Ordinance No. 4203 entitled “An Ordinance of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency confirming approval of the Salinas Valley Water Project for the benefit of Zone 2C, establishing Zone 2C as the benefit zone for the project, levying the assessments to fund the project and eliminating the water standby and availability charges in Zones 2 and 2A”;

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4203 approved assessments to be levied in Zone 2C for the Salinas Valley Water Project; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4203 requires that these assessments be levied annually by resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources (“Board”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 4203 provides that the Operation and Maintenance component and Administrative component is subject to increase based on the San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose Urban Consumer’s Price Index (“CPI”)/COLA. The Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessments will increase by the San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose Urban Consumer Price Index (“CPI”)/COLA of 2.7%.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Levy of Assessments in Zone 2C. Pursuant to Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”) Ordinance No. 4203, assessments for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, are hereby levied on all property in the categories described below located in Zone 2C for the MCWRA as attached.

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Section 3. Collection of Assessments. All County of Monterey officers charged with the duty of collecting taxes shall collect MCWRA assessments and fees with the regular tax payments to the County. The assessments shall be collected in the same form and manner as county taxes are collected and shall be paid to the MCWRA.

Section 4. Lien on Property. The benefit assessments fixed herein shall be a lien on all property against which the assessments are imposed. Liens for the assessments shall be of the same force and effect as other liens for taxes, and their collection may be enforced by the same means as provided for the enforcement of liens for state and county taxes.

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Section 6. Certified Copies. The Secretary of the MCWRA shall deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County and to the Auditor of Monterey County.

Section 7. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Resolution. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed this Resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections sentences, clauses or phrases be declared invalid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor_____, seconded by Supervisor_____, and carried this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy



County of Monterey

Item No.4

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
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168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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RECOMMENDATION:

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Prior Actions

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- Finance Committee approved staff recommendations on 4/4/2025
- MCWRA Board of Directors approved staff recommendations on 4/21/2025





Discussion

- Ordinances Nos. **2626, 2974, 3878 and 3881:**
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Discussion

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- **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.

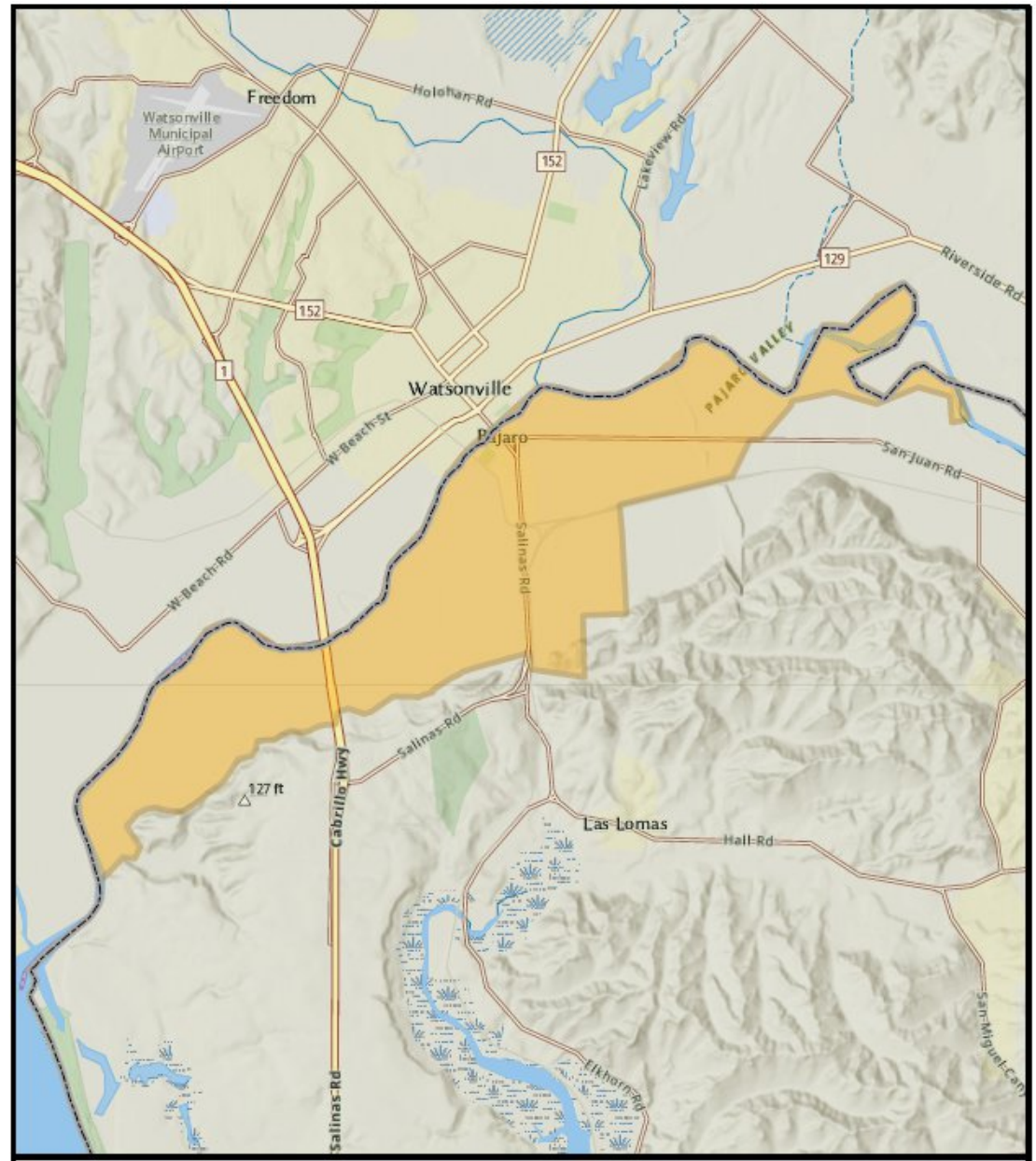


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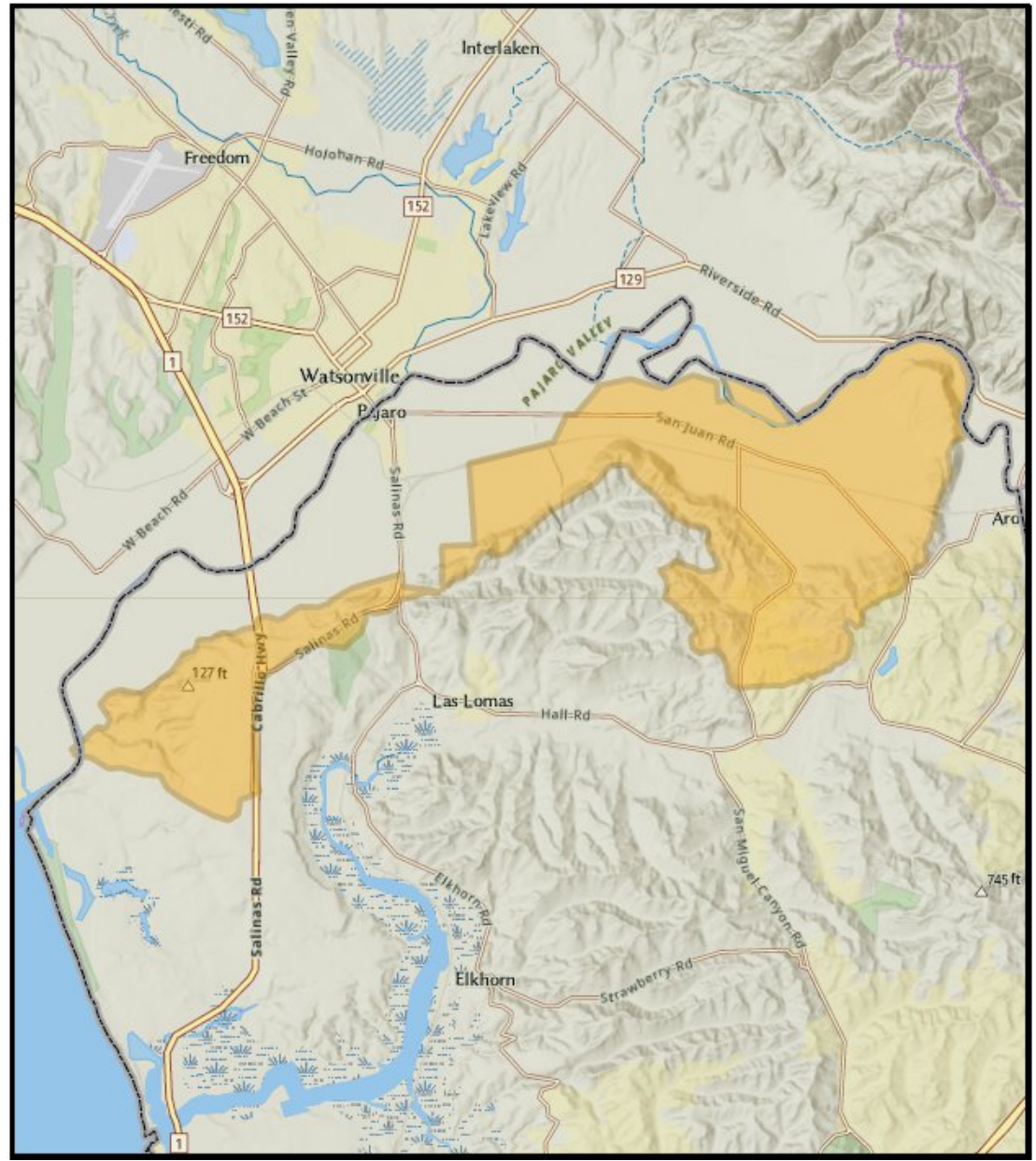
- Ordinance No. **4203** :
 - Assessments in **Zone 2C** for the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) to fund **Operations and Maintenance at Nacimiento Dam and San Antonio Dam**.
 - Assessment rates be increased annually as a cost-of-living Adjustment (**COLA**) by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) 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 12, 2025**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February 2025 Consumer Price Index which increased **2.7%** from last year.

Zone 1 Boundary Pajaro



Zone 1A Boundary Pajaro



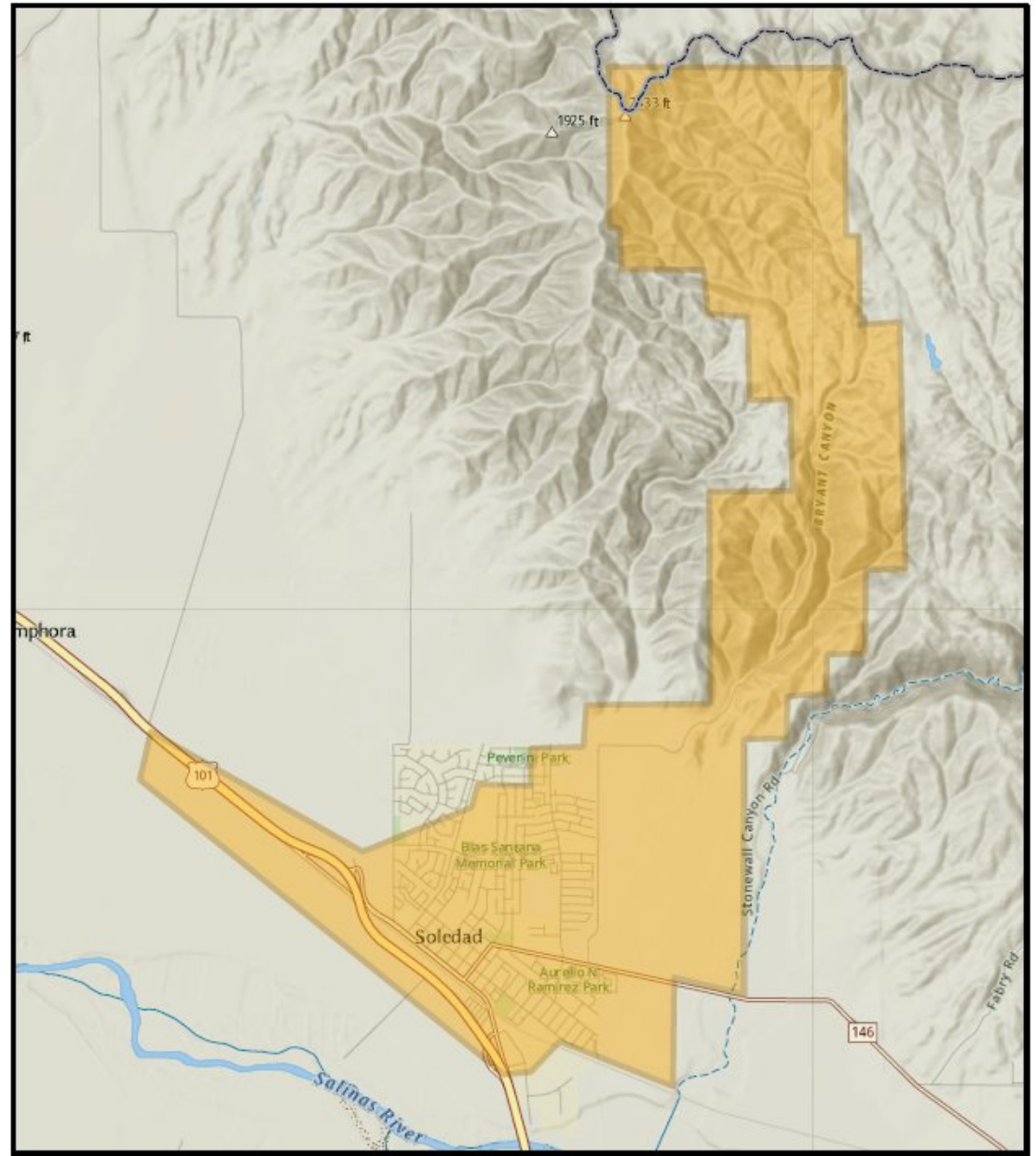
FY26 Rate : Zone 1

ZONE 1 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	106	\$ 375.18	106	\$ 385.31
B	45	\$ 375.18	45	\$ 385.31
C	191	\$ 93.81	191	\$ 96.35
E	151	\$ 93.81	151	\$ 96.35
F	42	\$ 7.62	42	\$ 7.83
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				

FY26 Rate : Zone 1A

ZONE 1A BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	34	\$ 183.15	37	\$ 188.10
B	5	\$ 178.86	5	\$ 183.69
C	371	\$ 44.73	368	\$ 45.93
E	173	\$ 44.73	173	\$ 45.93
F	399	\$ 3.73	399	\$ 3.83
Total:	982		982	
A = Commercial and Industrial				
B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family)				
C = Single Family Residence				
E = Vacant, Agricultural				
F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site				

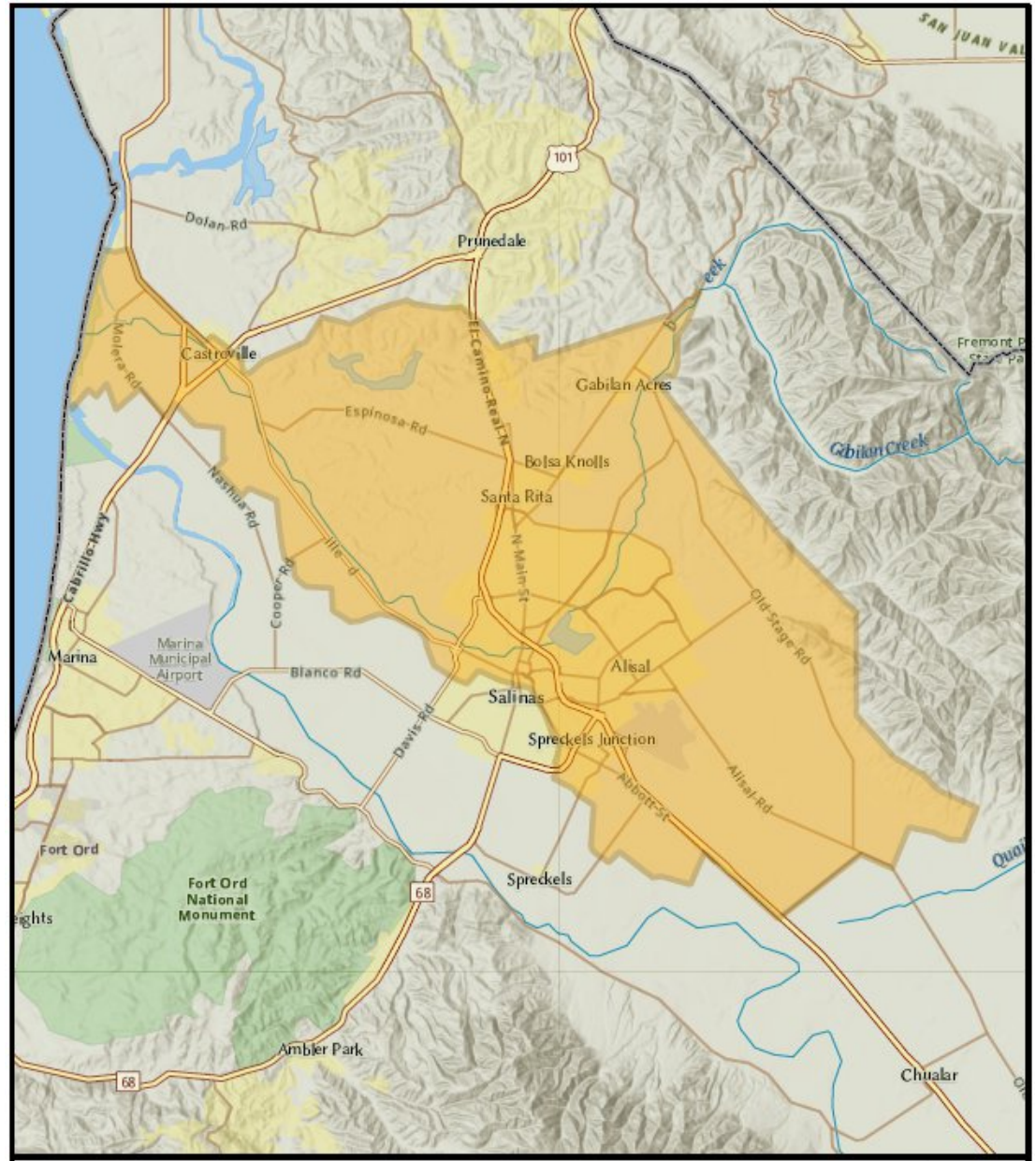
Zone 8 Boundary: Soledad Storm Drain



FY26 Rate : Zone 8

ZONE 8 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	309	\$ 73.66	400	\$ 75.65
B	68	\$ 53.96	69	\$ 55.41
C	2,513	\$ 9.00	2,623	\$ 9.24
E	208	\$ 18.02	119	\$ 18.50
F	306	\$ 9.00	311	\$ 9.24
G	1	\$ 0.90	1	\$ 0.92
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
I	6	\$ -	6	\$ -
Total:	3,411		3,529	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural State G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35% H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded I = Land receiving no charge				

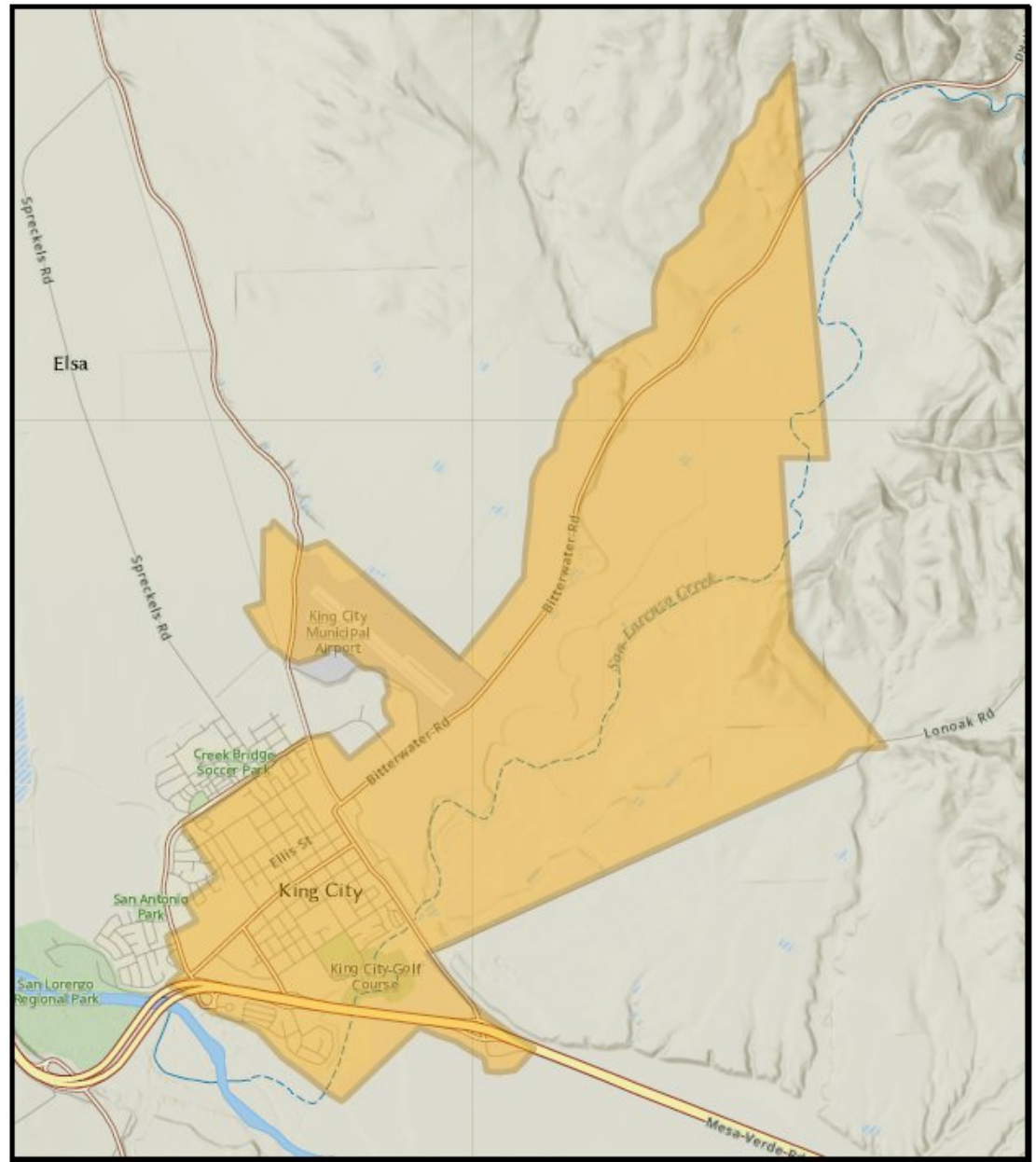
Zone 9 Boundary: Reclamation Ditch



FY26 Rate : Zone 9

ZONE 9 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	3,273	\$ 77.90	3,265	\$ 80.00
B	1,168	\$ 57.05	1,170	\$ 58.59
C	22,008	\$ 9.52	22,007	\$ 9.78
E	1,322	\$ 19.02	1,316	\$ 19.54
F	1,426	\$ 9.52	1,421	\$ 9.78
G	7	\$ 0.95	7	\$ 0.98
Total:	29,204		29,186	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35% H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded I = Land receiving no charge				

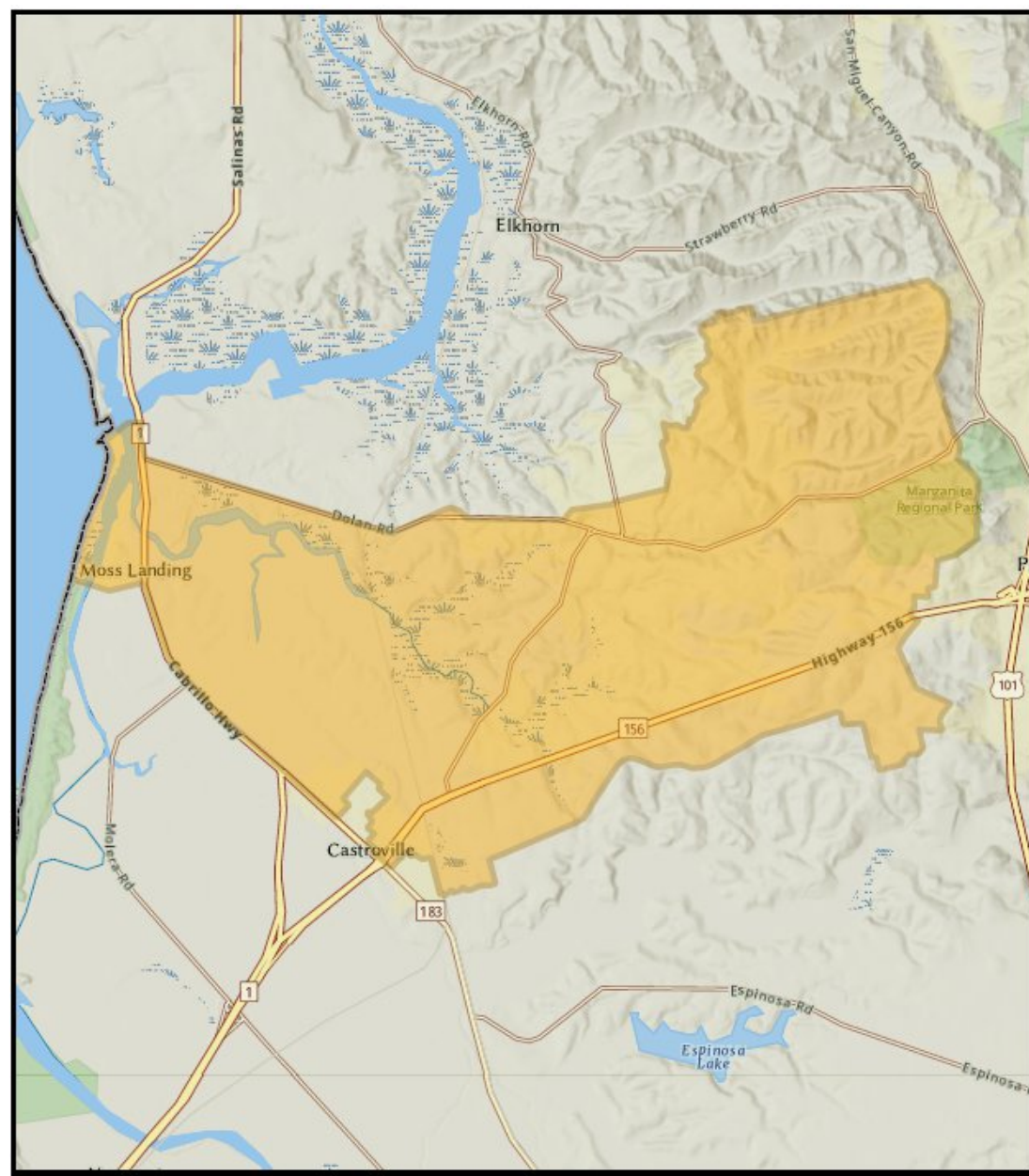
Zone 12 Boundary: San Lorenzo Creek



FY26 Rate : Zone 12

ZONE 12 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	248	\$ 27.68	249	\$ 28.43
B	136	\$ 20.28	136	\$ 20.83
C	1,047	\$ 3.38	1,055	\$ 3.47
E	109	\$ 6.76	102	\$ 6.94
F	94	\$ 3.38	93	\$ 3.47
G	3	\$ 0.35	3	\$ 0.36
Total:	1,637		1,638	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35%				

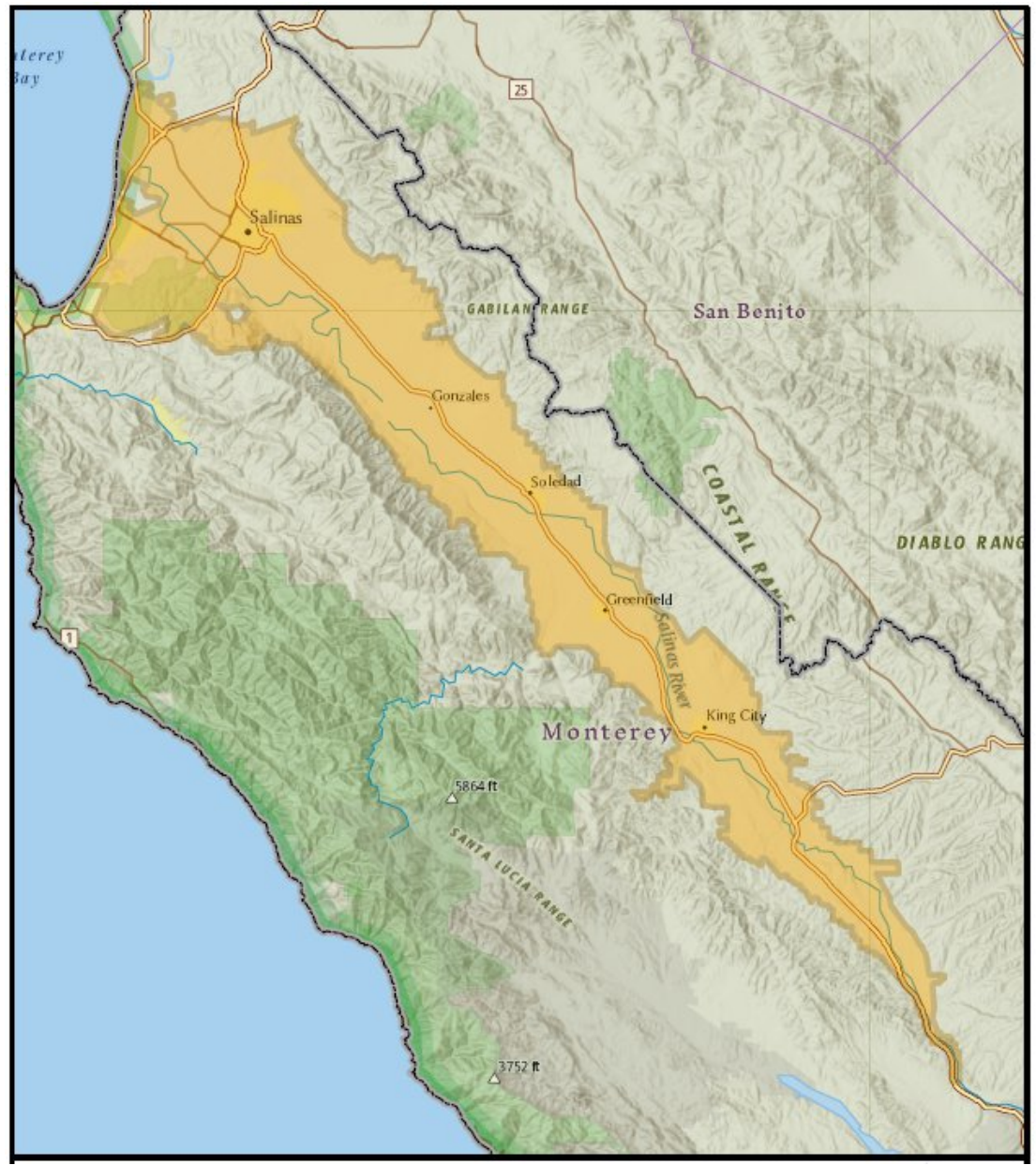
Zone 17 Boundary: Moro Cojo



FY26 Rate : Zone 17

ZONE 17 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	126	\$ 26.69	124	\$ 27.41
B	66	\$ 19.55	66	\$ 20.08
C	2,191	\$ 26.07	2,207	\$ 26.77
E	1,081	\$ 13.05	1,080	\$ 13.40
F	749	\$ 6.52	739	\$ 6.69
G	20	\$ 0.35	20	\$ 0.36
H	5	\$ -	5	\$ -
I	3	\$ -	3	\$ -
Total:	4,241		4,244	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural, or open-space F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35% H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded I = Land receiving no charge				

Zone 2Y & Z Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



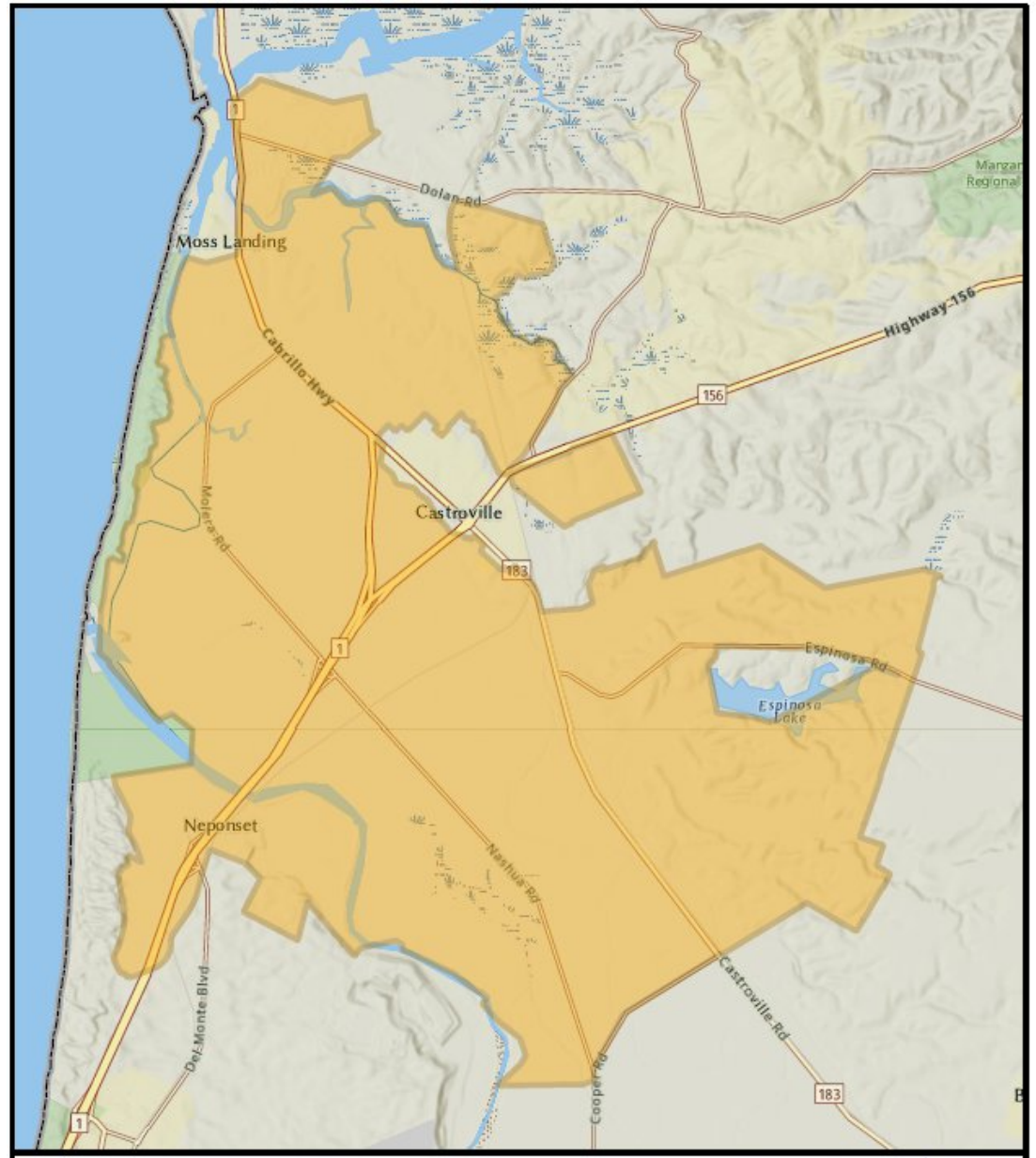
FY26 Rate : Zone 2Y (CSIP)

ZONE 2Y BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,195	\$ 4.09	52,370	\$ 4.20
B	4,632	\$ 35.83	4,641	\$ 36.79
C	3,668	\$ 0.43	3,013	\$ 0.45
D	265	\$ -	266	\$ -
H	1,110	\$ 1.78	1,111	\$ 1.82
Total:	61,366		61,401	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
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)				

FY26 Rate : Zone 2Z (SVRP)

ZONE 2Z BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,194	\$ 12.48	52,369	\$ 12.81
B	4,630	\$ 108.63	4,639	\$ 111.57
C	3,670	\$ 1.34	3,015	\$ 1.38
D	265	\$ -	266	\$ -
H	1,110	\$ 5.58	1,111	\$ 5.73
Total:	61,869		61,400	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
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)				

Zone 2B Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



FY26 Rate : Zone 2B

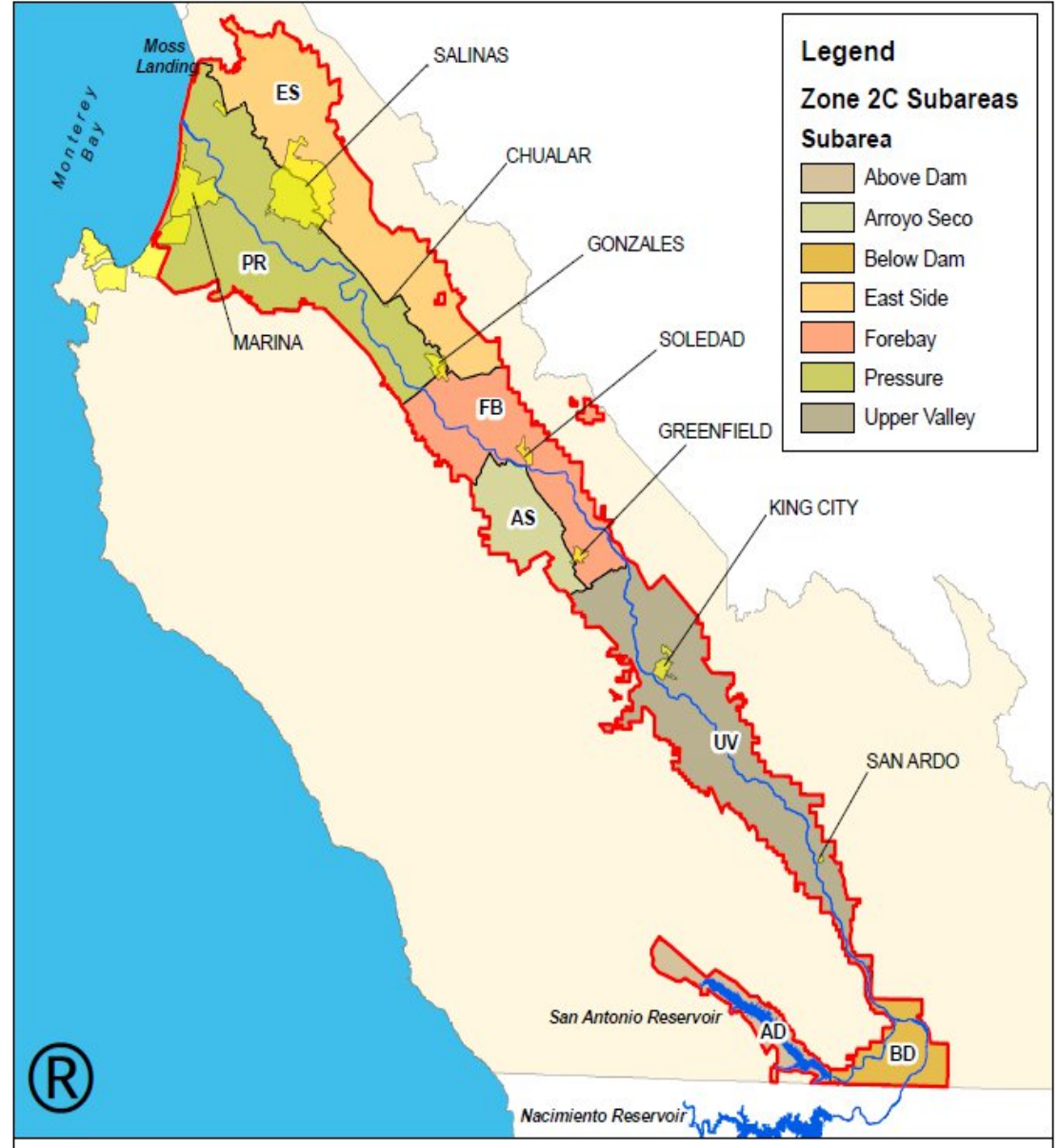
ZONE 2B BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	195	\$ 355.44	194	\$ 365.04
B	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
C	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
D	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total:	195		194	
A = Net Irrigated Agricultural (vicinity of Castroville)				
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)				



FY26 Rate : Water Delivery & Service Charges

WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES		
Fiscal Year	2024-2025	2025-2026
Water Delivery Charge	\$45.24	\$85.24
Water Service Charge	\$86.24	\$88.57
Total:	\$131.48	\$173.81

Zone 2C Boundary:



FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Operation & Maintenance

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
O&M of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	12.60	13.53	12.16	12.62	26.65	14.47	4.65
B	12.60	13.52	12.16	12.62	26.65	14.47	4.65
C	1.22	1.37	1.20	1.22	2.61	1.46	0.46
D	0.13	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.24	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							

FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Administration

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Administration							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
B	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85	1.85
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							

FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Spillway Modification

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Nacimiento Spillway Modification (<u>NO COLA</u>)							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
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							

FY26 Rate : Zone 2C

Diversion Facility Construction

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Diversion Facility Construction (<u>NO COLA</u>)							
Fiscal Year	2025-2026						
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							

FY26 Recommended Budget

MCWRA Unassigned Fund Balance Summary									
Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Actual Beginning Balance	FY25 Estimated Changes	FY25 Ending Balance Estimates	FY26 Expense Budget	FY 26 Revenue Budget	FY26 Requested Use	FY26 Ending Balance Estimates
111	Administration Fund		4,241,073	252,281	4,493,354	5,591,321	5,363,908	(227,413)	4,265,941
112	Pajaro Levee - Zones	1/1A	963,440	381,365	1,344,805	891,499	687,003	(204,496)	1,140,309
116	Dam Operations	2C	1,700,408	(119,215)	1,581,193	11,835,605	11,209,013	(626,592)	954,601
121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	303,708	9,464	313,172	109,379	112,180	2,801	315,973
122	Reclamation Ditch	9	1,301,112	(14,932)	1,286,180	2,176,631	1,843,282	(333,349)	952,831
124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	36,598	459	37,057	56,033	49,898	(6,135)	30,922
127	Moro Cojo Slough	17	411,270	(27,703)	383,567	686,838	365,508	(321,330)	62,237
130	Hydro-Electric Ops		2,077,882	73,014	2,150,896	1,817,087	1,172,726	(644,361)	1,506,535
131	CSIP Operations	2B/2Y	2,439,324	(881,069)	1,558,255	6,664,214	6,423,278	(240,936)	1,317,319
132	SVRP Operations	2B/2Z	2,655,386	(257,966)	2,397,420	6,891,960	6,161,150	(730,810)	1,666,610
134	SRDF Operations		2,669,679	(388,424)	2,281,255	3,233,462	2,432,777	(800,685)	1,480,570
303	CSIP Debt Service		770,672	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
313	SVWP Debt Service		1,036,745	6,543	1,043,288	1,759,714	1,759,714	-	1,043,288
426	Interlake Tunnel		209,431	(60,977)	148,454	121,798	5,236	(116,562)	31,892
Total:			20,816,728	(1,027,160)	19,789,568	43,485,541	39,235,673	(4,249,868)	15,539,700



TODAY'S ACTION

Hold a public hearing :

- a. consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (**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. b. consider approving and adopting the FY26 **COLA increase of 2.7% to the Zone 2B water service charge** for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project; and
- c. c. 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







***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California***

BOARD ORDER No. 25-27

**RECOMMEND THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES
AGENCY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO:**

- A. APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ZONE 2B
WATER DELIVERY CHARGE OF \$85.24 PER ACRE-FOOT OF WATER
DELIVERED FOR ZONE 2B FOR THE CASTROVILLE SEAWATER
INTRUSION PROJECT AND THE SALINAS VALLEY RECLAMATION
PROJECT; AND**
- B. NOTICE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 28, 2025, AT
9:00 A.M. TO CONSIDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RATE
CHANGE; AND**
- C. 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 PUBLIC HEARING BY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**

Upon motion of Director Deidre Sullivan, seconded by Director Mark Gonzalez, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

Recommended the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to:

- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Zone 2B Water Delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project; and
- b. Notice and hold a public hearing on May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approving and adopting the rate change; and
- c. 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 public hearing by Board of Supervisors.


PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **21st** day of **April 2025**, by the following vote, to-wit:


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

NOES: Mike Scattini, John Baillie

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Signed by:

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BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair
Board of Directors

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ATTEST: Ara Azhderian
General Manager

**Before the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California**

MCWRA ZONES 2Y, 2Z & 2B

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County)
Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to:)

- a. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 cost-of living)
adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B,)
2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP))
and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water)
delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP and to the water service)
charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF);)
and)
b. Approve and adopt the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery)
fee of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.)

WHEREAS, on October 6, 1992, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“Board”) enacted Ordinance Nos. 3635 and 3636, which require the adoption of annual resolutions by the Board to continue the assessments, the water delivery fee, and the water service charge for the projects now known as the CSIP, the SVRP and the SRDF;

WHEREAS, in said Ordinances, the Board authorized and directed the levy of assessments, the water service charge assessments, and the water delivery fee within Zones 2Y, 2Z, and 2B to pay for the CSIP, SVRP and SRDF;

WHEREAS, Ordinance Nos. 3635 and 3636, and Resolution 10-188 stipulate the assessment rates be increased annually as a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) by the annual change of Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the San Francisco Bay Area measured February-February of the next year;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 assessments, water service charge assessment, and the water delivery fee will increase by the San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose Urban Consumer Price Index (“CPI”)/COLA of 2.7%;

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Year 2025-26 water delivery fee will be \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered to pay for increased operations and maintenance including increased utility and chemical costs of the CSIP and SVRP operations;

WHEREAS, any and all adjustments to the water delivery fee reflect no more than the actual and reasonable cost of the service or benefit received by the payor and burdened on MCWRA. Any discount applicable to these surcharges have a de minimus impact on the MCWRA budget and implementation of that discount does not result in increased fees or costs for other patrons; and

WHEREAS, by definition, the water delivery fee not a ‘tax’ and is exempt from voter approval pursuant to Article XIII C section 1(e)(1)-(3) and (5) of the California Constitution (Prop. 26; charges imposed for specific benefit conferred/privilege/service or product, reasonable regulatory costs provided or granted to the payor, and/or fines and/or penalties).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:

Section 1. Increase of Assessments in Zones 2Y and 2Z. Pursuant to Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”) Ordinance Nos. 3635 and 3636, assessments for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 are hereby increased on all property in the categories described below and located in Zones 2Y and 2Z of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

ZONE 2Y BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,195	\$ 4.09	52,370	\$ 4.20
B	4,632	\$ 35.83	4,641	\$ 36.79
C	3,668	\$ 0.43	3,013	\$ 0.45
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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)				

ZONE 2Z BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,194	\$ 12.48	52,369	\$ 12.81
B	4,630	\$ 108.63	4,639	\$ 111.57
C	3,670	\$ 1.34	3,015	\$ 1.38
D	265	\$ -	266	\$ -
H	1,110	\$ 5.58	1,111	\$ 5.73
Total:	61,869		61,400	
A = Irrigated Agricultural (North Valley), Residential (1-4 units)				
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)				

Section 2. Increase of Assessments Zone 2B. Pursuant to MCWRA Ordinance Nos. 3635 and 3636, assessments and Resolution 00-172 Clarifying Implementation of Ordinances 3635, 3636, and 3789 for water delivery and service charges for Fiscal Year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 are hereby increased on all property in the categories described below and located in Zone 2B of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

ZONE 2B BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2024-2025		2025-2026	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	195	\$ 355.44	194	\$ 365.04
B	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
C	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
D	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
Total:	195		194	
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)				

WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES		
Fiscal Year	2024-2025	2025-2026
Water Delivery Charge	\$45.24	\$85.24
Water Service Charge	\$86.24	\$88.57
Total:	\$131.48	\$173.81

Section 3. North-south dividing line. The dividing line between north Salinas Valley and south Salinas Valley, for the purpose of determining assessments for irrigated agricultural uses, generally follows the centerlines of Gloria Road, U.S. Highway 101, and Gonzales River Road, between the eastern and western boundaries of Zone 2A, and is more particularly described in Resolution No. 92-364, adopted by the Board of Supervisors on July 21, 1992. A map of the dividing line is on file in the office of the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors.

Section 4. Exclusions. The assessments shall not apply to any property exempt by law from the payment of local assessments.

Section 5. Parcel list. On or before August 1, 2025, the General Manager of the Agency shall furnish in writing to the County Auditor a description of each parcel of land within Zones 2Y, 2Z, and 2B upon which an assessment is to be levied and collected under this resolution for the Fiscal Year 2025-26 together with the amount of the assessment fixed on each parcel of land.

Section 6. Collection of assessments. All County of Monterey officers charged with the duty of collecting taxes shall collect MCWRA assessments and fees with the regular tax payments to the County. The assessments shall be collected in the same form and manner as county taxes are collected and shall be paid to the MCWRA.

Section 7. Lien on property. The benefit assessments fixed herein shall be a lien on all property against which the assessments are imposed. Liens for the assessments shall be of the same force and effect as other liens for taxes, and their collection may be enforced by the same means as provided for the enforcement of liens for state and County taxes.

Section 8. Use of proceeds. The assessments collected pursuant to this resolution shall be used exclusively to pay the costs of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project, including, but not limited to, the costs of planning, design, property acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance, and debt service.

Section 9. Certified copies. The Secretary of the MCWRA shall deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County and to the Auditor of Monterey County.

Section 10. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this resolution. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book ___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Monterey, State of California

By _____
Deputy



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California***

BOARD ORDER No. 25-27

**RECOMMEND THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES
AGENCY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO:**

- A. APPROVE AND ADOPT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 ZONE 2B
WATER DELIVERY CHARGE OF \$85.24 PER ACRE-FOOT OF WATER
DELIVERED FOR ZONE 2B FOR THE CASTROVILLE SEAWATER
INTRUSION PROJECT AND THE SALINAS VALLEY RECLAMATION
PROJECT; AND**
- B. NOTICE AND HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON MAY 28, 2025, AT
9:00 A.M. TO CONSIDER APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE RATE
CHANGE; AND**
- C. 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 PUBLIC HEARING BY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.**

Upon motion of Director Deidre Sullivan, seconded by Director Mark Gonzalez, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

Recommended the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to:

- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Zone 2B Water Delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project; and
- b. Notice and hold a public hearing on May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approving and adopting the rate change; and
- c. 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 public hearing by Board of Supervisors.


PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **21st** day of **April 2025**, by the following vote, to-wit:


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

NOES: Mike Scattini, John Baillie

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Signed by:

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BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair
Board of Directors

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ATTEST: Ara Azhderian
General Manager



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-074

May 28, 2025

Introduced: 5/6/2025

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- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
- c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) Board of Supervisors:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
- c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Zones 2B, 2Y, and 2Z were established to provide revenue to construct, operate and maintain the CSIP, SVRP and SRDF, which includes debt service for the municipal bonds, and two Small Reclamation Projects loans from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that funded the construction of the projects. The operation of the CSIP and SVRP assists in the reduction of seawater intrusion in the groundwater aquifers in the Salinas Valley by providing an alternative source of irrigation water in the form of recycled water. This will reduce the reliance on groundwater pumping in the northern portion of the Salinas Valley.

The MCWRA Agency Act (California Water Code, Appendix § 52) and Ordinances Nos. 3635 and 3636 require the adoption of annual resolutions by the MCWRA Board of Supervisors to continue the assessments for the CSIP and SVRP. MCWRA Resolution 10-188 established the water service

charge special assessment to support operations and maintenance of the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF). Ordinance Nos. 3635 and 3636, and Resolution 10-188 stipulate the 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. The CPI % measured from March 1, 2024 thru March 1, 2025 is 2.7%.

The MCWRA requests a 2.7% COLA in FY2025-26, to assessment charges of Zone 2B (operations and maintenance of CSIP and SVRP), Zone 2Y (operations and maintenance of CSIP), Zone 2Z (operations and maintenance of the SVRP), and the water service charge assessment of Zone 2B (operations and maintenance of SRDF).

The MCWRA requests that FY2025-26 water delivery charges of Zone 2B be set at \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered, which is an increase of \$40.00 from \$45.24 in FY 2024-25. The recommended water delivery fee of \$85.24 is to pay for increased cost of chemicals, utilities and M1W staffing as well as to fund deferred well maintenance and cathodic protection maintenance, and fund overdue facility condition assessments while still using Fund Balances to cover existing funding gap of CSIP and SVRP operations in FY26.

Revenues from the special assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z and the water delivery and the service charges of Zone 2B are assigned to Fund 131 for CSIP Project, Fund 132 for SVRP Project and Fund 134 for SRDF operations.

It is requested that the Water Resources Board of Supervisors approve and adopt the assessment rates as set forth in the Notice of Public Hearing relating to rate changes of Zone 2B, 2Y and 2Z, Zone 2B's water delivery charge and water service charges in Fiscal Year 2025-26, all identified in the Public Notice. Notices of the public hearing have been published for two consecutive weeks in the Monterey County Weekly on May 8, 2025 and May 15, 2025.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The MCWRA Board of Directors held a public hearing on April 21, 2025 regarding above and recommended the MCWRA Board of Supervisors approve the rate changes.

The MCWRA Board of Directors recommended approval of the 2.7% COLA increase to the rates and charges of Zone 2B, 2Y and 2Z and the adoption of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered for the FY2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge.

FINANCING:

As revenues from current rates of assessments and charges are no longer sufficient to fund increased operational costs, deferred maintenance, and the required capital improvement projects, it is critical to have the COLA increases and the proposed water delivery rate being approved.

Financial impacts of the requested increases to the FY26 water delivery fee were reviewed during the Agency Board of Directors' Budget Workshop, held on March 17, 2025.

Total assessment revenue and water service charge revenue with 2.7% COLA increase are estimated

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at \$17,782,840 and \$1,682,801, respectively in FY26. Total revenue from water delivery charge of \$85.24/AF is estimated at \$594,891 for CSIP Fund 131 and \$1,024,670 for SVRP Fund 132, based on an average of 19,000 AF of water delivered per year.

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Attachments:

1. Summary - Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Assessment charges
2. Executed MCWRA Board of Directors Board Order
3. FY26 WRA Assessments PPT
4. Resolution



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-073

May 28, 2025

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- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) Ordinance No. 4203 (Ordinance) governs Zone 2C assessments which the electorate of the Agency's Zone 2C approved for the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) to fund certain operations and maintenance at Nacimiento Dam and San Antonio Dam. The Ordinance stipulates the SVWP assessments be subjective to COLA increases based on the February Consumer Price Index (CPI) of the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose urban area.

The Ordinance states that the target of ending/beginning fund balances for SVWP operation and maintenance expenses be approximately 50% of the total estimated SVWP operation and maintenance expenses for the succeeding fiscal year, and if the ending fund balance for SVWP operation and maintenance expenses for the previous fiscal year is less than or equal to 50% of the total estimated SVWP operation and maintenance expenses for the succeeding fiscal year, then the Board shall increase the Operation & Maintenance and the Administrative components of the SVWP assessments by the CPI.

MCWRA requests, as the COLA increase in FY 2025-26, to adopt the CPI of 2.7% increase to assessment charges of Zone 2C Operations and Maintenance (O&M) component and Administration component for FY 2025-26. The attached Summary Chart details the assessment rates of FY 2025-26 with 2.7% COLA increase from FY 2024-25.

It is requested that the Water Resources Board of Supervisors approve and adopt assessment rates as set forth in the Notice of Public Hearing relating to Zone 2C for FY 2025-26, all identified in the Public Notice. Notices of the public hearing have been published for two consecutive weeks in the Monterey County Weekly on May 8, 2025 and May 15, 2025.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

At the April 21, 2025 meeting, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve and adopt a FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zone 2C.

FINANCING:

The MCWRA FY 2025-26 Recommended Budget includes total appropriations of \$11,835,605 and total revenue of \$11,209,013 of Fund 116 Dam Operations. Its revenue includes estimated amount of \$4,544,261 assessments collected from Zone 2C. The Recommended Budget estimates use of \$626,592 from Fund 116 fund balances to cover funding gap in FY 2025-26.

Financial Impacts of the requested 2.7% COLA increase in FY 2025-26 to Zone 2C is estimated as follows:

Assessment revenue of Zone 2C O&M and Admin components: \$4,544,261

Assessment revenue of Zone 2C Spillway and Diversion facility component: \$1,122,045.

The COLA increase will not apply to assessment charges of Zone 2C Spillway and Diversion facility components.

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Attachments:

1. Summary - Fiscal Year 2025-26 Assessment charges
2. FY26 WRA Assessments PPT
3. Board Resolution



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

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

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- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
- b. Adopt resolutions approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
- b. Adopt resolutions approving the FY 2024-25 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resource Agency ("MCWRA") ordinances that govern MCWRA flood zones are Ordinance Nos. 2626, 2974, 3878, and 3881 ("Ordinances"). These Ordinances were adopted for the main purposes of protecting life and property, and reducing the impact caused by flooding.

MCWRA requests a FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to the assessments of MCWRA's flood control benefit assessment zones below, based on the annual change in Consumer Price Index (CPI) February 2024 -February 2025 for the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose urban area:

- Zones 1 & 1A - Pajaro River Fund 112
- Zone 8 - Soledad Storm Drain Fund 121
- Zone 9 - Reclamation Ditch Fund 122
- Zone 12 - San Lorenzo Creek Fund 124
- Zone 17 - Moro Cojo Slough Fund 127

The attached Summary Chart details the assessment rates of FY 2025-26 with 2.7% COLA increase from the rates of FY 2024-25.

It is requested that the Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve and adopt FY 2025-26 assessment rates as set forth in the Notices of Public Hearing relating to Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9,

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12 and 17, all identified in the Public Notices. Notices of the public hearing have been published for two consecutive weeks in the Monterey County Weekly on May 8, 2025 and May 16, 2025.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

At the April 21, 2025 meeting, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve and adopt a FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

FINANCING:

Estimated revenue with the requested 2.7% COLA increase in FY2025-26 to the flood control benefit assessment Zones is as follows:

Zones 1 & 1A - Pajaro River Fund 112 : \$539,935
 Zone 8 - Soledad Storm Drain Fund 121 : \$90,675
 Zone 9 - Reclamation Ditch Fund 122 : \$1,451,590
 Zone 12 - San Lorenzo Creek Fund 124 : \$38,288
 Zone 17 - Moro Cojo Slough Fund 127 : \$101,913

The MCWRA Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budgets is as follows:

Fund 112 - Expenditure \$891,499; Revenue \$687,003; and Use of Fund Balances \$204,496
 Fund 121 - Expenditure \$109,379; Revenue \$112,180; and Add to Fund Balances \$2,801
 Fund 122 - Expenditure \$2,176,631; Revenue \$1,843,282; and Use to Fund Balances \$333,349
 Fund 124 - Expenditure \$56,033; Revenue \$49,898; and Use of Fund Balances \$6,135
 Fund 127 - Expenditure \$686,838; Revenue \$365,508; and Use of Fund Balances \$321,330

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Attachments:

1. Summary - Fiscal Year 2025-26 Assessment charges of Flood Zones
2. WRA FY26 Assessments PPT
3. Resolution Zones 1 and 1A
4. Resolution Zones 8, 9, 12
5. Resolution Zones 17



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California***

BOARD ORDER No. 25-29

**RECOMMENDED THAT THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER
RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE
THE MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY FISCAL
YEAR (FY) 2025-26 RECOMMENDED BUDGET.**

Upon motion of Director Mark Gonzalez, seconded by Director Ken Ekelund, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

Recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Recommended Budget.


PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **21st** day of **April 2025**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jon Conatser

NOES: None

ABSENT: Deidre Sullivan, Jason Smith, John Baillie

ABSTINED: None

Signed by:

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BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair
Board of Directors

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ATTEST: Ara Azhderian
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General Manager



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-071

May 28, 2025

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Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) FY 2025-2026 (FY26) Recommended Budget totals \$43,485,541 in expenses and \$39,235,673 in revenue. It represents an 11% decrease in expenditures and a 7% decrease in revenue compared to the Adopted Budget for Fiscal Year 2024-25 (FY25).

The FY26 Budget allocates \$8.59 million for salaries and benefits, accounting for 20% of the total budget. Although the Agency is authorized for 57 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions, the budget provides funding for 44 FTE positions, leaving 13 FTE positions unfunded, resulting in salary savings of \$2.45 million.

The total budgeted amount for consultant services is \$20,082,704, marking a \$5.11 million (20%) decrease from the FY25 Adopted Budget. The Monterey One Water contract amount increases by 2% to \$9,357,370, while grant-funded consultant costs decrease by 42% to \$5.25 million, and other consultant expenses decrease by 22% to \$5.48 million.

The Recommended Budget does not allocate \$105,000 from Fund 116 fund balance to Fund 116 Dam Operations' capital project reserve, limiting use of Fund 116 fund balance.

The FY26 Recommended Budget estimates total revenue at \$39.24 million, a 7% decrease from the FY25 Adopted Budget revenue of \$42.15 million. Ad-Valorem tax revenue in FY26 is estimated at \$3.56 million and total assessment revenue is budgeted at \$17.78 million, adopting 2.7% cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase to FY25's assessment charges and the Water Services Charge. The Agency recommends that the Water Delivery Fee in FY26 be \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered. Estimated combined revenue from Water Delivery Fee and Water Services Charge is \$3.30 million.

Grant revenue is estimated at \$6.16 million from sources such as the Salinas Valley Basin

Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) subgrant, the Nacimiento Project with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR), the SB 104 Dam Safety Project with DWR, Section 6 HCP grants with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) grant with DWR, and the Prop 1 Well Destruction grant. IRWM, HCP, and Prop 1 Well Destruction grants will conclude in FY26. The budget also includes \$900,000 in federal assistance for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and revenue from two grants awarded in FY25.

FY26 marks the first year of the Groundwater Monitoring Program (GMP) Fee, authorized by Agency Ordinance Number 5426. The Recommended Budget includes \$800,000 of the GMP Fee in Fund 111, which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2025. It also accounts for \$700,000 in revenue transfers from Fund 130 to Fund 116 to cover regulatory costs and \$252,500 in transfers from the County's Public Works Department for tide-gate construction in Fund 127 Moro Cojo. Additionally, FY26's total debt service fund transfer is \$3.41 million, hydroelectric revenue is estimated at \$1.1 million, and payments from San Luis Obispo County are estimated at \$0.75 million.

The FY26 Recommended Budget reflects use of \$4.25 million of fund balances of fund balances and achieve a structurally balanced budget.

Staff will bring this item back for approval and adoption of a resolution on June 17, 2025.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Staff worked with Monterey One Water for Fund 131 CSIP Operations, Fund 132 SVRP Operations, and Fund 134 SRDF Operations. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors reviewed the Budget at the budget workshop on March 17, 2025 and recommended approval of the FY26 Recommended Budget at its April 21, 2025 meeting.

FINANCING:

The Agency FY26 Recommended Budget represents a statutorily balanced budget and meets all requirements for adoption.

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Attachments:

1. MCWRA FY2025-26 Recommended Budget Book
2. MCWRA Executed Board Order

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