

# County of Monterey

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



## Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

9:00 AM

Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747> or in person at the address listed above

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

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3*

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*Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5*

*Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1*

*Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

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Si elige no asistir a la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores pero desea hacer comentarios del público en general o comentar un tema específico de la agenda, puede hacerlo de 2 maneras:

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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 for Closed Session by County Counsel**

County Counsel 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. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

**Closed Session**

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
  - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:
    - (1) *California-American Water Company, et al. v. Marina Coast Water District, et al.* (San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-15-546632)

**Public Comments for Closed Session**

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

Closed Session may be held at the conclusion of the Board's Regular Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting, before or after the scheduled time, announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

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

**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.

**Appointments**

2. Appoint Jon Conatser to the Water Resources Agency Board Of Directors representing District 3 with a term end date of December 31, 2028 (District Specific - District 3, Supervisor Lopez)

**Attachments:**     [Notification to Clerk of Appt - Jon Conatser](#)  
                          [Application - Jon Conatser](#)

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

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

**Roll Call**

**Scheduled Matters**

3. Receive an update on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Monterey One Water Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement reconciliation process.

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                          [WRA-M1W GMs 2015 ARWRA Revisions](#)

**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: CS 25-005

January 28, 2025

**Introduced:** 1/13/2025

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** Closed Session

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## Item No.2

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

Legistar File Number: APP 25-010

January 28, 2025

**Introduced:** 1/14/2025

**Current Status:** Appointment

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** Appointment

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To: Clerk of the Board's Office

From: Monica Hale

RE: Notification to Clerk of Appointment

Board of Supervisors Meeting Date: 01/14/2025

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**Appointment to the Water Resources Agency Board Of Directors**  
**Nominated Appointee: JON CONATSER**

Nominated by: District 3, Supervisor Lopez

Representing: District 3

**Reason for Nomination:**



New Term

Replacing Member: Marvin Borzini



Reappointment



Filling an Unscheduled / Unexpired Term

**Term:**

Start Date: 01/28/2025

Term End Date: 12/31/2028



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# Water Resources Agency Board Of Directors

## Application

# JON CONATSER

District: 3  
Initialed Application: Yes

### Applicant

First Name: **JON**  
Middle Initial:  
Last Name: **CONATSER**

### Employment

Occupation:  
Job Title: **ASSISTANT MANAGER**  
Employer: **SALINAS LAND COMPANY**

### Interests and Experiences

Able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill duties as a member?

**Yes**

Currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group?

**Yes**

**SOUTH MONTEREY COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Has served on an advisory group before?

**No**

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

**Being born and raised in Monterey County and watching all those that have served in the ways they could, to help the betterment of our communities is what opened my eyes to getting involved throughout the levels that I have to this point.**

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district:

**Growing up in an Ag based community I have learned that our lakes were built to**

**protect our lands from flooding, along with replenish our areas wells to provide the much needed water for all communities throughout the valley. I would like to help protect, preserve and improve our areas valuable water resources.**

How did you hear about the position?:

**Word of mouth**



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## Item No.3

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Legistar File Number: WRAG 25-014

January 28, 2025

**Introduced:** 1/17/2025

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WR General Agenda

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Monterey One Water

FINANCING:

None

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Attachments:

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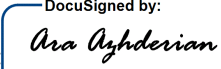
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## GENERAL MANAGERS UPDATE

2015 Amended & Restated  
Water Recycling Agreement  
Reconciliation Process



# Last Update – GPP Analytics Audit Presentations

- August 13, 2024 – WRA Board of Supervisors
- August 19, 2024 – WRA Board of Directors
- August 26, 2024 – M1W Board of Directors
  
- Executed a Confidentiality Agreement in August 2024
  
- Established a joint WRA-M1W Leadership Group
  - Chair, Vice-Chair, and General Manager of each entity
  
- Established technical working groups
  - Finance
  - Operations

# Summary of GPP Analytics Audit

- GPP's Findings:
  - Finding 1: Noncompliant Indirect Cost Methodology
  - Finding 2: Inconsistent Time Records
  - Finding 3: Noncompliance With Required Monthly Reporting
  - Finding 4: Accounting Practices and Limited Transparency
  - Finding 5: Percent Overcharged
  - Finding 6: Weak Control Environment
  - Finding 7: Breaches of the Agreement
- M1W disagreed with GPP's methods and conclusions
- WRA & M1W agreed to amicably reconcile the differences.

# Current Status of Reconciliation

- WRA-M1W formed a Leadership Group in September.
  - Identifies key issues and priorities
  - Provides guidance to technical teams
  - Resolves staff differences
  - Developing recommendations for consideration by respective Boards.
- The technical working groups meet frequently
  - Finance group focused on revisions to Sections 7, 8 & 9 of the ARWRA
    - Section 7: Payments by WRA to M1W
    - Section 8: Accounting System, Reports
    - Section 9: SVRP, CSIP, and SRDF Reserve Funds
  - Operations group focused on CSIP Title 22 Distribution System Permit Renewal

# Key Financial Issues Remaining

- Constituents of Indirect Costs:
  - Future use of Exhibit J
  - Inclusion or exclusion of Capital Improvement Projects
  - Handling of Community Outreach costs
  - Application of Indirect Cost method to resolve Finding 1
- Reserves
  - WRA adoption of CSIP Program reserves policy
  - Application of WRA or M1W reserve policy for SVRP

# Looking Ahead

- The Leadership Group has set meetings through at least April 2025
  - Finalize recommended revisions to ARWRA financial Sections 7, 8 & 9
    - Aiming for respective Board approvals prior to new fiscal-year July 1, 2025
  - Considering potential improvements to operational coordination and efficiency
    - Improving inter-agency communication
    - Consider employing a CSIP “Program Manager”
  - Considering improvements to water supply & distribution accounting/reporting to ensure compliance with various agreements, including the ARWRA
  - Will review and consider additional revisions to ARWRA
- Staff will continue to meet as necessary, at least monthly
- After revisions of the ARWRA are complete, the Leadership Group committed to meet quarterly to maintain policy level communication

# Key 2024 Successes

- Established new communication protocol for financial teams
  - M1W engaged new Chief Financial Officer and Controller
- 2024 CSIP Irrigation Season – Record diversions from SRDF
  - About 1/3 of total deliveries
  - Avoided 7,693 Acre-feet of groundwater pumping from the 180/400 ft. aquifer
- Improved Metering and Monitoring of the CSIP System
  - Commencing SVBGSA grant funded CSIP optimization modeling
  - Implemented a “water order” system



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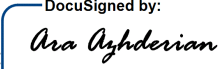
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