

# **County of Monterey**

*Saffron Room  
1441 Schilling Place  
Salinas, Ca 93901*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Friday, April 4, 2025**

**8:30 AM**

**Director Mike LeBarre will be appearing remotely from City Hall 212 S.  
Vanderhurst Ave, King City, Ca 93930**

**Saffron Room 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, Ca 93901**

### **Water Resources Agency Finance Committee**

*John Baillie  
Mark Gonzalez  
Mike LeBarre  
Matthew Simis*

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7. If members of the public want to present documents/Power Point presentations while speaking, they should submit the document electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday before the meeting at [WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov). (If submitted after that deadline, staff will make best efforts, but cannot guarantee, to make it available to present during the Committee meeting.)

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4. Si un miembro del público desea comentar sobre un artículo de la agenda en particular, se le es sumamente recomendable que envíe sus comentarios por escrito por correo electrónico a la Agencia de Administración de Recursos del Agua (Agencia) a [WRAPublicComment@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAPublicComment@countyofmonterey.gov). antes de las 5:00 P. M. el Jueves antes de la reunión del Comité. Para ayudar al personal de la Agencia a identificar el número del artículo de la agenda con el cual se relaciona el comentario, se solicita al público que indique la fecha de la reunión del Comité y el número del artículo de la agenda en la línea de asunto. Comentarios recibidos en la fecha limite del Jueves a las 5 P.M, serán distribuidos al Comité y serán colocados en el registro.

5. Los miembros del público que deseen hacer un comentario público general para temas que no están en la agenda del día o que deseen comentar en un artículo específico mientras se

escucha la presentación, lo pueden hacer enviando un comentario por correo electrónico, preferiblemente limitado a 250 palabras o menos, a [WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov). Para ayudar al personal de la Agencia a identificar el artículo de la agenda con el cual se relaciona el comentario, se solicita al público que indique el nombre del Comité (por ejemplo: Comité de Finanzas) y el número del artículo de la agenda (por ejemplo: Artículo # 10). Se hará todo lo posible para leer el comentario en el registro, pero algunos comentarios pueden no leerse en voz alta debido a limitaciones de tiempo. Los comentarios recibidos después del cierre del período de comentarios públicos sobre un artículo de la agenda serán parte del registro si se reciben antes que termine la reunión del Comité.

6. Si los oradores u otros miembros del público tienen documentos que desean distribuir al Comité para un artículo de la agenda, se les recomienda enviar dichos documentos antes de las 5:00 P.M. el Jueves antes de la reunión a: [WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov). Para ayudar al personal de la Agencia a identificar el número del artículo de la agenda con el cual se relaciona el comentario, se solicita al público que indique la fecha de la reunion del Comité y el número de agenda en la línea de asunto.

7. Si los miembros del público desean presentar documentos o presentaciones de PowerPoint mientras hablan, deben enviar el documento electrónicamente antes de las 5:00 P.M. del Jueves antes de la reunión a [WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov) (Si se presenta después de ese plazo, el personal hará los mejores esfuerzos, pero no puede garantizar que esté disponible su PowerPoint para presentar durante la reunión del Comité).

8. Las personas con discapacidades que deseen solicitar una modificación o modificación razonable para observar o participar en la reunión pueden realizar dicha solicitud enviando un correo electrónico a [WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov). La solicitud debe hacerse a más tardar el mediodía del Jueves antes de a la reunión del Comité para dar tiempo a la Agencia para que atienda la solicitud .

9. El Presidente y / o Secretario pueden establecer reglas razonables según sea necesario para llevar a cabo la reunión de manera ordenada.

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

#### Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre (left meeting at 10am), Matthew Simis (arrived at 8:31 a.m)

Absent: None

**Public Comment**

None

**Committee Member Comments**

None

**Consent Calendar**

Upon the Motion by Mike LeBarre, Second by Mark Gonzalez the committee approved the Consent Calendar of the Finance Committee meeting.

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzales, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

1. Approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on March 7, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [draft Finance Minutes March 7, 2025](#)

**Scheduled Items**

2. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to increase the dollar amount by \$225,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$564,356 and extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2028, to provide annual safety surveillance and performance evaluation of San Antonio Dam; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment. (Staff Presenting: Manuel Saavedra)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)

[AECOM Amd No. 3](#)

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mark Gonzalez the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 3 to the Professional Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc., to increase the dollar amount by \$225,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$564,356 and extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2028, to provide annual safety surveillance and performance evaluation of San Antonio Dam; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment.

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez

**Staff Comments:** None

**Public Comments:** None

3. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.19 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.90 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Monitoring, \$117.63 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.90 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring. (Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [Draft GMP Fee Study](#)  
                              [Map of FY 2025-2026 GMP Regulatory Fee Area](#)  
                              [Summary Table of FY 2025-2026 GMP Regulatory Fees](#)

**Upon Motion by Mike LeBarre, Second by Mark Gonzalez the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.19 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.90 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Monitoring, \$117.63 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.90 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.**

**Ayes:** Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis  
**Noes:** John Baillie  
**Abstained:** None  
**Absent:** None

**Committee Member Comments:** Matthew Simis, Mark Gonzalez, John Baillie  
**Staff Comments:** Amy Woodrow  
**Public Comments:** None

4. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors recommend the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:
- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 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. Approve and adopt a FY26 COLA increase of 2.7% to the Zone 2B water service charge for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project; and
  - c. Set and hold a public hearing on May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approving and adopting the assessment rate charges; and
  - d. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing. (Staff Presenting: Nan Kim)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
[Summary FY26 WRA Assessment charges & fees](#)  
[Notices of Public Hearing for Flood Zones](#)  
[Notices of Public Hearing for Zone 2C](#)  
[Notice of Public Hearing Zones 2BYZ WDF](#)  
[FY26 WRA Assessments PPT](#)

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mark Gonzalez the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors recommend the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 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. Approve and adopt a FY26 COLA increase of 2.7% to the Zone 2B water service charge for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project; and
- c. Set and hold a public hearing on May 28, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. to consider approving and adopting the assessment rate charges; and
- d. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing.

Ayes: John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: None

Committee Member Comment: John Baillie, Matthew Simis

Staff Comment: None

Public Comment: None

5. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors hold a public hearing to consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to:
- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Zone 2B Water Delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot (AF) of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP); 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.
- (Staff Presenting: Peter Vannerus and Ara Azhderian)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
[Notice of Public Hearing at the Agency Board of Directors](#)  
[Notice of Public Hearing at the Agency Board of Supervisors](#)

Upon Motion by Mark Gonzalez, Second by Matthew Simis the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors hold a public hearing to consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to:

- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Zone 2B Water Delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot (AF) of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP)

and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP); 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.

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** None

**Committee Member Comments:** Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez

**Staff Comments:** Shaunna Murray, Ara Azhderian

**Public Comment:** Christopher Bunn

6. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors recommend the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Recommended Budget. (Staff Presenting: Nan Kim)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [WRA FY26 Recommended Budget Book](#)  
                              [Resolution](#)  
                              [WRA FY26 Budget PPT](#)

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mark Gonzalez the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors recommend the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Mike LeBarre

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Matthew Simis, Mark Gonzalez

**Staff Comments:** Shaunna Murray, Nan Kim

**Public Comment:** None

7. Consider recommending that the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency recommend that the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency:
- a. Approve and authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to accept donation of monitoring wells 180/400-GDE-1 valued at \$52,797; E-DA-2 valued at \$282,739; L-GWL-2 valued at \$109,355; L-GWL-6 valued at \$109,355; UV-GWL-1 valued at \$81,540; and UV-ISW-1 valued at \$63,923 from the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency;
  - b. Authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to enter into Agreements to Convey Ownership in Monitoring Wells 180/400-GDE-1, E-DA-2, L-GWL-2, L-GWL-6, UV-GWL-1, and UV-ISW-1; and

- c. Authorize the Water Resources Agency to use monitoring wells 180/400-GDE-1, E-DA-2, L-GWL-2, L-GWL-6, UV-GWL-1, and UV-ISW-1 for implementation of its Groundwater Monitoring Program.

(Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [Well Location Maps](#)  
                              [Well Completion Reports](#)  
                              [Well Agreements](#)

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mark Gonzalez recommended that the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency recommend that the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency:

- a. Approve and authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to accept donation of monitoring wells 180/400-GDE-1 valued at \$52,797; E-DA-2 valued at \$282,739; L-GWL-2 valued at \$109,355; L-GWL-6 valued at \$109,355; UV-GWL-1 valued at \$81,540; and UV-ISW-1 valued at \$63,923 from the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency;
- b. Authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to enter into Agreements to Convey Ownership in Monitoring Wells 180/400-GDE-1, E-DA-2, L-GWL-2, L-GWL-6, UV-GWL-1, and UV-ISW-1; and
- c. Authorize the Water Resources Agency to use monitoring wells 180/400-GDE-1, E-DA-2, L-GWL-2, L-GWL-6, UV-GWL-1, and UV-ISW-1 for implementation of its Groundwater Monitoring Program.

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Mike LeBarre

**Committee Member Comments:** Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez

**Staff Comments:** Ara Azhderian, Amy Woodrow, Shaunna Murray

**Public Comments:** None

8. Consider receiving the FY2024-25 February 2025 Financials for All Agency Funds. (Staff Presenting: Nora Cervantes)

**Attachments:**     [FY25 BoD Monthly Reports](#)

Upon Motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mark Gonzalez the committee received the FY2024-25 February 2025 Financials for All Agency Funds.

**Ayes:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Matthew Simis

**Noes:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Absent:** Mike LeBarre

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Matthew Simis, Mark Gonzalez

**Staff Comments:** Nan Kim

**Public Comments:** None

**Status Reports**

9. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Hydroelectric Revenue Summary.  
(Staff Presenting: Nora Cervantes)

**Attachments:**     [FY24-25 Hydro Revenue](#)

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie

**Staff Comments:** None

**Public Comments:** None

10. Monterey One Financials. (Staff Presenting: Lawrence Chiu of Monterey One Water)

**Attachments:**     [M1W YTD expenses thru 2025 01 final](#)

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Matthew Simis

**Staff Comments:** None

**Public Comments:** None

**Calendar**

11. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

**The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.**

**Adjournment**