

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

8:30 AM

SPECIAL MEETING

**Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/99769079850> or Cayenne
Room, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, Ca 93901**

Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

*Mike LeBarre, Chair
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Mark Gonzalez
Deidre Sullivan
Ken Ekelund
Mike Scattini
Jason Smith
John Baillie
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artículo de la agenda relacionado con su comentario, por favor indique en la línea de asunto del correo electrónico el cuerpo de la reunión (es decir, la Agenda de la Junta Directiva) y el número de artículo (es decir, el Artículo No. 10). Su comentario se colocará en el registro de la reunión de esta Junta.

Call to Order at 8:30 A.M.

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 A.M.

Roll Call

Present: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis (arrived at 8:33 a.m.), Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Jason Smith, John Baillie, Jon Conatser.

Absent: Mike Scattini

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

None

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

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

Recess to Closed Session

Reconvene Meeting at 9:00 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 9:01 a.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment

None

Appointments

The Board of Director Chair appointed the Committee Members for the Basin Management Advisory Committee: David Bunn (Pressure Subarea), Richard Ortiz (Forebay Subarea), Robin Lee (East Side Subarea), Patrick Breen - MCWD (Public at Large), Marc Kelley (Public at Large), Sophia Wendt - Cal Water(Upper Valley Subarea), Mike McCollough - M1W (Public at Large)

2. Appoint committee members to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee.

Public Comment

None

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Director Ken Ekelund and Second by Deidre Sullivan the Board approved the Consent Calendar.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: Mike Scattini.

Abstained: John Baillie.

Recused: None.

Board of Director Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

3. Approve the Action Minutes of January 21, 2025.

Attachments: [draft BOD Minutes January 21, 2025](#)

4. Receive the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2023-24 Financial Report. (Staff: Nan K. Kim)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [FY24 WRA FY24 Financials Final](#)
 [Board Order](#)

5. Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement for Services (“Agreement”) with Balance Hydrologics for a total contract amount not to exceed \$142,300 to complete hydraulic modeling for the Carmel River Flooding Impacts Study; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Agreement. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Resolution No. 24-311](#)
 [Funding Agreement Number 4600015952](#)
 [Professional Service Agreement](#)
 [Board Order](#)

6. Authorize the General Manager to initiate support for Bill HR471, the Fix Our Forests Act. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[ACWA FAC Memo RE: HR471 Fix Our Forests Act 01.23.2025](#)
[Bill HR471 Fix Our Forests Act Westerman et al](#)
[DRAFT LTR WRA Fix Our Forests Act \(HR 471\) Padilla-Schiff](#)
[DRAFT LTR WRA Fix Our Forests Act \(HR 471\) Panetta-Lofgren](#)
[Board Order](#)

7. Authorize the General Manager to initiate support for Bill HR338, the Every Drop Counts Act. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[ACWA FAC Memo RE HR338 Every Drop Counts Act 01.23.2025](#)
[DRAFT HR338 the Every Drop Counts Act Costa et al](#)
[DRAFT LTR WRA Every Drop Counts Act \(HR 338\) Panetta-Lofgren](#)
[Board Order](#)

8. Approve an Agreement for Services with FlowWest, Inc. in the dollar amount of \$275,000 for work to be performed related to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Flood Emergency Response Project (Project). (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Draft Professional Service Agreement](#)
[Board Order](#)

9. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Don Chapin Company for a dollar amount increase of \$5,000, not to exceed \$131,000 for the repair of a damaged section of culvert at the Blanco drainage ditch. (Staff: Jason Demers)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Amendment No. 1 Don Chapin \(Blanco Culvert \\$126k\)](#)
[Board Order](#)

10. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Service Agreement with A. Teichert & Son, Inc. dba Teichert Construction for on-call repair services for CSIP, to extend the term length to July 31st, 2027, and a dollar increase of \$150,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1. (Staff: Peter Vannerus)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Original Agreement](#)
[Amendment No. 1](#)
[Board Order](#)

11. Authorize the General Manager to initiate an S&P Global Credit Rating Evaluation in the fiscal-year

ending 2026. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

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

12. Authorize the General Manager to enter into Amendment No. 3 to the Subgrant Agreement between the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Monterey County Water Resources Agency, related to Grant Agreement Number 4600014638 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant, to increase the subgrant eligible fund amount by \$1,302 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,481,302; and revise the work plan. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [SVBGSA R1 Subgrant Agreement](#)
 [Amend #1 SVBGSA R1 Subgrant Agreement](#)
 [Amend #2 SVBGSA R1 Subgrant Agreement](#)
 [Request Amend #3 SVBGSA R1 Subgrant Agreement](#)
 [Board Order](#)

13. Authorize the General Manager to enter into an Amended Subgrant Agreement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to receive funding for services in support of Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grants #4600015881 (SVBGSA) and #4600015624 (MCWDGSA), in the amount not to exceed \$400,000; and recommend that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Subgrant Agreement. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [SGM R2 Subgrant Agreement MCWRA](#)
 [SGM R2 Amendment1 Exhibits A thru C](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Information Items

14. 2024 Annual Groundwater Elevation Contours and Cumulative Change Chart. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

Attachments: [2024 Annual GWL Contours](#)

15. Reservoir Storage Release Update. (Staff: Chris Calderon and Peter Kwiek)

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)

Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 A.M.