



# County of Monterey

**Item No.10**

Board of Supervisors  
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## Board Report

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Board to consider nominations for Director and Alternate to serve on the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors.

### RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Nominate Supervisor Glenn Church as the Primary Director, and Director John Baillie as the Alternate, to serve on the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Board of Directors.

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement establishing the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) (excerpt attached) provides for a permanent Board of Directors and the nominating process for each Primary and Alternate Director. Section 6.5(c) provides representatives of the County of Monterey, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and the Monterey One Water Joint Powers Authority opportunity to nominate persons to serve as Primary and Alternate Directors to the SVBGSA. The SVBGSA's Board of Directors will then appoint from the nominees presented.

Supervisor Church and Director Baillie currently serve as Primary and Alternate Directors, respectively, to the SVBGSA and have demonstrated knowledge and commitment to the organization and its mission to protect and sustain groundwater resources that support the people, communities, and economy of Monterey County. On February 3, 2026, the County Board of Supervisors took action to re-approve the appointments of Supervisor Church and Director Baillie to the SVBGSA. Their current terms expire on June 30, 2026.

The SVBGSA is the process of formulating "portfolios" of projects based upon several recently completed feasibility studies to help inform potential future actions that will be described in updates to its six Groundwater Sustainability Plans, which are due to the Department of Water Resources in January 2027. To meet this deadline, the SVBGSA is engaged in an intense planning and decision-making effort, which will benefit from the specialized knowledge and experience that Supervisor Church and Director Baillie possess.

### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The above staff recommendation aligns with the Board of Directors adopted 2020 Strategic Plan Goal B, Strategy 2.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County of Monterey Board of Supervisors; Monterey One Water Board of Directors

FINANCING:

This recommended action has no financial effect on the Agency.

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