

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

10:30 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.

10:30 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

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice Zones 2BYZ](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice Flood Zones](#)
 [Public Hearing Notice Zone 2C](#)

2. a. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on May 19, 2026, to review the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency; and
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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Notice of Budget Public Hearings WRA FY27 budget](#)

Adjournment



County of Monterey

Item No.1

Board Report

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168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Assessments of Flood Zones: The Monterey County Water Resource Agency (“Agency”) ordinances governing Agency flood zones - Ordinance Nos. 2626, 2974, 3878, and 3881 - were adopted to protect life and property and to minimize the impacts of flooding in Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12 and 17. These ordinances specify that assessment rates for these zones are subject to an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA), based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the San Francisco Bay Area, measured February- February of the next year.

Assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y & 2Z: Zones 2B, 2Y, and 2Z were established to fund the

construction, operation, and maintenance of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), which includes loan payments to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that funded the construction of the projects. Ordinances Nos. 3635 and 3636, as well as the MCWRA Agency Act (California Water Code, Appendix § 52, “Agency Act”) require the Agency Board of Supervisors to adopt annual resolutions to continue the assessments for the CSIP and SVRP.

Water Delivery Charge of SVRP and CSIP: The Agency Act and Ordinance No. 3789 require a public hearing by the Agency Board of Directors to consider a recommendation on a proposed Water Delivery Charge for each new fiscal year. Following the public hearing, the Board of Directors would make recommendations to the Agency Board of Supervisors concerning the adoption of resolutions to establish the Water Delivery Charge of Zone 2B. Agency Ordinance No. 3798 and Resolution 00-172 establish that the Water Delivery Charge may vary according to the financial needs of CSIP and SVRP.

The Agency recommends that the FY27 Water Delivery Charge of Zone 2B be \$100.24/AF, increased from \$85.24 AF in FY26. The increase is to pay for Recycled Water Projects’ Program Manager position, who will provide oversight of the projects and serve as a liaison between the Agency, contractors, CSIP customers and other stakeholders.

Water Service Charge of SRDF: Resolution 10-188 established the Water Services Charge to support operations and maintenance of the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF). The resolution indicates that the Water Service Charge be evaluated by the Agency after first five years of annual COLA adjustments by based February CPI for the San Francisco Bay Area measured February-February of the next year.

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The CPI of the San Francisco Bay Area measured February 2025 through February 2026 indicates a 2.5% increase. Accordingly, MCWRA requests a 2.5% COLA adjustment for FY27 to flood control assessments, special benefit zones, and water service charges for the following:

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FINANCING:

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Financial impacts of the requested increases to the FY27 Water Delivery & Service Charges was reviewed during the Agency Board of Directors' Budget Workshop, held on March 16, 2026.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
 ASSESSMENTS, WATER DELIVERY AND SERVICE CHARGES FOR ZONE 2B AND
 ASSESSMENTS FOR ZONES 2Y AND 2Z
 FOR THE CASTROVILLE SEAWATER INTRUSION PROJECT, THE SALINAS
 VALLEY RECLAMATION PROJECT, AND THE SALINAS RIVER DIVERSION
 FACILITY PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors will consider the establishment of the following rate increases in benefit assessments of Zone 2B, Zones 2Y and 2Z, benefit assessment of the Zone 2B water service charge, and the fee of the Zone 2B water delivery charge for Fiscal Year 2026-27 to be levied on all property in the categories described below located in the zones in support of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project, and the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project. This notice is made pursuant to California Government Code section 6066.

WRA FY2026-27 Assessments & Charges - Zone 2B, 2Y & 2Z

WRA Zones	Fiscal Year	Land Factors				
		A	B	C	D	H
2B	2025-26	\$365.04				
	2026-27	\$374.17				
2Y	2025-26	\$4.20	\$36.79	\$0.45		\$1.82
	2026-27	\$4.31	\$37.71	\$0.46		\$1.87
2Z	2025-26	\$12.81	\$111.57	\$1.38		\$5.73
	2026-27	\$13.13	\$114.35	\$1.41		\$5.87
Water Delivery	2025-26	\$85.24				
	2026-27	\$100.24				
Water Service	2025-26	\$88.57				
	2026-27	\$113.57				

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)

The dividing line between north valley and south valley, for the purposes of determining assessments for irrigated agricultural uses, generally follows the centerlines of Gloria Road, U.S. Highway 101, and the 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.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing on **Tuesday, the 19th day of May 2026, at the hour of 10:30 A.M. at the Board of Supervisors Chamber, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, California**, at which time the Board shall hear and consider all objections and protests, if any, to said assessments and the fee; and may revise, change, reduce or modify any assessment and fee over and above the charges stated. All interested persons may appear and object to, or protest, any of said assessments and/or water delivery/service charges.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12 & 17**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to Monterey County Water Resources Agency Ordinance Nos. 2626, 2974, 3878 and 3881, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency has elected to collect benefit assessments to cover costs not otherwise offset by other revenue for the Fiscal Year 2026-27 on the tax roll in the same manner as general taxes, and has caused to be filed with its Clerk a written report containing a description of each parcel of real property in the Zones listed below, and the amount of such benefit assessment on each property for Fiscal Year 2026-27 for each such parcel. This notice is made pursuant to California Government Code section 6066.

WRA FY2026-27 Assessments of Flood Zones

charges per acre

WRA Zones	Fiscal Year	Land Factor							
		A	B	C	E	F	G	H	I
1	2025-26	\$385.31	\$385.31	\$96.35	\$96.35	\$ 7.83			
	2026-27	\$394.94	\$394.94	\$98.76	\$98.76	\$ 8.02			
1A	2025-26	\$188.10	\$188.10	\$47.04	\$47.04	\$ 3.92			
	2026-27	\$192.80	\$192.80	\$48.21	\$48.21	\$ 4.02			
8	2025-26	\$ 75.66	\$ 56.75	\$ 9.47	\$18.95	\$ 9.47	\$0.94		
	2026-27	\$ 77.55	\$ 58.17	\$ 9.70	\$19.42	\$ 9.70	\$0.97		
9	2025-26	\$ 80.00	\$ 60.00	\$10.01	\$20.00	\$10.01	\$1.00		
	2026-27	\$ 82.00	\$ 61.50	\$10.26	\$20.50	\$10.26	\$1.02		
12	2025-26	\$ 28.43	\$ 21.33	\$ 3.55	\$ 7.11	\$ 3.55	\$0.37		
	2026-27	\$ 29.14	\$ 21.86	\$ 3.64	\$ 7.29	\$ 3.64	\$0.38		
17	2025-26	\$ 27.42	\$ 20.56	\$27.42	\$13.72	\$ 6.86	\$0.37		
	2026-27	\$ 28.11	\$ 21.07	\$28.11	\$14.06	\$ 7.03	\$0.38		

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

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By order of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Dated:

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

By _____ Deputy

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
ZONE 2C ASSESSMENTS
FOR THE SALINAS VALLEY WATER PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency will consider the establishment of the following cost of living increases to assessments for Zone 2C for Fiscal Year 2026-27 to be assessed on all land in the zone in support of the Salinas Valley Water Project. This notice is made pursuant to California Government Code section 6066.

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
O&M of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	12.91	13.87	12.46	12.94	27.32	14.83	4.76
B	12.91	13.86	12.46	12.94	27.32	14.83	4.76
C	1.25	1.40	1.23	1.25	2.67	1.50	0.47
D	0.13	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.25	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							

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Administration							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
Subarea	Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	Upper Valley	Forebay	Pressure	East Side	Arroyo Seco
Factor	Charge Per Acre						
A	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
B	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90	1.90
C	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15	0.15
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Nacimiento Spillway Modification (NO COLA)							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
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	-

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Diversion Facility Construction (NO COLA)							
Fiscal Year	2026-2027						
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	-
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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on **Tuesday, the 19th day of May 2026, at the hour of 10:30 A.M.** at the **Board of Supervisors Chamber**, 168 West Alisal Street, Salinas, California, said Board will hear and consider all protests and objections to said report, and consider the matter of adopting benefit assessments.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Dated:

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

By _____
Deputy



County of Monterey

Item No.2

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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The Budget funds 45 of the MCWRA's 57 authorized positions and includes \$10.0 million for salaries and benefits. Cost of consultant and contractor services rises to \$23.7 million, while insurance costs decrease to \$1.6 million. Debt service and related transfers total \$7.8 million. On the revenue side, the Budget includes \$17.9 million in assessments, \$3.7 million in ad valorem taxes, \$4.1 million from water delivery charge and service charges, \$1.5 million from program revenue, and \$8.8 million in grants. Despite these increases, expenditure exceed revenues by \$4.7 million, which will require use of fund balances.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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NOTICE OF MCWRA BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS

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NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN the MCWRA Board of Supervisors will consider adoption of the FY27 Appropriations Limits under Article XIII B of the California Constitution; and

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that for the purpose of conducting a hearing on the Recommended Budget and adopting said appropriations limits as required by Government Code Section 7910 for the year ended June 30, 2027, the MCWRA Board of Supervisors will meet on:

Tuesday, May 19, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.

While the Board Chambers, located at 168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas, California, will be open, the public may also participate in the meetings remotely and be heard regarding the increase, decrease or omission of any items of said budget, or the inclusion of additional items therein.

PLEASE NOTE: IF ALL BOARD MEMBERS ARE PRESENT IN PERSON, PUBLIC PARTICIPATION BY ZOOM IS FOR CONVENIENCE ONLY AND IS NOT REQUIRED BY LAW. IF THE ZOOM FEED IS LOST FOR ANY REASON, THE MEETING MAY BE PAUSED WHILE A FIX IS ATTEMPTED BUT THE MEETING MAY CONTINUE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRPERSON.

Instructions will be placed on the agendas published by the Clerk of the Board’s Office regarding how to participate in-person or remotely. A schedule will be posted at the above address and on the website <http://monterey.legistar.com/> on or about May 14, 2026. A hard copy of the FY27 Recommended Budget is available for public review on May 14, 2026 at the Clerk of the Board’s Office, 168 W. Alisal Street, 1st Floor, Salinas, California and is also electronically posted on the County of Monterey website for public review by May 14, 2026 with the agenda.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, upon conclusion of the Budget Public Hearings, the Board will set:

Thursday, June 16, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

as the date for MCWRA to bring before the Board a resolution to adopt the FY27 Final Budget.

Contact Nan Kim, Finance Manager III, at (831) 755-4860 for any questions.