

County of Monterey

Cayenne Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas Ca. 93901



Meeting Agenda - Final

**Cayenne Conference Room
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901**

**Monday, August 17, 2026
12:00 PM**

Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

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Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

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:
 - i. *Mario Gonzalez, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 23CV004194 (as lead coordinated case, including

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subordinate Monterey County cases: 24CV000215; 24CV000421; 24CVOOO428; 24CV000904; 24CV001269; 25CV004183; and Santa Cruz case: 23CV03022)

ii. *Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee v.*

Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al., San Luis Obispo Superior Court
Case No. 19CVP-0010

b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(4), the Board of Directors will confer with legal counsel regarding potential initiation of litigation.

Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions and Corrections by Clerk:

The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code,

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

2. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on June 15, 2026.

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Attachments: [Final BOD Minutes June 15, 2026](#)

3. Recommend that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:
 - a) Ratify and approve Amendment No. 3 to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency previously executed by the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to extend the term of the MOU to June 30, 2029;
 - b) Revise the contact information for the Parties to the MOU;
 - c) Revise the description of anticipated services; and
 - d) Update the rate structure for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.(Staff: Amy Woodrow)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Att1 2026-06 MOU A3 MCWRA-SVBGSA](#)
 [Board Order 26-030](#)

4. Recommend the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:
 - a) Approve a Grazing Lease Agreement with Heartland Mark LLC in the amount of \$28,672 for year one increasing annually by 2.5-percent, from November 1, 2026, through October 31, 2036, for grazing lands located at the Nacimiento 5 lease area;

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and

b) Authorize the General Manager of the Agency to execute the lease agreement, subject to approval as to form by the County Counsel's Office. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [DRAFT Nacimiento 5 Grazing Lease Agreements and Exhibits](#)
 [Site Plan](#)
 [DRAFT Heartland Mark LLC New Pinball Radio Site Lease](#)
 [Board Order 26-032](#)

5. a) Approve a Professional Services Agreement with GEI Consultants, Inc. for a total contract amount not to exceed \$939,541 for environmental consulting services work related to the San Antonio Dam Spillway Replacement Project and the Nacimiento Dam Plunge Pool Erosion Control Project; and
 b) Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement and amendments up to the total dollar amount. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [RFQ 2026001 Addendum No 1](#)
 [ENVR RFQ April 2026 FINAL SA Spillway and Naci Plunge Pool](#)
 [Projects](#)
 [GEI Prof. Services Agreement](#)
 [Board Order 26-033](#)

6. Receive the Monterey County Water Resources Agency FY 2025-26 Financial Status Report through June 30, 2026, Accounting Period 12.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [FY26 Quarter 4 Financial Period 12](#)

Action Items

7. Consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the Professional Services Agreement with Hollenbeck consulting to increase the dollar amount by 250,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed of \$500,000, to continue to provide project management and engineering services for the Nacimiento Dam and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement. (Staff: Mark Foxworthy)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Amendment 1 Hollenbeck Nacimiento](#)
 [Original PSA - Nacimiento \(Hollenbeck 2024\) Executed](#)
 [Board Order 26-031](#)

Key Information and Calendar of Events

8. August 2026 Calendar
September 2026 Calendar

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Attachments: [August 2026](#)
[September 2026](#)

General Manager's Report

1. Personnel
2. Annual Assessment Roll Preparation
3. Groundwater Monitoring Program
4. Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency
5. Castroville Seawater Intrusion Program
6. Grazing Lease Program
7. Mussel Prevention Program

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Attachments: [General Manager Report](#)
[Letter WRA to SVBGSA RE Portfolio Selection – Bringing Focus to the Next Leg of the Journey](#)
[SVBGSA Response to the CGJ 2026 Report RE Seawater Intrusion - A Shared Problem](#)

Committee Reports

9. Committee Agenda's for July and August 2026.

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Attachments: [Final WRAC Agenda July 30, 2026](#)
[Final FAC Agenda August 7, 2026](#)
[Final Planning Agenda Aug 5, 2026](#)

Information Items

10. Reservoir Storage and Release Update. (Staff: Joseph Klein)

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

11. Update on staff's participation in the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Advisory Committee

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)

12. Salinas Valley Water Conditions report: Third Quarter of Water Year 2025-2026
(Staff: Amy Woodrow)

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Attachments: [QuarterlyRpt 3rdQtr WY26 Final](#)

Correspondence

13. Email Correspondence dated July 8, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager,
Monterey County Water Resources Agency.
From Bill Lipe, Public Member
Re: General Public Comment Submission for MCWRA Board of Directors Strategic
Plan Workshop

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Email Correspondence dated July 8, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager,
Shaunna Murray Deputy General Manger, Monterey County Water Resources
Agency.
From Bill Lipe, Public Member
Re: Vision Statement Brainstorming- Public Comment

Email Correspondence dated August 5, 2026 to Ara Azhderian, General Manager,
Shaunna Murray, Deputy General Manager, Board of Directors Monterey County
Water Resources Agency
From Bill Lipe, Public Member
RE: Public Comment Submission- MCWRA 2026 Strategic Plan Update

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[Directors re Strategic Plan1](#)
[Vision statement brainstorming -Public Comment](#)
[Public Comment Submission - MCWRA 2026 Strategic Plan](#)
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Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment