

County of Monterey

Cayenne Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas Ca. 93901



Meeting Agenda - Final

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1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, Ca. 93901

Monday, June 15, 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 subordinate Monterey County cases: 24CV000215; 24CV000421; 24CV000428;

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24CV000904; 24CV001269; 25CV004183; and Santa Cruz case: 23CV03022)

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 on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.

Public Comment

Presentations

2. Review of the Water Year 2025 Groundwater Extraction Summary Report (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[GW Ext Summary Report WY2025](#)

Consent Calendar

3. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on May 18, 2026.

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Approve the Action Minutes of the Special Joint Board of Directors meeting held on May 18, 2026

Attachments: [Draft Meeting Minutes May 18, 2026](#)
[Draft Special Meeting Minutes May 18, 2026](#)

4. Approve Amendment No. 3 to the Agreement for Services with ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc. to include their recent name change to ICF Environmental, extend the term of the agreement for three years to June 30, 2029; and Authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 3.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Executed Original Agreement](#)
[Amendment No 1](#)
[Amendment No 2](#)
[Draft Amendment No 3](#)
[Board Order](#)

5. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with The Don Chapin Company, Inc., for as-needed and emergency CSIP pipeline and equipment repairs, to extend the term length to July 1st 2028, to add a dollar increase of \$250,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$350,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1.

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[26-204](#)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Executed - Don Chapin, Co.](#)
[Amendment No. 1 - Don Chapin](#)
[Board Order](#)

Scheduled Items

6. Authorize the General Manager to execute a professional services agreement between Worthington Products Inc., and Monterey County Water Resources Agency for design, procurement, and installation of a Tuffboom Boat Barrier Buoy system for San Antonio Reservoir and additional Tuffboom parts for Nacimiento Reservoir in the amount of \$1,180,147; and approve and authorize the General Manager to execute up to three future contract change orders that do not exceed 20% (\$236,029) of the original agreement, for a total contract amount not to exceed amount of \$1,416,176.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Att 1 Summary Costs](#)
[Exhibit A Worthington Inc. Estimate](#)
[Board Order](#)

7. Consider approving Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Phenix Environmental Planning., for environmental support services for the Nacimiento Plunge Pool Project, to add a dollar increase of \$75,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$150,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Executed Phenix Environmental Agreement](#)
[Amendment No. 1 - Phenix](#)
[Exhibit A Nacimiento Plunge Pool](#)
[Board Order](#)

8. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency approve grazing lease forms and a public bid notice for Agency grazing lands located around San Antonio and Nacimiento Reservoirs; and direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[1. DRAFT Grazing Lease Agreement and Exhibits](#)
[2. DRAFT Prequalification Bidder Form](#)
[3. DRAFT Public Notice to Bidders](#)
[4. DRAFT Maps of Agency Lease Areas](#)
[5. DRAFT Schedule 2026 Grazing Lease Bidding Cycle](#)
[Board Order](#)

9. Recommend to the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors to Adopt Plans and Special Provisions for the South Access Road Repair at Nacimiento Dam, Project No. 26-005; and Authorize the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to advertise the “Notice to Bidders” in the Monterey County Weekly.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Draft South Access Road RFB Project No 26-005](#)
[Draft Notice to Bidders Project No 26-005](#)
[Board Order](#)

10. Consider receiving the Deep Aquifers Management Recommendations Memorandum.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Att 1 Deep Aquifers Management Recommendations Memorandum](#)
[Board Order](#)

11. a. Review the findings and recommendations of the 2025-2026 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury (CGJ) report titled "Seawater Intrusion - A Shared Problem in Monterey County"; and,
b. Consider the draft response to the above-referenced 2025-2026 Civil Grand Jury report; and,
c. Authorize the Board's response to be filed with the Presiding Judge of the Superior Court.

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Joint CoM-WRA Response to CGJ Report of Seawater Intrusion - FINAL DRAFT 06-10-2026](#)
[Seawater-Intrusion-A Shared-Problem-In-Monterey-County_ADA](#)

Key Information and Calendar of Events

12. June 2026 Calendar
July 2026 Calendar

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Attachments: [June 2026](#)
[July 2026](#)

General Manager's Report

13. 1. Personnel [WRAG](#)
2. General Liability and Pollution Insurance [26-209](#)

Committee Reports

14. Committee Agenda's for May and June 2026. [WRAG](#)
[26-180](#)

Attachments: [Final WRAC Agenda May 28 2026-Cancelled](#)
[Final FAC Agenda June 5 2026](#)
[Final Agenda Planning Committee June 3 2026](#)

Information Items

15. Reservoir Storage and Release Update. (Staff: Joseph Klein) [WRAG](#)
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Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)

16. Update on staff's participation in the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Advisory Committee. [WRAG](#)
[26-206](#)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

Correspondence

17. Email Correspondence dated May 18, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Clerk of the Board, Clerks. [WRAG](#)
From Bill Lipe, Public Member [26-179](#)
Re: Public Comment Joint MCWRA & SVBGSA Workshop

Email Correspondence dated May 22, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Clerk of the Board, Clerks.
From Bill Lipe, Public Member
Re: General Public Comment Re May 18, 2026, SVBGSA & MCWRA Joint Board Workshop for Distribution and Record Placement

Email Correspondence dated May 26, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager,

Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Clerk of the Board, Clerks.

From Bill Lipe, Public Member

Re: General Public Comment for Entry into the Record-May 18, 2026 SVBSA &
MCWRA Joint Board Workshop

Attachments: [Public Comment Joint WRA & SVBGSA Workshop](#)
 [Public Comment SVBGSA & MCWRA Joint Board Workshop for](#)
 [Distribution & Record Placement](#)
 [Public Comment for Entry into Record May 18, 2026](#)

Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment