

County of Monterey

Cayenne Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas Ca. 93901



Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

Monday, April 20, 2026

12:00 PM

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

Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

Matt Simis – Chair
Jason Smith – Vice-Chair
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Mark Gonzalez
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Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

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; 24CV000904; 24CV001269; 25CV004183; and Santa Cruz case: 23CV03022)
 - ii. *City of Marina vs. RMC Lonestar, et al.*, Monterey County Superior case No. 20CV001387.
 - iii. *Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al.* (San Luis Obispo Superior

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Court Case No. 19CVP-0010)

b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will consider the performance of the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency.

Recess to Closed Session

Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

Additions and Corrections by the Clerk

Public Comment

Presentations

2. Update on the San Antonio Dam Spillway Project. (Staff: Elise Harden)

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Attachments: [San Antonio Spillway Update](#)

3. Review of the 2025 August Trough Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[AT 2025 GWL Shallow Aquifers \(180 ft\)](#)
[AT 2025 GWL Deep Aquifers \(400 ft\)](#)

4. Review of the 2025 Seawater Intrusion Contour Maps. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[2025 Seawater Intrusion Maps](#)

5. Review of the 2025 Annual Groundwater Level Contours and Cumulative Change Chart. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Annual 2025 Shallow Aquifers \(180 ft\)](#)
[Annual 2025 Deep Aquifers \(400 ft\)](#)
[Cumulative Change Chart 1944-2025](#)
[Summary of Changes 2024-2025](#)

Consent Calendar

6. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on March 16, 2026.

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Attachments: [draft BOD Minutes March 16, 2026](#)

7. Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with One Water Econ, LLP to complete the Dam Materiality General Benefits Study; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to three amendments to this Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% of the contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed a maximum aggregate amount of \$209,673. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Agreement for Services with One Water Econ, LLP](#)
[Board Order 26-011](#)

8. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency:

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- a. Approve and authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to accept donation of monitoring wells ES-1A valued at \$350,806; ES-1B valued at \$152,388; ES-1C valued at \$92,109; ES-ISW-1 valued at \$38,110; F-DA-1 valued at \$350,806; F-ISW-1 valued at \$74,528; F-ISW-2 valued at \$43,133; F-ISW-3 valued at \$43,133; L-GWL-1 valued at \$67,244; L-GWL-4 valued at \$127,272; UV-GWL-2 valued at \$200,109; UV-GWL-3 valued at \$149,877; and UV-ISW-2 valued at \$43,133 from the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency;
- b. Authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to enter into Agreements to Convey Ownership in Monitoring Wells ES-1A, ES-1B, ES-1C, ES-ISW-1, F-DA-1, F-ISW-1, F-ISW-2, F-ISW-3, L-GWL-1, L-GWL4, UV-GWL-2, UV-GWL-3, and UV-ISW-2; and
- c. Authorize the Water Resources Agency to use monitoring wells ES-1A, ES-1B, ES-1C, ES-ISW-1, F-DA-1, F-ISW-1, F-ISW-2, F-ISW-3, L-GWL-1, L-GWL-4, UV-GWL-2, UV-GWL-3, and UV-ISW-2 for implementation of its Groundwater Monitoring Program.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Individual Well Location Maps](#)
[Agreements To Convey Ownership](#)
[Board Order 26-012](#)

9. Approve an Agreement for Services with FlowWest in the amount not to exceed \$60,000 to perform a study of flood reduction benefits related to the presence of

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Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment. (Staff: Jason Demers)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Draft Agreement Flow West, LLC - Benefits Analysis](#)
[Board Order 26-013](#)

Action Items

- 10.** Consider adopting a release schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs for 2026. (Staff: Joseph Klein)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[2026 Draft Reservoir Release Schedule](#)

- 11.** Public hearing to consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

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- a. Adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Zone 2B Water Delivery charge of \$100.24 per acre-foot (AF) of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP); and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Zone 2B Water Service charge of \$113.57 per acre-foot (AF) of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
- c. Notice and hold a public hearing on May 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. to consider approving and adopting the rate change; and
- d. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the public hearing by Board of Supervisors.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[BoS Notice of Public Hearing for Zone 2B, 2Y, 2Z WDS](#)
[FY27 Water Delivery & Service Charges Slides](#)
[Board Order 26-014](#)

- 12.** Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

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- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.5% to the assessment charges of Zones 1, 1A, 2B, 2C, 2Y, 2Z, 8, 9, 12, and 17;
and
- b. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on May 19, 2026, to consider

- approving and adopting the assessment rate and charges; and
- c. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[FY 2026-27 WRA Assessments and Charges Summary](#)
[Notices of Public Hearing for Flood Zones](#)
[Notices of Public Hearing for Zone 2C](#)
[Notices of Public Hearing for Zones 2B, 2Y, 2Z, WDS](#)
[FY27 WRA Rates Slides](#)
[Board Order 26-015](#)

- 13.** The Board of Directors to consider recommendation from the Finance & Administration Committee to transfer \$200,000 of hydroelectric revenue from Fund 1508 to Fund 1509, the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

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Attachments: [Report](#)
[Board Order 26-016](#)

- 14.** Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution approving the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Recommended Budget. (Staff: Nan Kim)

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[MCWRA FY2026-27 Recommended Budget Book](#)
[BoS Budget Public Hearing Notice](#)
[Resolution](#)
[WRA FY27 Budget Workshop Slides](#)
[Board Order 26-017](#)

Key Information and Calendar of Events

- 15.** May 2026 Calendar

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Attachments: [May Calendar](#)

General Manager's Report

- 16.** 1. Personnel
2. Groundwater Monitoring Program
3. SVBGSA Advisory Committee Update
4. Strategic Plan Update

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Attachments: [General Manager's Report](#)

Committee Reports

17. Committee Agenda's for March and April 2026.

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Attachments: [WRAC Agenda March 26, 2026](#)
[JBL Agenda March 30, 2026](#)
[Planning Committee Agenda April 1, 2026](#)
[Finance & Admin Committee Agenda April 3, 2026](#)

Informational Items

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

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

Correspondence

19. Correspondence dated March 19, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency.
From Soren Nelson, Senior Policy Advocate, Association of CA Water Agencies.
Re: AB 2180 Support

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Attachments: [AB 2180 Assm. Local Gov Coalition Letter March 19, 2026](#)

Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment

Addenda/Supplemental

Language added to Item No.1 Closed Session
Added Item iii under Item No. 1 Closed Session a. ii

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