

# 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**

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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)
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    - iii. *Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al.* (San Luis Obispo Superior

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**[26-128](#)**

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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**[26-113](#)**

**Attachments:** [San Antonio Spillway Update](#)

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

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**[26-110](#)**

**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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**[26-111](#)**

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

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

**[WRAG](#)**  
**[26-112](#)**

**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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**26-126**

**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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**26-114**

**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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**26-121**

- 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

**WRAG**  
**26-120**

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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[26-115](#)

**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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[26-116](#)

- 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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[26-118](#)

- 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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**26-119**

**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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**26-117**

**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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**26-127**

**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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**26-122**

**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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[\*\*26-125\*\*](#)

**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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# County of Monterey

## Item No.1

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
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# County of Monterey

## Item No.2

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



# San Antonio Dam Spillway Replacement Project Update

Elise Harden, PE  
Senior Water Resources Engineer



# San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project (SASP) Update

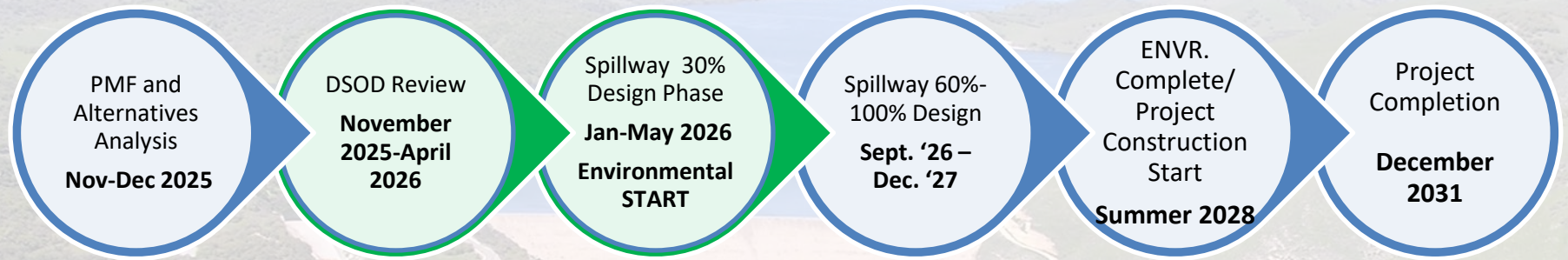
1. Project Background Timeline
2. Project Timeline
  - a) Probable Maximum Flood (PMF) Update and Alternatives Analysis
  - b) Design
  - c) Environmental
  - d) Construction
3. Questions

# SASP Project Background Timeline



**Photos of Oroville Spillway Failure 2017**

# San Antonio Spillway Project Timeline



- Anticipated 30% Design Submittal to DSOD June 2026 (90 days min.)
- “Project Construction” includes project float
- Timeline Subject to DSOD review & approval
- Subject to Environmental Permitting/Process
- Subject to Construction Funding
- Schedule as of 4/1/25



# QUESTIONS / COMMENTS





# County of Monterey

## Item No.3

### Board Report

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



# County of Monterey

## Item No.3

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Review of the 2025 August Trough Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps

#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) is responsible for data collection and analysis of groundwater data throughout the Salinas Valley to support the ongoing groundwater level contouring, seawater intrusion mapping, and other programs related to current groundwater conditions. Conditions are assessed throughout the year to better understand how aquifers are responding during different hydrologic conditions as well as the relative groundwater storage fluctuations that occur on an annual basis.

These activities align with Strategic Plan Goals B7, *Use of data and analysis to make informed decisions based on science* and E1, *improve public outreach to increase transparency, communication, education and information about Agency projects and programs*. Activities associated with this program are included in Fund 111 (1501) as part of the Groundwater Monitoring Program in the Agency's Adopted FY 25-26 budget.

#### OVERVIEW OF 2025 DATA

##### August Trough Groundwater Level Survey

On a single day in August, Agency staff conducts an intensive groundwater level survey of the northern Salinas Valley referred to as August Trough. Groundwater levels (GWLs) are sampled at around 140 wells from Chualar to the coast, to obtain a snapshot of conditions within and beyond the seawater intrusion fronts. This is done during a time of the year when aquifers are most stressed by pumping. One of the key purposes of the August Trough survey is to monitor and assess the forces driving seawater intrusion, in particular groundwater level gradients sloping inland from the coast, which are most pronounced when pumping is at its seasonal peak.

The 2025 August Trough groundwater elevation contours for the 180-Foot and East Side Shallow Aquifers are included as Attachment A. Compared to the 2024 survey, groundwater elevations adjacent to the coast generally increased by 0 to 1 foot, with localized declines of up to 3 feet observed in areas slightly inland of the coastline. The groundwater elevations at the coast remain just above sea level.

In the East Side Trough, groundwater elevations north of Salinas decreased by approximately 2 to 9 feet. These declines are largely influenced by a single well, and its interpretation is limited due to data gaps in this area. However, the area towards the southeast experienced increases of 7 to 12 feet.

Similarly, the region south of Salinas towards Chualar saw decreases between 1 and 2 feet from last year.

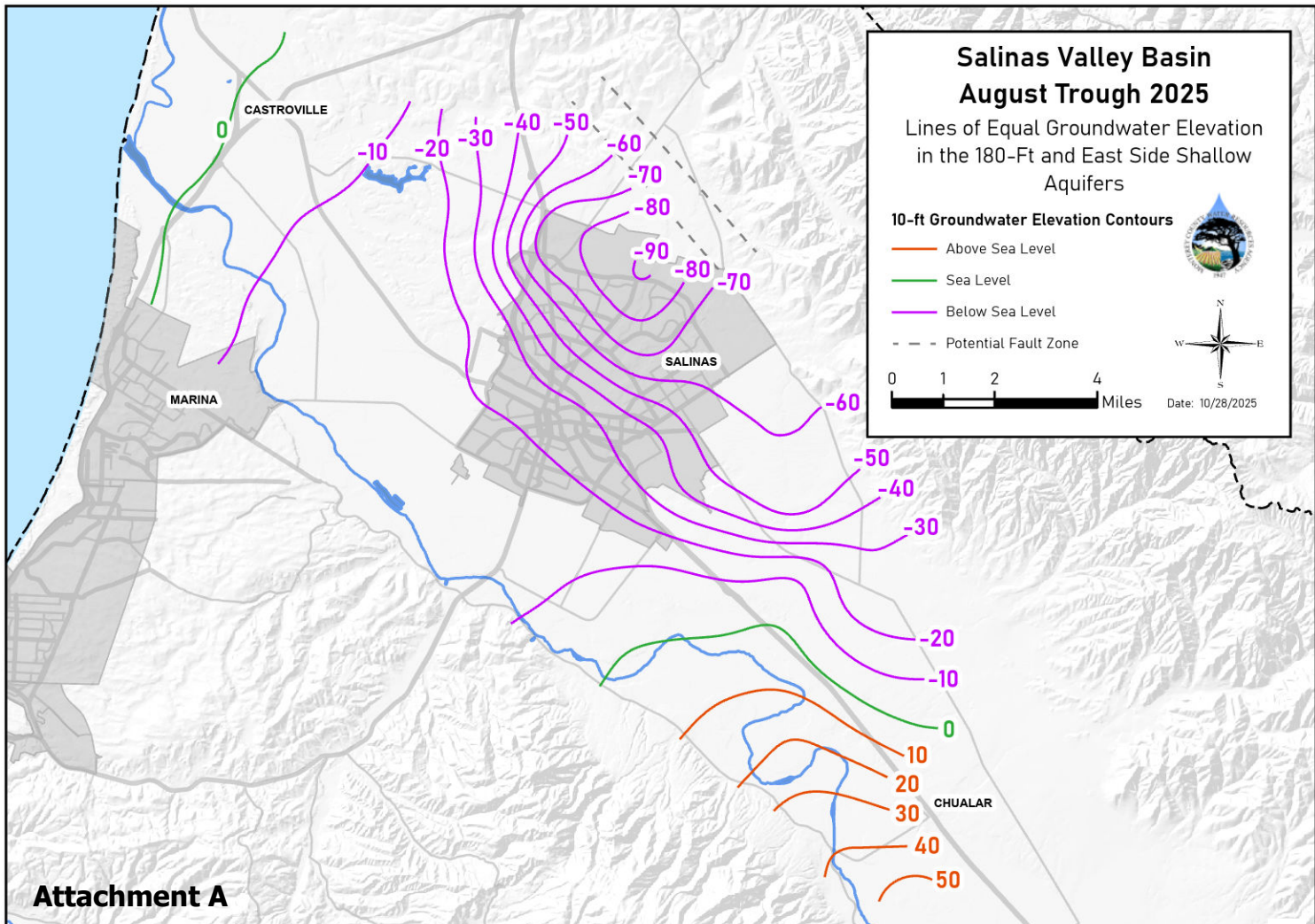
The 2025 August Trough groundwater elevation contours for the 400-Foot and East Side Deep Aquifers are included as Attachment B. Groundwater levels near the coast increased 3-10 feet. In the Espinosa Lake area, groundwater elevations rose between 3 and 5 feet. The absence of the 0-foot elevation contour near the coast indicates that the groundwater elevations in the 400-Foot Aquifer remained around 10 feet below sea level at the coast.

Groundwater elevations in the East Side trough decreased in the area north of Salinas by 5 to 10 feet, with some individual wells showing greater decreases. Meanwhile, the southeastern area saw increases of 8 to 14 feet, however, data availability in this area was limited during the previous year. South of Salinas, towards Chualar, groundwater elevations decreased by 0 to 1 foot compared to last year, while a smaller area towards Spreckels experienced increases of 1 to 3 feet.

Prepared by: Guillermo Diaz Moreno, Hydrologist, (831) 755-4860  
Amy Woodrow, Senior Hydrologist, (831) 755-4860

Attachments:

- Attachment A: August Trough 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 180-Ft, and East Side Shallow Aquifers
- Attachment B: August Trough 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 400-Ft, and East Side Deep Aquifers



**Attachment A**

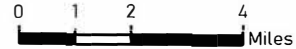
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# Salinas Valley Basin August Trough 2025

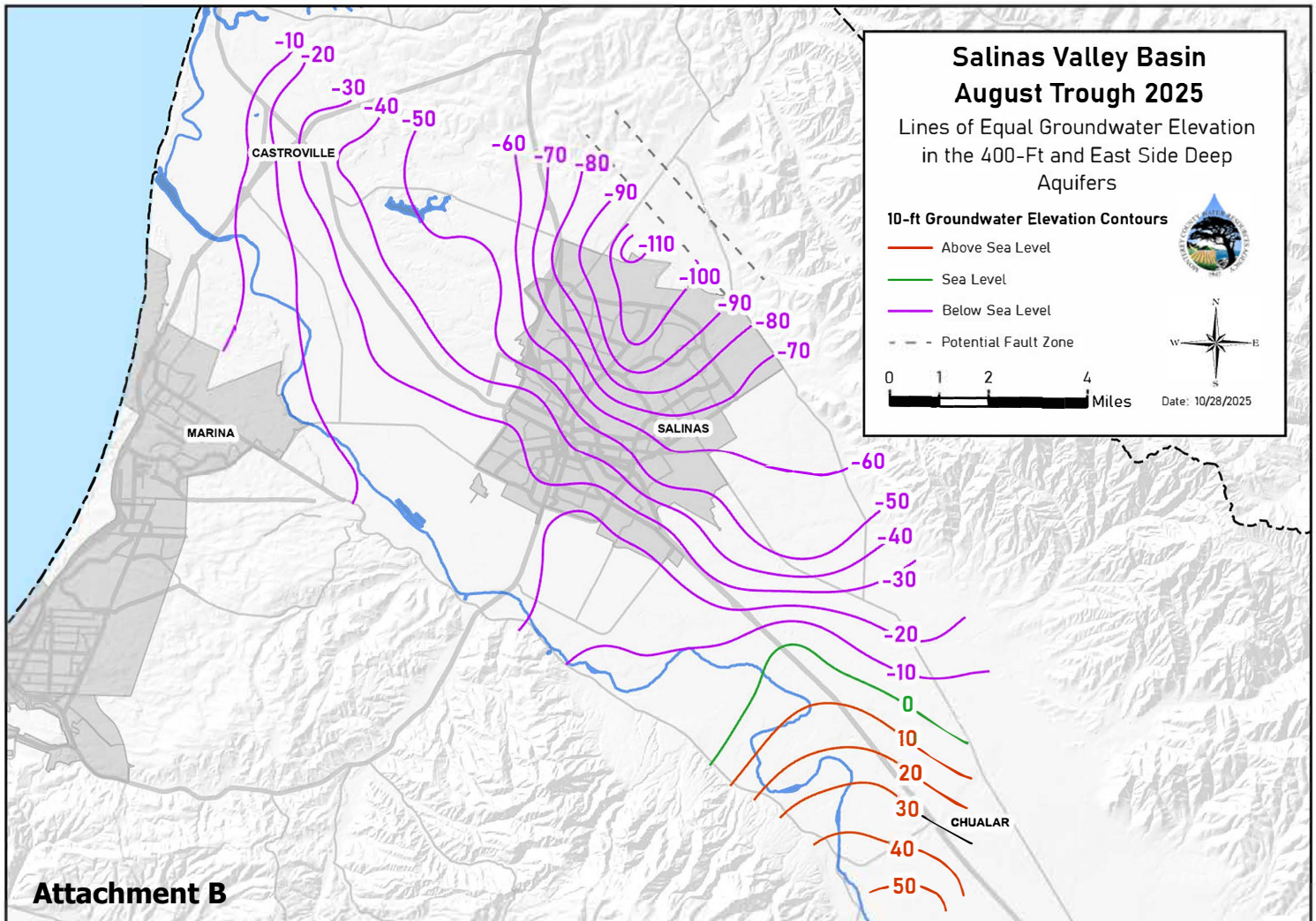
Lines of Equal Groundwater Elevation  
in the 400-Ft and East Side Deep  
Aquifers

## 10-ft Groundwater Elevation Contours

- Above Sea Level
- Sea Level
- Below Sea Level
- Potential Fault Zone



Date: 10/28/2025



## Attachment B

Note: These groundwater contours represent a regional-scale approximation of the groundwater surface, based on available hydrogeological data, illustrating general groundwater flow patterns. They should not be interpreted as precise or localized features.



# County of Monterey

## Item No.4

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



# County of Monterey

## Item No.4

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Review of the 2025 Seawater Intrusion Contour Maps

#### Overview

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) is responsible for the Groundwater Monitoring Program (GMP) which includes data collection and analysis of data throughout the Salinas Valley to support ongoing groundwater level contouring, seawater intrusion mapping, and other programs related to current groundwater conditions. Conditions are assessed throughout the year to better understand how aquifers are responding during different hydrologic conditions as well as the relative groundwater storage fluctuations that occur on an annual basis.

These activities align with Agency Strategic Plan Goal B, Strategy 2 (*Collaborate with local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, define MCWRA's role, and implement at GSA integration plan*); Goal B, Strategy 7 (*Use of data and analysis to make informed decisions based on science*); and Goal E, Strategy 1 (*Improve public outreach to increase transparency, communication, education and information about Agency projects and programs*). Activities associated with the GMP are included in Fund 111 (1501) of the adopted Fiscal Year 2025/2026 budget.

#### Program Background

Seawater intrusion was first detected in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in 1933. As seawater intrudes into an aquifer there is a transition zone where seawater and freshwater mix. In the Salinas Valley, the chloride concentrations in this transition zone are between 50 milligrams per liter (mg/L), which is the native water quality of the 180-Foot and 400-Foot Aquifers, and 19,000 mg/L, which is the concentration of chloride in Pacific Ocean water.

The Agency uses the 500 mg/L chloride isocontour as the threshold for determining seawater intrusion into the coastal aquifers. This definition of "seawater intruded" is described in Agency Ordinance No. 03790, Section 1.01.13. A chloride concentration of 500 mg/L is roughly ten times the native concentration of chloride in these aquifers, two times the regulatory limit set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Drinking Water Secondary Maximum Contaminant Level (250 mg/L), and exceeds the U.S. Department of Agriculture concentration (350 mg/L) for water considered to be of "Class III - injurious or unsatisfactory" quality for agricultural irrigation.

#### Data Collection and Analysis

Each summer, Agency staff samples approximately 120 agricultural, urban purveyor, and small diameter monitoring wells in the coastal area of the northern Salinas Valley, both in and adjacent to

areas that have been impacted by seawater intrusion. Water quality samples are collected from the agricultural and urban wells twice, once in June and again in August. In 2025, the Agency's network of small diameter monitoring wells was sampled in September.

The water quality samples are analyzed by the County of Monterey's Consolidated Chemistry Lab (Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program #1395). The data are then evaluated with several geochemical tools, resulting in 500 mg/L chloride isocontours that map the approximate location of the seawater intrusion front. Supporting data from the groundwater level and groundwater extraction monitoring programs are used to provide additional validation of the chloride isocontour locations. The new polygons depicting the areas that increased above the seawater intrusion threshold are then added to the Historical Seawater Intrusion maps, which illustrate the current seawater intrusion front while highlighting the changes observed over the period of record. As in prior years, the 250 mg/L isocontour is also included on both the 180-Foot Aquifer and 400-Foot Aquifer Historical Seawater Intrusion maps as an indicator of areas where chloride concentrations are approaching, but have not yet surpassed, the 500 mg/L threshold.

The result of an evaluation of the geochemical composition of each groundwater sample is also represented in an additional map showing each well's seawater intrusion phase - categorized as Not Intruded, Phase I or Phase II - alongside the associated chloride value for the current year. By depicting each well's seawater intrusion phase and chloride concentration, this version of the seawater intrusion map illustrates the variability of current conditions relative to where the 500 mg/L chloride isocontour has been delineated over time, acknowledging that conditions may change at well sites as well operation or groundwater conditions evolve.

In 2025, the Agency added four existing wells to the monitoring network in the 180-Foot Aquifer and three existing wells to the monitoring network in the 400-Foot Aquifer, with the goal of filling data gaps and refining the geographic distribution seawater intrusion monitoring data.

For the first time in 2025, the Agency also depicted the "intruded zone" defined by the Pajaro Valley Water Management Agency (PV Water), which is delineated using a 250 mg/L chloride isocontour. The PV Water data replaces what was previously shown as a "no data" area north of Elkhorn Slough on the Agency's maps. This information was added to reflect that seawater intrusion is being monitored in the area north of Elkhorn Slough. Details of PV Water's monitoring are available at <https://www.pvwater.org/basin-monitoring>.

#### 2025 Seawater Intrusion Maps - 180-Foot Aquifer

In 2025, the 500 mg/L contour within the 180-Foot Aquifer advanced slightly in two areas: south of Blanco Road and on the northern edge of the main lobe, toward Rodgers Road. The 250 mg/L contour at the leading edge of the main lobe also advanced towards the western city limit of Salinas.

Groundwater samples collected from wells screened in the 180-Foot Aquifer did not indicate a significant change in the geochemical composition relative to 2024, so none of wells were advanced in their seawater intrusion phase designation (i.e., from Not Intruded to Phase 1, or from Phase 1 to Phase 2).

The Agency also reviewed and mapped the one-year percent change in chloride concentration at each of the sampled wells to evaluate variations in the groundwater mass both west (or behind) and east (or ahead) of the 500 mg/L chloride isocontour within the monitored area. There are 17 wells throughout the monitored area that showed one-year increases in chloride concentration ranging from 1% to 20%, and 15 wells that showed one-year decreases in chloride concentration ranging from 1% to 13%. Two wells showed no change from 2024, and four could not be evaluated because 2025 was the first year of data collection at the well. Percent changes in chloride concentration are not necessarily linear and can be the result of one or more factors including, but not limited to: amount pumped from a well, pumping from nearby wells, the depth of a well's screened interval(s), and local geology. It is also possible that, if pumping changes at or near a well, the percent change in chloride concentration could oscillate between an increase and a decrease from year-to-year. The one-year percent change in chloride concentration, whether a decrease or increase, does not solely determine the phase designation based on the geochemical signature of groundwater sampled from the well, meaning that a well that shows a one-year decrease in chloride concentration could still be considered to be experiencing Phase I or Phase II seawater intrusion.

#### 2025 Seawater Intrusion Maps - 400-Foot Aquifer

In 2025, there was no advancement of the 500 mg/L chloride isocontour in the 400-Foot Aquifer. However, the Agency has identified an area extending approximately from Cooper Road, on the east, to the Salinas River, on the west, that warrants additional focus in the coming year. Labeled as a "seawater intrusion review area," the Agency has identified this as an approximate area where, based on verbal information from well owners and limited data obtained from the California State Water Resources Control Board, seawater intrusion could be occurring. There are not sufficient data to make such a determination at this time, but the Agency will be pursuing additional monitoring points in this area for 2026. There was a slight expansion of the 250 mg/L chloride line in 2025, specifically within the "seawater intrusion review area."

Within the 400-Foot Aquifer, one groundwater sample from a well located ahead of the eastern edge of the 250 mg/L contour, north of Espinosa Lake, progressed from Not Intruded in 2024 to Phase 1 in 2025.

The Agency mapped the one-year percent change in chloride concentration at each of the sampled wells within the monitored area that are constructed in the 400-Foot Aquifer. Based on this evaluation, there are 30 wells throughout the monitored area that showed one-year increases in chloride concentration ranging from 1% to 140%, and 20 wells that showed one-year decreases in chloride concentration ranging from 1% to 68%. Seventeen wells showed no change from 2024, and four wells could not be evaluated because there was not a 2024 chloride value to compare to. Attachment 7 designates the wells used to provide a supplemental groundwater supply for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project by using a purple border around the well symbol.

As stated previously, the one-year percent change in chloride is one way of looking at variability in water quality conditions between sites, but it is an indicator that can be influenced by multiple factors and is not necessarily suggestive of a long-term trend at the well or in the aquifer as a whole. The change in chloride metric is also not a substitute for a robust evaluation of geochemistry that captures the phase of seawater intrusion a well may be experiencing, which can be separate from the numerical

chloride concentration or one-year percent change thereof.

Summary

In conclusion, the Agency's analysis of seawater intrusion in the 180-Foot and 400-Foot Aquifers based on data collected in 2025 resulted in:

- Slight advancement of the 500 mg/L chloride contour in two areas within the 180-Foot Aquifer
- Advancement of the 250 mg/L chloride contour in the 180-Foot Aquifer toward the city of Salinas
- No advancement of the 500 mg/L chloride contour in the 400-Foot Aquifer and slight advancement of the 250 mg/L chloride contour
- Delineation of a "seawater intrusion review area" in the 400-Foot Aquifer where additional water quality data collection will be pursued in 2026 in order to clarify or confirm anecdotal information about elevated chloride levels in this geographic space.

Additionally, the Agency added seven new monitoring sites to the groundwater quality monitoring network for seawater intrusion and included a depiction on its maps of the extent of seawater intrusion (250 mg/L chloride) as defined by PV Water for areas within Monterey County north of Elkhorn Slough. Multiple map products were developed for both the 180-Foot and 400-Foot Aquifers to demonstrate the geochemical conditions at each monitored well and the variability of water quality conditions within the monitored area.

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






















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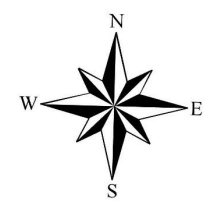
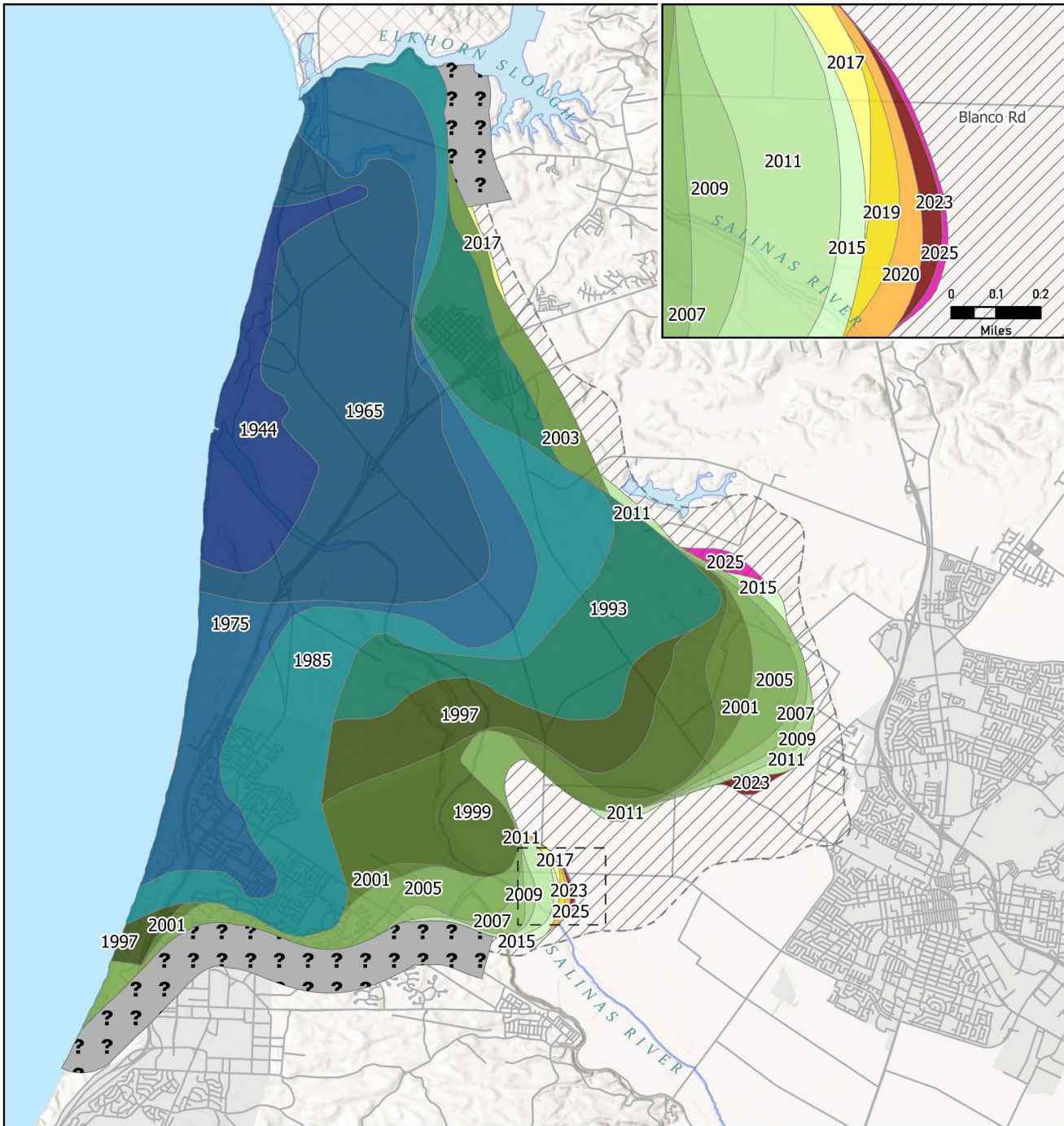
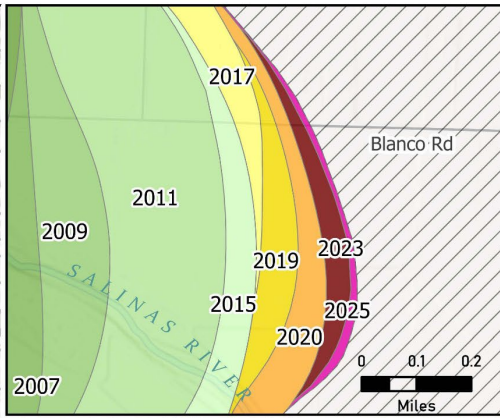
# Historical Seawater Intrusion Map 2025

180-Foot Aquifer

Areas with 500 mg/L or greater concentration of Chloride in groundwater

## Seawater Intruded Area, by Year

	1944		2015
	1965		2017
	1975		2019
	1985		2020
	1993		2021
	1997		2022
	1999		2023
	2001		2025
	2003		No Data
	2005		>250 mg/L area PV Water
	2007		>250 mgCl/L area 2025
	2009		
	2011		



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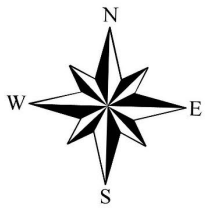
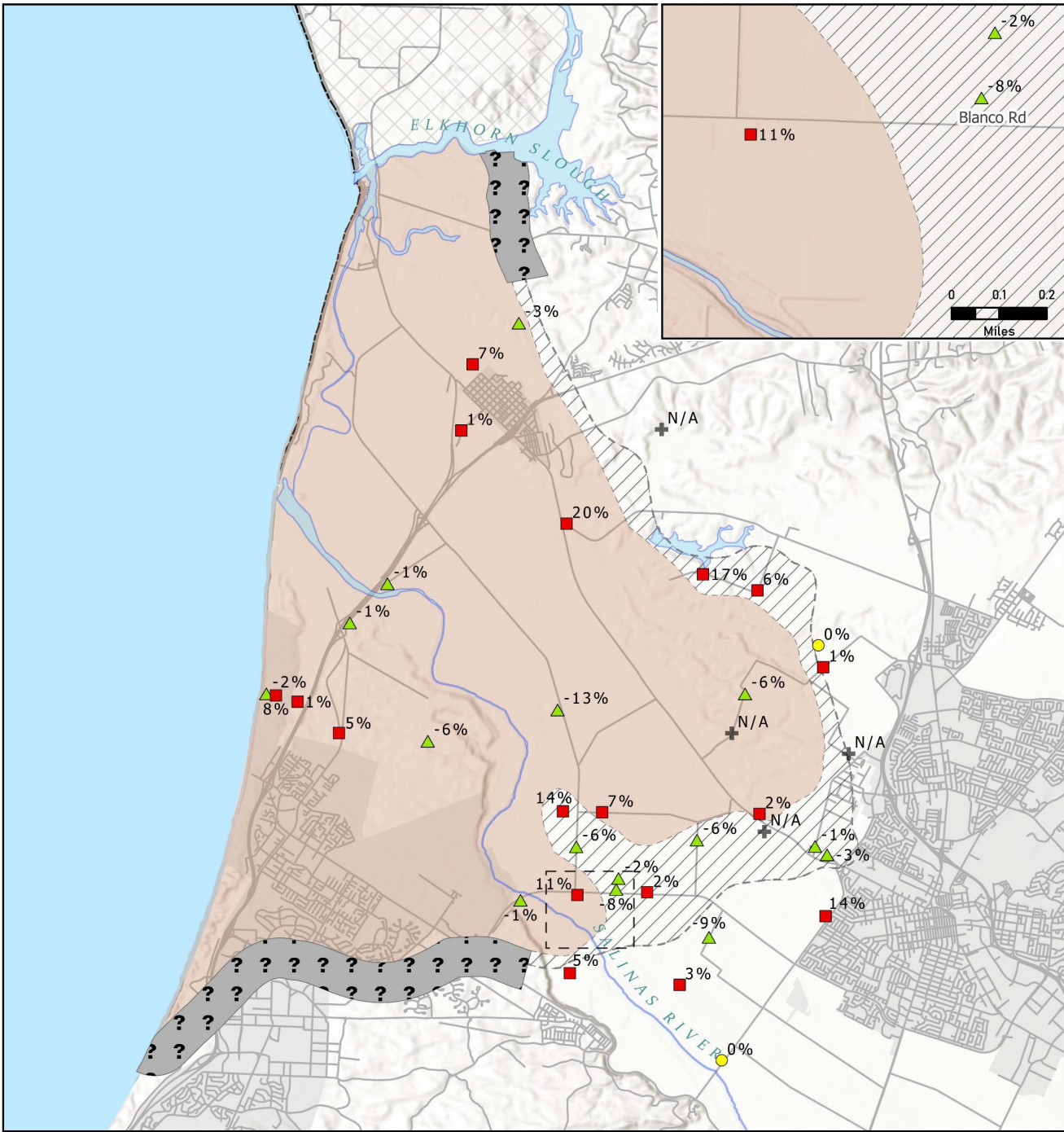


# One-Year Chloride Concentration Changes in the 180-Foot Aquifer

Year 2025

Areas with 500 mg/L or greater concentration of Chloride in groundwater

- Seawater Intruded Area
  - No Data
  - >250 mgCl/L area PV Water
  - >250 mgCl/L area 2025
- Percent of Change from 2025 vs. 2024**
- ▲ Decreasing chloride levels
  - No change
  - Increasing chloride levels
  - + Not Applicable



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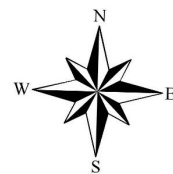
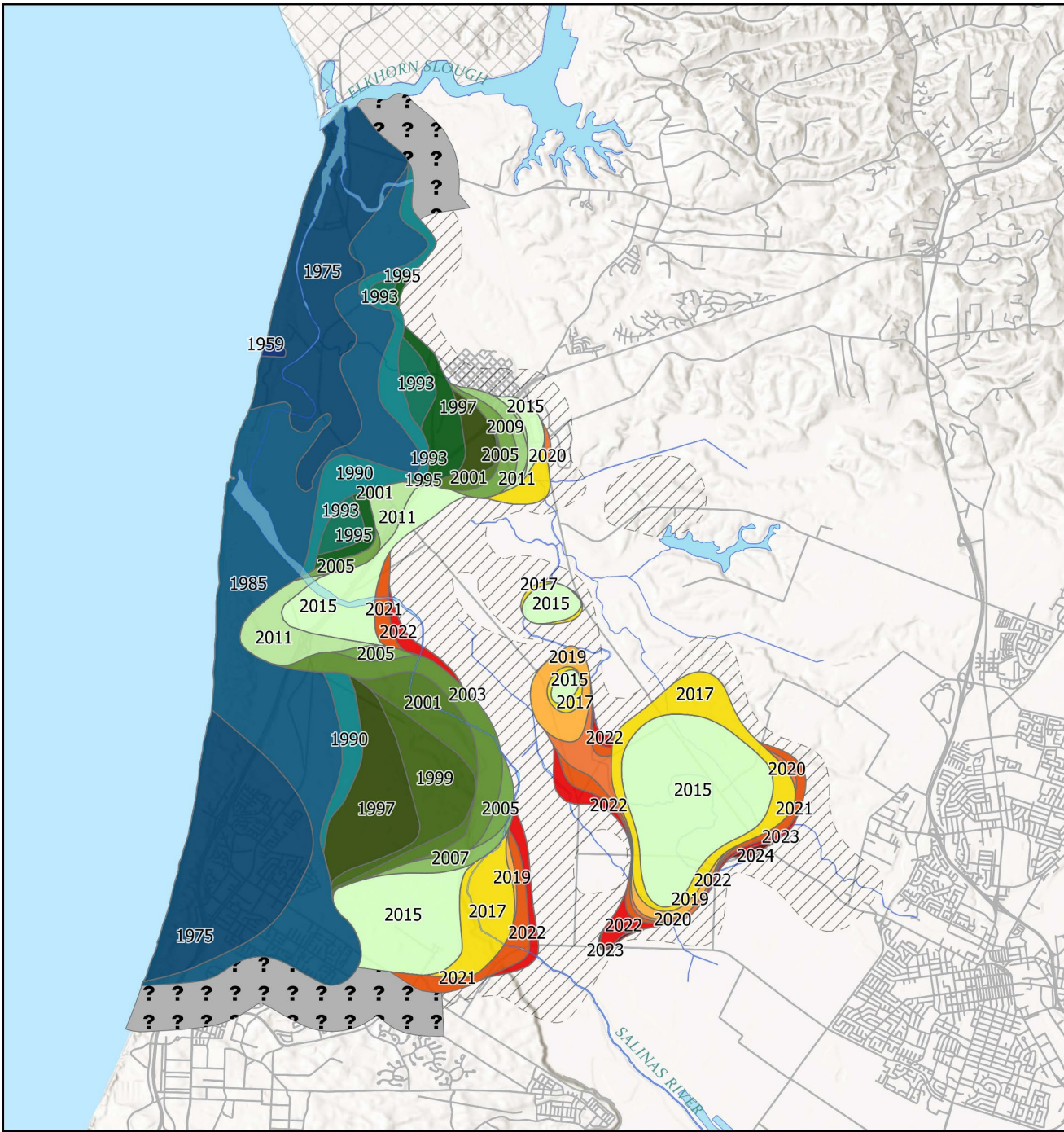
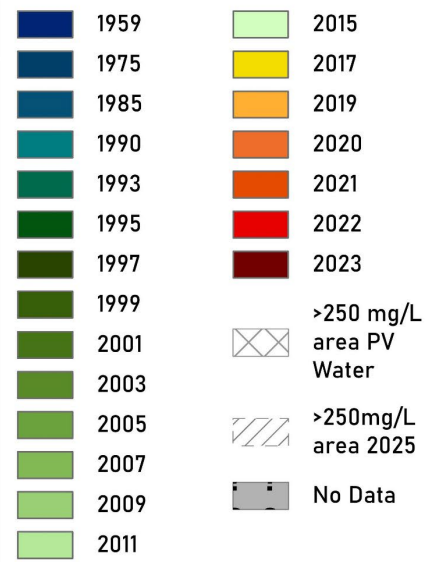


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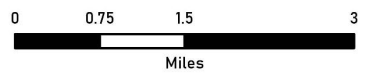
400-Foot Aquifer

Areas with 500 mg/L or greater concentration of Chloride in groundwater

## Seawater Intruded Area, by Year



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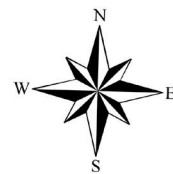
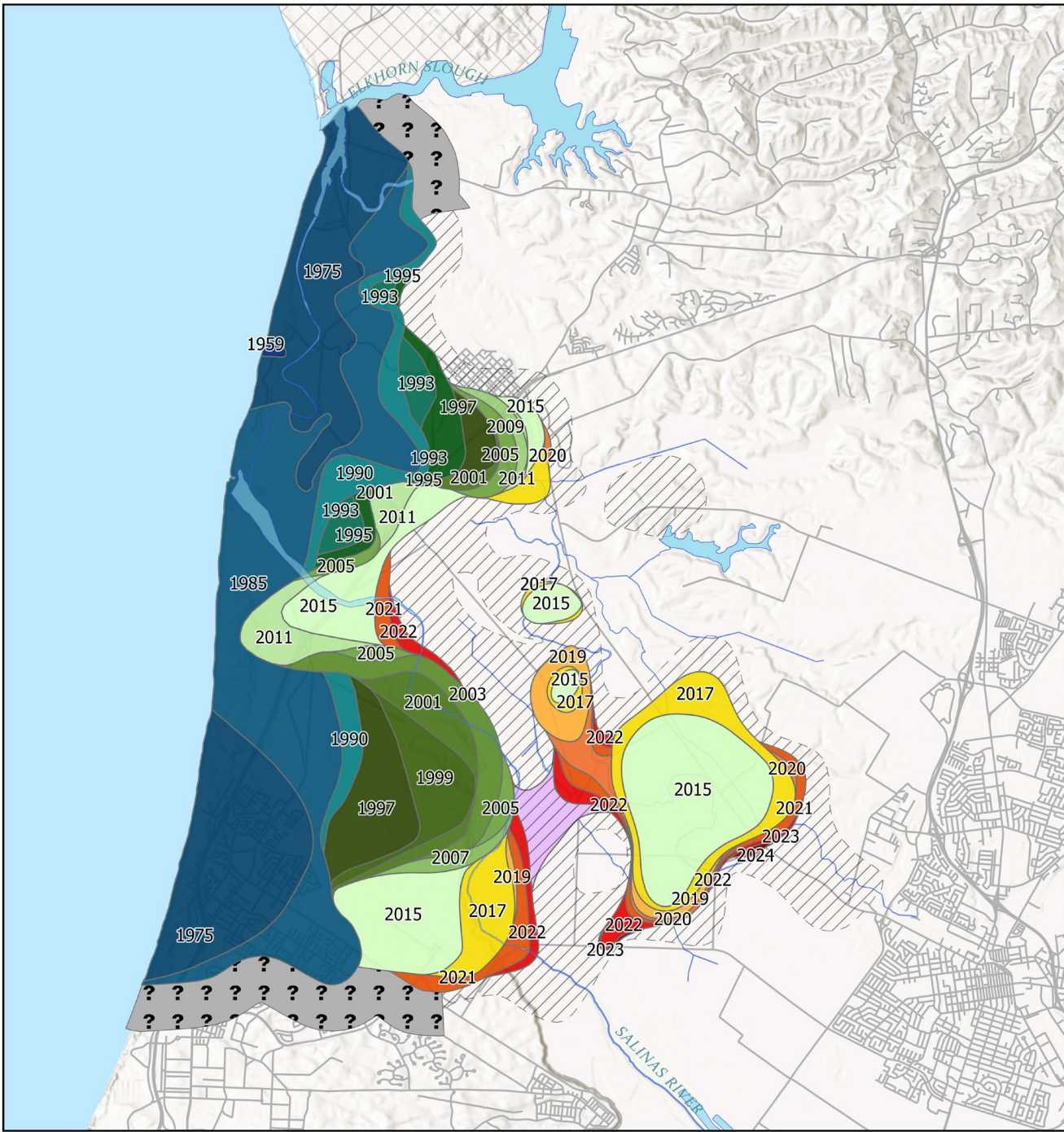
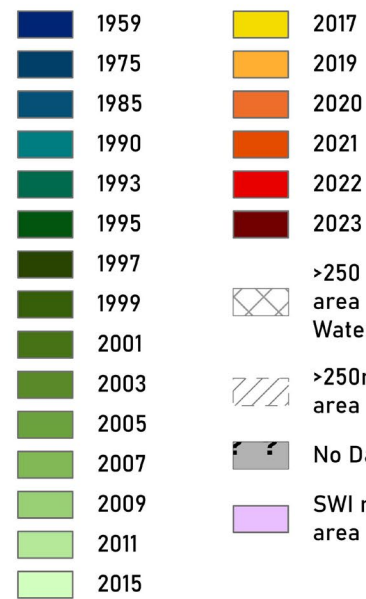


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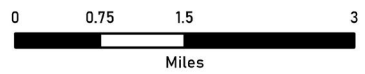
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Areas with 500 mg/L or greater concentration of Chloride in groundwater

## Seawater Intruded Area, by Year



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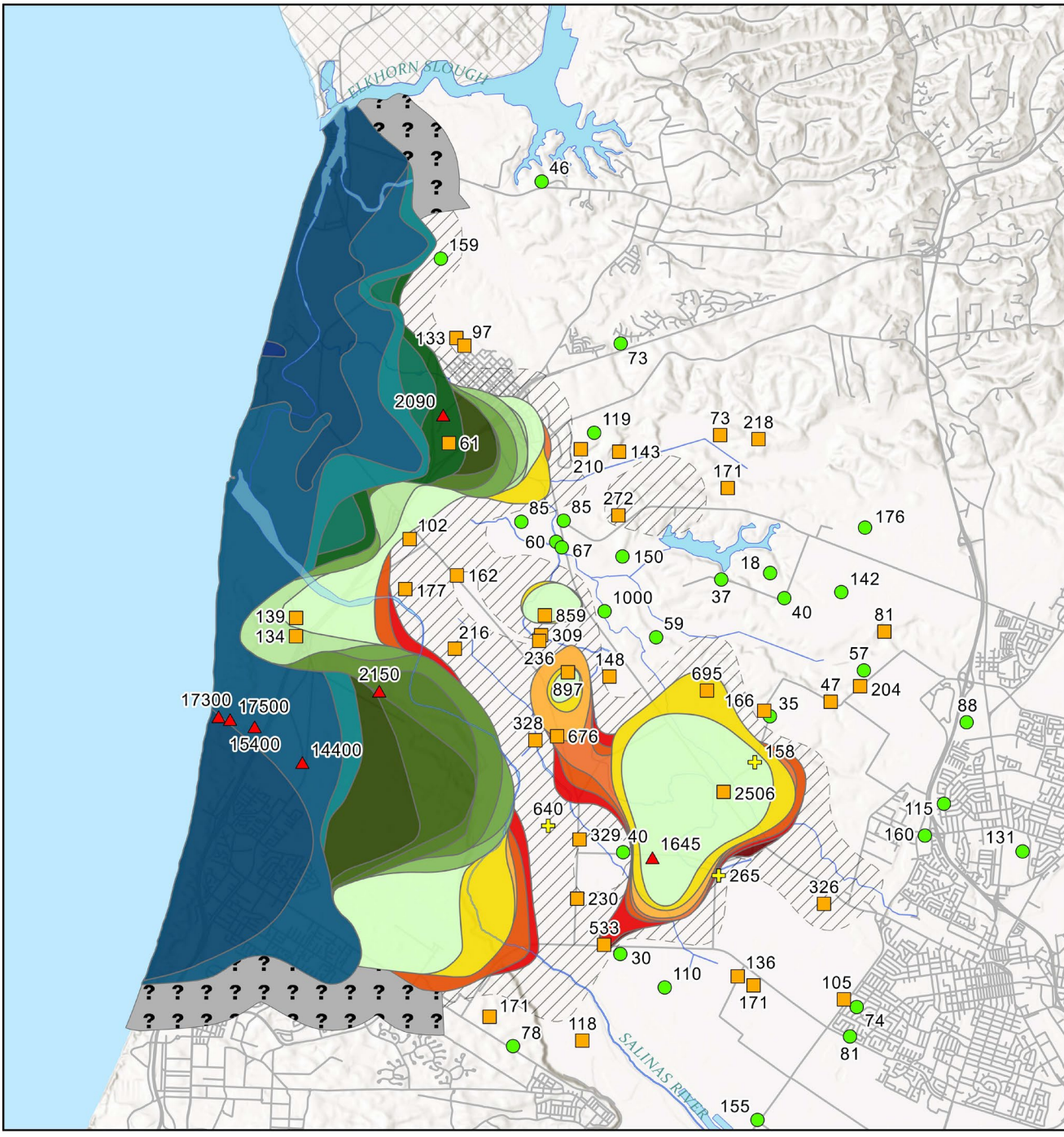
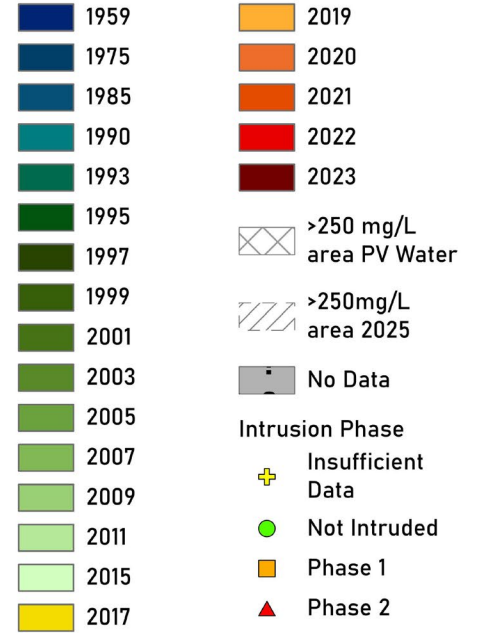


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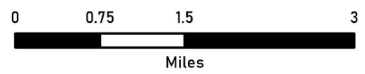
400-Foot Aquifer

Areas with 500 mg/L or greater concentration of Chloride in groundwater

## Seawater Intruded Area, by Year







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# One-Year Chloride Concentration Changes in the 400-Foot Aquifer

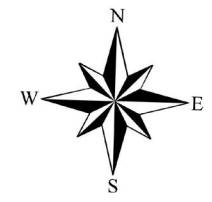
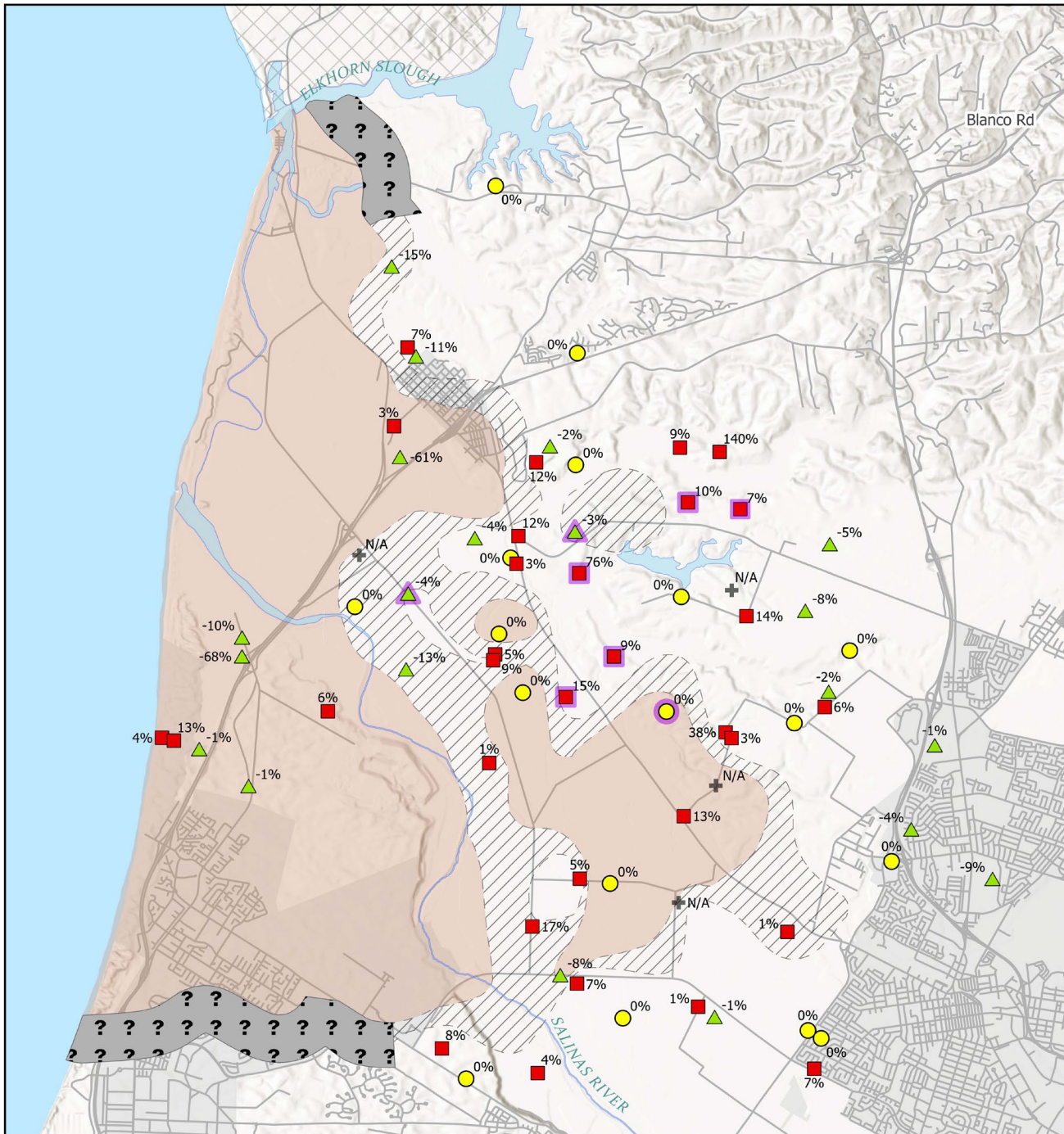
Year 2025

Areas with 500 mg/L or greater concentration of Chloride in groundwater

-  Seawater Intruded Area
-  No Data
-  >250 mg/L area PV Water
-  >250mg/L area 2025

## Percent of Change from 2025 vs. 2024

-  Decreasing Chloride levels
-  No change
-  Increasing chloride levels
-  Inapplicable
-  CSIP Supplemental Wells



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# County of Monterey

## Item No.5

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) is responsible for data collection and analysis of groundwater data throughout the Salinas Valley to support the ongoing groundwater level contouring, seawater intrusion mapping, and other programs related to current groundwater conditions. Conditions are assessed throughout the year to better understand how aquifers are responding during different hydrologic conditions as well as the relative groundwater storage fluctuations that occur on an annual basis.

These activities align with Strategic Plan Goals B7, *Use of data and analysis to make informed decisions based on science* and E1, *improve public outreach to increase transparency, communication, education and information about Agency projects and programs*. Activities related to groundwater level monitoring are part of the Groundwater Monitoring Program, which is included in Fund 111 (1501) of the Agency's FY 25/26 Adopted Budget.

#### OVERVIEW OF 2025 DATA

##### Annual Groundwater Elevation Survey

In the latter part of each fall, from mid-November through December, the Agency measures groundwater levels in approximately 450 wells throughout the Salinas Valley, from the San Ardo oilfields to the coast. The timing of this sampling survey allows the Agency to capture conditions in the groundwater basin at a time when a relative lull in agricultural pumping causes groundwater level troughs to relax, prior to the influence of seasonal recharge in response to winter/spring precipitation. In this way, the Annual survey of groundwater level data is an assessment of the relative, year-to-year change in groundwater storage throughout the valley.

The 2025 Annual contours for the 180-Foot, East Side Shallow, Forebay and Upper Valley Aquifers are included as Attachment A. Compared to the 2024 survey, there was an increase in groundwater elevations between 0 and 1 foot near the coast, with groundwater elevations remaining approximately at sea level. In the East Side Trough, groundwater elevations north of Salinas increased by 3 to 10 feet. Groundwater elevations in the area south of Salinas to Greenfield changed between -1 to 2 feet, and by 0 to 1 foot from Greenfield to the north of San Lucas. South of San Lucas, groundwater elevations were generally within a foot of where they were last year.

The 2025 Annual contours for the 400-Foot and East Side Deep Aquifers are included as

Attachment B. Near the coast, groundwater elevations increased by 0 to 4 feet and are just above sea level at the coast. The East Side trough and groundwater elevations in the area north of Salinas generally increased 4 to 10 feet, with some localized decreases in the southeastern area. Groundwater elevations in the area south of Salinas to Gonzales increased by 1 to 5 feet, with some localized areas experiencing higher increases.

#### Cumulative Groundwater Level Change Chart

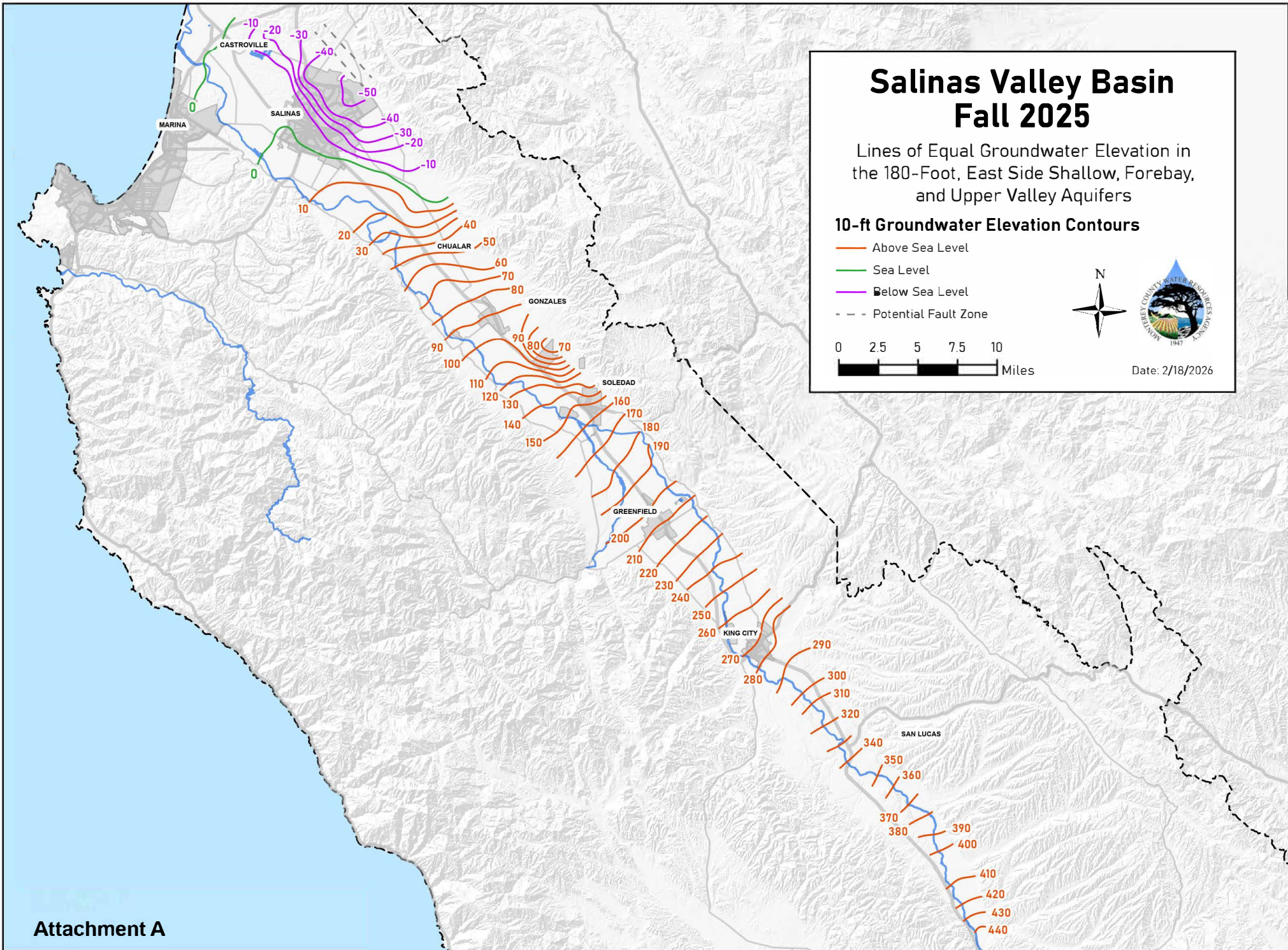
The Cumulative Change Chart is an additional product produced using data from the Annual Groundwater Level Survey. This is a cumulative summary of the average change in groundwater elevations between each annual survey, calculated for each subarea, which helps to give an idea of the groundwater storage changes and trends over time.

For 2025, three of the four subareas showed an increase in groundwater elevations from the previous survey, while the Forebay subarea showed no change. The East Side and Pressure subareas experienced increases of 6.5 feet and 4 feet, respectively, while the Upper Valley subarea increased slightly by 0.3 feet. These trends are similar to last year. The Cumulative Change Chart for 1944-2025 is included as Attachment C with a more detailed summary of the changes in Attachment D.

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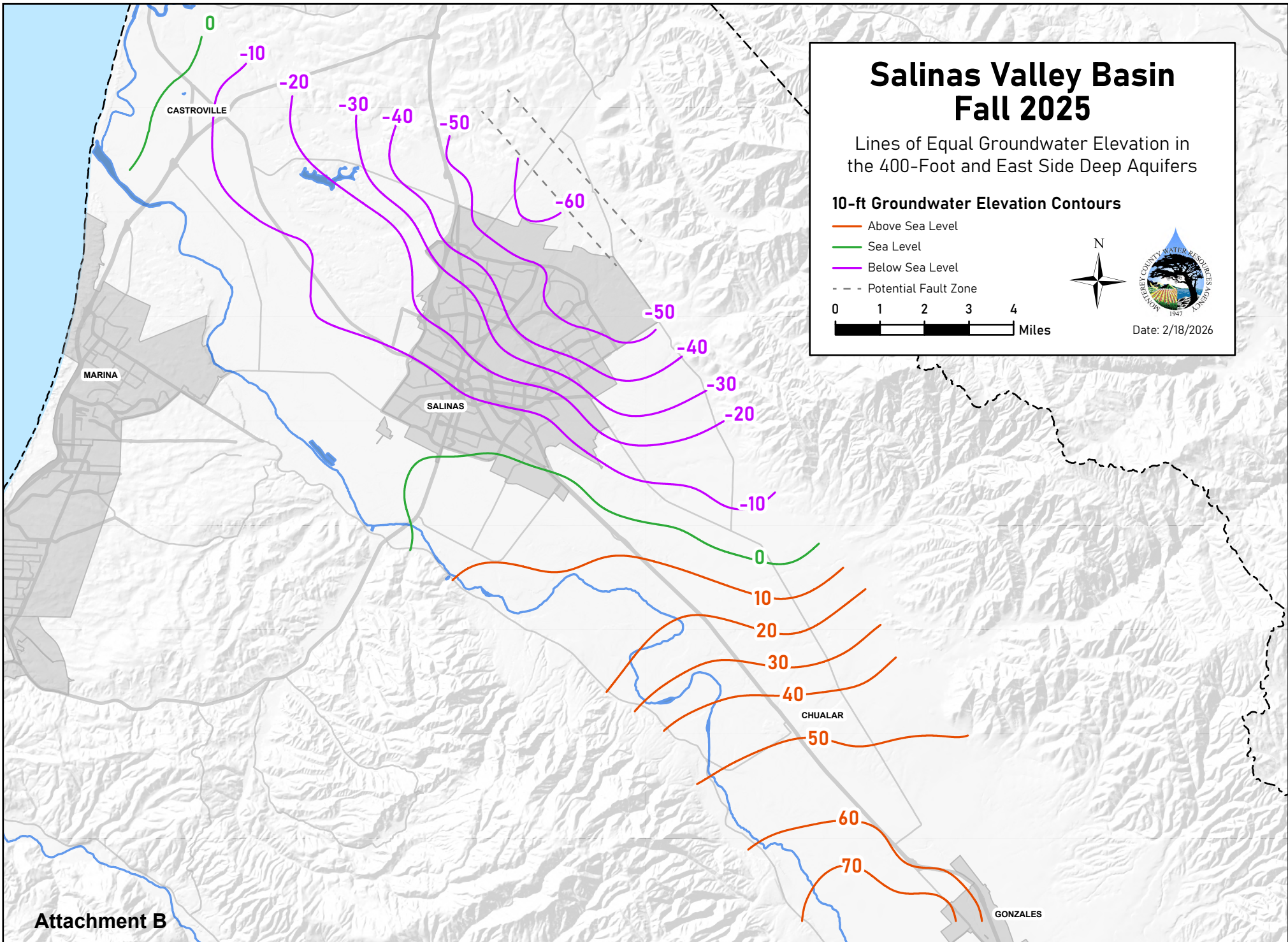
#### Attachments:

- Attachment A: Annual 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 180-Ft and East Side Shallow, Forebay and Upper Valley Aquifers
- Attachment B: Annual 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 400-Ft and East Side Deep Aquifers
- Attachment C: Cumulative Groundwater Level Change Chart, 1944-2025
- Attachment D: Summary of Annual Groundwater Level Changes, 2024 to 2025



**Attachment A**

Note: These groundwater contours represent a regional-scale approximation of the groundwater surface, based on available hydrogeological data, illustrating general groundwater flow patterns. They should not be interpreted as precise or localized features.

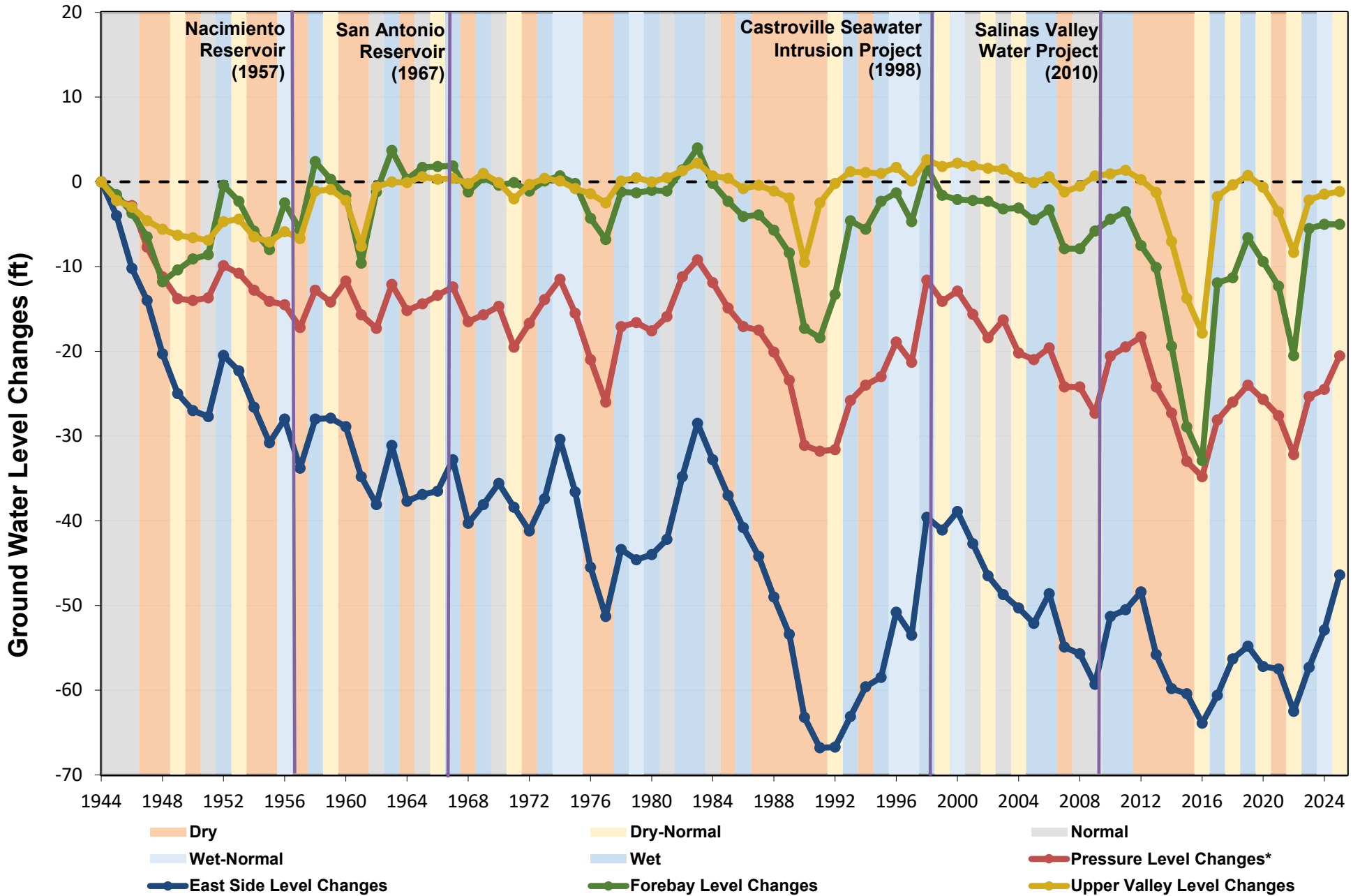


**Attachment B**

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# Salinas Valley Groundwater Level Changes

## 1944 - 2024 Average Annual Groundwater Level Changes



\*Level Changes for the Pressure subarea are calculated using a weighted average between the 180-Ft and the 400-Ft Aquifers.

**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL FALL WELL MEASUREMENTS  
SALINAS VALLEY BASIN**

Change in Elevation of Ground Water from Fall 2024 to  
Fall 2025

<b>Area and Quadrant</b>	<b>No of Wells</b>	<b>Average Change (ft.)</b>	<b>Area and Quadrant</b>	<b>No of Wells</b>	<b>Average Change (ft.)</b>
<b><u>EAST SIDE</u></b>			<b><u>PRESSURE 400</u></b>		
13S/02E	2	2.0	12S/02E	1	3.0
13S/03E	3	13.1	13S/02E	11	3.2
14S/02E	1	16.8	14S/02E	28	4.8
14S/03E	30	6.7	14S/03E	11	10.3
14S/04E	4	6.7	15S/02E	5	3.9
15S/03E	3	5.4	15S/03E	25	5.7
15S/04E	21	7.9	15S/04E	3	4.0
16S/04E	1	0.8	16S/04E	8	0.3
16S/05E	9	1.5	16S/05E	2	5.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<b><u>FOREBAY</u></b>			<b><u>PRESSURE BOTH</u></b>		
16S/05E	4	0.1	16S/04E	1	-0.4
17S/05E	19	2.2	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>-0.4</b>
17S/06E	14	0.7	<b><u>PRESSURE DEEP ZONE</u></b>		
18S/06E	26	-1.5	13S/01E	2	1.0
18S/07E	8	-0.1	13S/02E	4	1.5
19S/06E	2	-5.3	14S/01E	4	0.3
19S/07E	4	-0.1	14S/02E	12	3.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>0.0</b>	14S/03E	1	-6.6
<b><u>PRESSURE 180</u></b>			15S/02E	2	1.9
13S/02E	3	0.5	15S/03E	3	0.8
14S/02E	18	2.8	16S/05E	1	5.2
14S/03E	7	5.6	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1.9</b>
15S/02E	2	7.6	<b><u>UPPER VALLEY</u></b>		
15S/03E	9	3.9	19S/07E	7	0.7
15S/04E	1	1.6	19S/08E	3	0.1
16S/04E	13	-0.2	20S/08E	7	0.8
16S/05E	6	0.0	21S/08E	1	2.4
17S/04E	1	-0.3	21S/09E	6	0.4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>2.3</b>	21S/10E	1	0.1
			22S/10E	7	-0.6
			23S/10E	2	-0.3
			<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0.3</b>

**TOTAL VALLEY WELLS COMPARED: 369**  
**AVERAGE CHANGE FOR THE SALINAS VALLEY (FT.): 3.2**

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# County of Monterey

## Item No.6

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

# County of Monterey

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Monday, March 16, 2026

12:30 PM

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Participacion en Reuniones:

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1. Podar asistir personalmente a la reunion; o,

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**Call to Order at 12:30 P.M.**

**The Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm (due to tech issues recording started at 1:10pm) after Budget Workshop Meeting concluded.**

**Roll Call**

**Present: Matt Simis, Jason Smith, Mark Gonzalez, Jon Conatser, Mike LeBarre, Ken Ekelund Mike Scattini**

**Absent: John Baillie, Deidre Sullivan**

**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.**

**No Corrections**

**Public Comment**

**None**

**Presentations**

1. Overview of the December 2025 Strategic Plan Update Workshop and Final Report. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

**Director Comments: Matt Simis, Mike LeBarre**

**Public Comments: None**

2. Receive an update on staff's participation in the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Advisory Committee. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

**Director Comments: Ken Ekelund, Matt Simis, Mike Scattini, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez.**

**Public Comments: Thomas Virsik (via Zoom)**

3. Review of Board of Directors Roles and Responsibilities. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

**Director Comments: Matt Simis, Jason Smith**

**Public Comments: None**

**Consent Calendar**

4. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 17, 2026.

**Upon Motion by Director Mark Gonzalez, Second by Jason Smith the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar.**

**Ayes: Jason Smith, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Jon Conatser, Mike Scattini, Ken Ekelund, Mike LeBarre**

**Noes: None**

**Absent: Deidre Sullivan, John Baillie**

**Abstained: None**

**Recused: None**

**Director Comments: None**

**Public Comments: None**

5. Approve Amendment No.1 to the Agreement for Services with Pacific Coast Well Drilling, Inc. DBA Precision Hydro for Well Repair Services for CSIP Well 10H01, to add to the Scope of Work and, to add a dollar increase of \$95,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$191,770; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1.
6. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with Pilot Sandblasting and Coatings, Inc. for sandblasting and coating services for Agency facilities, to add a dollar increase of \$150,000 for a

total contract amount not to exceed \$390,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2.

### **Key Information and Calendar of Events**

**Director Comments: None**

**Public Comments: None**

7. March 2026 and April 2026 Calendars

### **General Manager's Report**

**Director Comments: None**

**Public Comments: None**

8.
  1. Personnel
  2. Groundwater Monitoring Program
  3. Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework
  4. Town Creek Association Request to Construct a Boat Ramp on Agency Property
  5. Dam Safety & Operations Future Funding Strategy

### **Committee Reports**

**Director Comments: Ken Ekelund, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez**

**Public Comments: None**

9. Committee Agenda's for February 2026 and March 2026:
  - Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee Rescheduled Notice
  - Water Resources Agency Water Resources Advisory Committee Agenda
  - Water Resources Agency Planning Committee Meeting Agenda
  - Water Resources Agency Finance & Administration Committee Meeting Agenda

### **Information Items**

**Director Comments: None**

**Public Comments: None**

10. Reservoir and Storage Release Update. (Staff: Joseph Klein)
11. Water Year 2026 Quarter one Salinas Valley Water Conditions Report. (Staff: Amanda Cusenza, Guillermo Diaz-Moreno, Amy Woodrow)

### **Correspondence**

**Director Comments: None**

**Public Comments: None**

12.
  1. Correspondence dated February 27, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Board of Directors, Monterey County Water Resources, from Thomas Adcock, President Alco Water Service re: Notice of Preparation of Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan - 2025 Update.

**Board of Directors Comments**

**Jason Smith, Mark Gonzalez**

**Adjournment**

**The Meeting adjourned at 2:46**



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#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

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#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“Agency”) is working on multiple efforts to scope studies to evaluate the economic benefits of Nacimiento and San Antonio dams and dam operations to help inform future cost allocation and recovery proposals. One of these efforts is the proposed Dam Materiality General Benefits Study (“Study”) that will be conducted by One Water Econ, LLP (“One Water Econ”).

One Water Econ will provide a forward-looking, comprehensive assessment of the economic impacts and public benefits generated by Agency infrastructure (Attachment 1). The work will focus on how identified benefits accrue broadly to the public to inform the allocation and recovery of costs across beneficiaries, using economic models and tools rather than hydrologic modeling as was utilized for prior efforts like the 2024 Historical Benefits Analysis Update.

Throughout the Study, One Water Econ will coordinate with other consultants engaged by the Agency and/or Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and staff from the County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner’s Office, to ensure mutual understanding and alignment of data input and analysis.

On April 3, 2026, the Agency’s Finance and Administration Committee supported staff’s recommendation for this Agreement.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

This agreement is financed by the fund balance of Fund 111. The total amount needed for this agreement in the current fiscal year (FY) is estimated at \$67,000 and is included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues in Fund 111 are included in the FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget. The remainder of the Study costs (approximately \$124,000) would be needed in FY 2026-2027.

Prepared by: Amy Woodrow, Senior Hydrologist, (831) 755-4860

Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

Attachments:

1. Agreement for Services with One Water Econ, LLP

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES**

This is an agreement (“Agreement”) between the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, hereinafter called "Agency," and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "CONTRACTOR".

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Work.** Agency hereby engages CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform the services set forth in Exhibit A, in conformity with the terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will complete all work in accordance with the **Scope of Work/Work Schedule set forth in Exhibit A:**
  - (a) The scope of work is briefly described and outlined as follows:
  - (b) The CONTRACTOR shall perform its services under this agreement in accordance with usual and customary care and with generally accepted practices in effect at the time the services are rendered. The CONTRACTOR and its agents and employees performing work hereunder are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required by this Agreement.
  - (c) CONTRACTOR, its agents and employees shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.
  - (d) CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials and equipment necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided herein. CONTRACTOR shall not use Agency premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations hereunder.
2. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on \_\_\_\_\_, by CONTRACTOR and Agency, and will terminate on \_\_\_\_\_, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

3. Payments to CONTRACTOR; maximum liability. Subject to the limitations set forth herein, Agency shall pay CONTRACTOR in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit B. The maximum amount payable to CONTRACTOR under this contract is \_\_\_\_\_, (\$\_\_\_\_\_).

4. Monthly Invoices by CONTRACTOR; Payment.

- (a) CONTRACTOR shall submit to Agency an invoice, in a format approved by Agency, setting forth the amounts claimed by CONTRACTOR, together with an itemized basis for such amounts, and setting forth such other pertinent information Agency may require. CONTRACTOR shall submit such invoice monthly or as agreed by Agency, but in no event shall such invoice be submitted later than 30 days after completion of CONTRACTOR's work hereunder. Agency shall certify the claim if it complies with this contract and shall promptly submit such claim to the Monterey County Auditor-Controller, who shall pay the certified amount within 30 days after receiving the invoice certified by Agency. It is understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR shall complete all work described in Exhibit A for an amount not exceeding that set forth above, notwithstanding CONTRACTOR's submission of periodic invoices.
- (b) CONTRACTOR shall submit to Agency an invoice via email to [WRAAccountsPayable@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAAccountsPayable@countyofmonterey.gov) and to the Contract Administrator listed in Section 27.
- (c) CONTRACTOR agrees that Agency may withhold five percent (5%) of the amount requested by CONTRACTOR from any progress payment, until such time as all goods and services are received in a manner and form acceptable to Agency.
- (d) If, as of the date of execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR has already received payment from Agency for work which is the subject of this Agreement, such amounts shall be deemed to have been paid under this Agreement and shall be counted toward Agency's maximum liability set forth above.
- (e) CONTRACTOR shall not be reimbursed for travel expenses unless expressly approved in writing in accordance with this Agreement.

5. Indemnification. CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the Agency its officers, agents, and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities, and losses whatsoever (including damages to property and injuries to or death of persons, court costs, and reasonable attorneys' fees) occurring or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations furnishing or supplying work, services, materials, or supplies in connection with the performance of this Agreement, and from any and all claims, liabilities, and losses occurring or resulting to any person, firm, or corporation for damage, injury, or death arising out of or connected with the CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement,

unless such claims, liabilities, or losses arise out of the sole negligence, active negligence, or willful misconduct of the Agency. “CONTRACTOR’s performance” includes CONTRACTOR’s action or inaction and the action or inaction of CONTRACTOR’s officers, employees, agents and subcontractors.

6. Insurance.

6.1 Evidence of Coverage:

Prior to commencement of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide a “Certificate of Insurance” certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition, the Contractor upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies.

This verification of coverage shall be sent to the Agency. The CONTRACTOR shall not receive a “Notice to Proceed” with the work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required and such, insurance has been approved by the Agency. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the CONTRACTOR.

6.2 Qualifying Insurers:

All coverages, except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder’s alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A VII, according to the current A.M. Best’s Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by the Agency.

6.3 Insurance Coverage Requirements:

Without limiting CONTRACTOR’s duty to indemnify, CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect throughout the term of this Agreement a policy or policies of insurance with the following minimum limits of liability:

Commercial General Liability Insurance: including but not limited to premises and operations, including coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Broad form Property Damage, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these general liability insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to Agency approval.)*

Auto Liability Coverage: must include motor vehicles, including scheduled, non-owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit or Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these auto insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to Agency approval.)*

Workers' Compensation Insurance: if CONTRACTOR employs others in the performance of this Agreement, in accordance with California Labor Code section 3700 and with Employer's Liability limits not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each disease.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these workers' compensation insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to Agency approval.)*

Professional Liability Insurance: if required for the professional services being provided, (e.g., those persons authorized by a license to engage in a business or profession regulated by the California Business and Professions Code), in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to cover liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a "claims-made" basis rather than an occurrence basis, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, obtain extended reporting coverage ("tail coverage") with the same liability limits. Any such tail coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

*(Note: Professional liability insurance coverage is required if the contractor is providing a professional service regulated by the state. Examples of service providers regulated by the state are insurance agents, professional architects and engineers, doctors, certified public accountants, lawyers, etc. However, other professional Contractors, such as computer or software designers, technology services, and services providers such as claims administrators, should also have professional liability. If in doubt, consult with your risk or contract manager.)*

If the contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the Agency requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the contractor.

#### 6.4 Other Insurance Requirements.

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to the Agency and issued and executed by an admitted insurer authorized to transact Insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise specified by this Agreement, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of three years following the date CONTRACTOR completes its performance of services under this Agreement.

Each liability policy shall provide that the Agency shall be given notice in writing at

least thirty days in advance of any endorsed reduction in coverage or limit, cancellation, or intended non-renewal thereof. Each policy shall provide coverage for Contractor and additional insureds with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this Agreement, or be accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.

Additional Insured Status:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the auto liability policy for liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of the Contractor. Auto liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the commercial general liability policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

Primary Coverage:

For any claims related to this contract, the CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory and at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.

Workers' Compensation Waiver of Subrogation:

The workers' compensation policy required hereunder shall be endorsed to state that the workers' compensation carrier waives its right of subrogation against Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers, which might arise by reason of payment under such policy in connection with performance under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR. Should CONTRACTOR be self-insured for workers' compensation, CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to waive its right of subrogation against Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement by the Agency, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance and endorsements with the Agency, showing that the CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five calendar days after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the

information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify or change the indemnification clause in this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall always during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by Agency, annual certificates to Agency. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, Agency shall notify CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall have five calendar days to send in the certificate, evidencing no lapse in coverage during the interim. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance is a default of this Agreement, which entitles Agency, at its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement immediately.

7. Maintenance of Records. CONTRACTOR shall prepare, maintain and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal, State, and local rules and regulations relating to services performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall retain all such records for at least five years from the date of final payment, or until any litigation relating to this Agreement is concluded, whichever is later.
8. Format of Deliverables. For this section, “Deliverables” shall mean all electronic documents CONTRACTOR provides to the Agency under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall ensure all Deliverables comply with the requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (“WCAG”) 2.1, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”). CONTRACTOR bears the burden to deliver Deliverables, such as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (“PDF”) and Microsoft Office files, complying with WCAG 2.1. CONTRACTOR shall defend and indemnify the Agency against any breach of this Section. This Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Find more on Accessibility at this State Website: <https://webstandards.ca.gov/accessibility/>.
9. Right to Audit at Any Time. Agency officials shall have the right, at any time during regular working hours and on reasonable advance notice, to examine, monitor and audit all work performed and all records, documents, conditions, activities and procedures of CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors relating to this Agreement. Government Code section 8546.7 provides that an audit by the State Auditor General may be performed up to three years after the final payment under any contract involving the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000.
10. Confidentiality; Return of Records. CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all federal, State and local laws providing for the confidentiality of records and other information. To the extent permitted by applicable law and regulations, CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality with respect to Agency's well database and other water use data.

CONTRACTOR shall not disclose any confidential information received from Agency or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement without the express permission of Agency. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to Agency all requests for disclosure of any such confidential information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any confidential information gained through the performance of this Agreement except for the purpose of carrying out CONTRACTOR's obligations hereunder. When this Agreement expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to Agency all records, which

CONTRACTOR utilized or received, from Agency to perform services under this Agreement.

11. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination, which date shall be specified in any such notice. In the event of such termination, the amount payable hereunder shall be reduced in proportion to the services provided prior to the effective date of termination. Agency may terminate this Agreement at any time for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. "Good cause" includes, without limitation, the failure of CONTRACTOR to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided herein. If Agency terminates this Agreement for good cause, Agency may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to CONTRACTOR, and Agency may proceed with the work in any manner, which it deems proper. Costs incurred by Agency thereby shall be deducted from any sum due CONTRACTOR.
12. Amendments and Modifications. No modification or amendment of this agreement shall be valid unless it is set forth in writing and executed by the parties.
13. Non-Discrimination. Throughout the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition, marital status, age older than 40, or sexual orientation, gender identity or any other status protected under federal, state or local law, either in CONTRACTOR's employment practices or in the furnishing of services to recipients. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and all persons receiving and requesting services are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR shall comply fully with all federal, State and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The provision of services primarily or exclusively to any target population designated herein shall not be deemed prohibited discrimination.
14. Independent Contractor. In its performance under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is at all times acting and performing as an independent CONTRACTOR and not an employee of Agency. No offer or obligation of employment with Agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from Agency any form of benefits accorded to employees including without limitation leave time, health insurance, workers compensation coverage, disability benefits, and retirement contributions. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable taxes, including without limitation federal and State income taxes and social security arising out of CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Agency from any and all liability, which Agency may incur because of CONTRACTOR's failure to make such payments.
15. Delegation of Duties; Subcontracting. CONTRACTOR is engaged by Agency for its unique qualifications and abilities. CONTRACTOR may not, therefore, delegate any of its basic duties under this Agreement, except to the extent that delegation to CONTRACTOR's employees is contemplated herein. No work shall be subcontracted without the written

consent of Agency, except as provided in this Agreement or its attachments. Notwithstanding any subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable to Agency for the performance of all work hereunder. CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without Agency's prior written consent.

16. Agency's Rights in Work Product. All original materials prepared by CONTRACTOR in connection with its work hereunder -- including but not limited to computer codes, customized computer routines developed using proprietary or commercial software packages, reports, documents, maps, graphs, charts, photographs and photographic negatives -- shall be the property of Agency and shall be delivered to Agency prior to final payment. CONTRACTOR may utilize any existing materials developed by CONTRACTOR prior to commencement of work under this Agreement, which materials shall remain the property of CONTRACTOR.
17. Independent Contractor Compliance with Government Code Section 1097.6(c). This section applies to those situations when a contractor/consultant is awarded a Contract for a preliminary phase of a project, with future phases to be bid separately. This section does not apply to those situations when a Contract is awarded for multiple phases of a project under a single contract/proposal. When applicable, and as described below, CONTRACTOR's duties and services under this Agreement shall not include preparing or assisting the Agency with any portion of the Agency's preparation of a request for proposals, request for qualifications, or any other solicitation regarding a subsequent or additional contract with the Agency. The Agency shall at all times retain responsibility for public contracting, including with respect to any subsequent phase stemming from this Agreement. CONTRACTOR's participation in the planning, discussions, or drawing of project plans or specifications shall be limited to conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with the Agency to ensure that all bidders for a subsequent contract on any subsequent phase of this project, if applicable, have access to the same information, including all conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications prepared by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement.
18. Compliance with Terms of Federal or State Grant. If any part of this Agreement has been or will be funded pursuant to a grant from the federal or State government in which Agency is the grantee, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all provisions of such grant applicable to CONTRACTOR's work hereunder, and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth herein.
19. Conflict of Interest. CONTRACTOR warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest during the term of this Agreement, which would directly or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with its full and complete performance of all services under this Agreement.
20. Governing Laws. This Agreement is entered into in the County of Monterey, State of California, and shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The parties hereby agree that the County of Monterey shall be the proper

venue for any dispute arising hereunder.

21. Compliance with Applicable Law. The parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in performing this Agreement.
22. Construction of Agreement. The parties agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any exhibit or amendment. To that end, it is understood and agreed that this Agreement has been arrived at through negotiation, and that neither party is to be deemed the party which prepared this Agreement within the meaning of Civil Code section 1654. Section and paragraph headings appearing herein are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.
23. Waiver. Any waiver of any term or condition hereof must be in writing. No such waiver shall be construed as a waiver of any other term or condition herein.
24. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement and all rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns and heirs.
25. Contractor. The term “CONTRACTOR” as used in this Agreement includes CONTRACTOR’s officers, agents, and employees acting on Contractor’s behalf in the performance of this Agreement.
26. Interpretation of Conflicting Provisions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any exhibit or other attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and control.
27. Time is of the Essence. The parties mutually acknowledge and agree that time is of the essence with respect to every provision hereof in which time is an element. No extension of time for performance of any obligation or act shall be deemed an extension of time for performance of any other obligation or act, nor shall any such extension create a precedent for any further or future extension.
28. Contract Administrators.

CONTRACTOR's designated principal responsible for administering CONTRACTOR's work under this Agreement shall be:

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Agency’s designated administrator of this Agreement shall be:

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29. Notices. Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by electronic facsimile, or by first class or certified mail with postage prepaid. Notice shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or facsimile transmission, or on the third day after deposit with the U.S. Postal Service. CONTRACTOR shall give Agency prompt notice of any change of address. Unless otherwise changed according to these notice provisions, notices shall be addressed as follows:

<b>TO AGENCY</b>	<b>TO CONTRACTOR</b>
Name: _____	Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Telephone: _____	Telephone: _____
Fax: _____	Fax: _____
E-Mail: _____	E-Mail: _____

30. Electronic Deliverables. Where feasible, all reports, documents and other printed information provided to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted in both written and Electronic formats.

31. Non-exclusive Agreement. This Agreement is non-exclusive and both parties reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.

32. Execution of Agreement. Any individual executing this Agreement on behalf of an entity represents and warrants that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such entity and to bind the entity to the terms and conditions hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.

33. Exhibits. The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated by reference:

Exhibit A - Scope of Work/ Work Schedule

Exhibit B - Fee Schedule

34. Entire Agreement. As of the effective date of this Agreement, this document, including all exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes any and all prior written or oral negotiations and representations between the parties concerning all matters relating to the subject of this Agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AGENCY and CONTRACTOR execute this agreement as follows:

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER  
RESOURCES AGENCY:**

**CONTRACTOR:**

BY:

BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ara Azhderian  
General Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Type Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Date:

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BY:

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Type Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title:

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Date:

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\* INSTRUCTIONS: If CONTRACTOR is a corporation (including limited liability and nonprofit corporations), the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth together with the signatures of two specified officers. If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth together with the signature of a partner with authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If CONTRACTOR is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of his or her business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement.

( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
**Agreement/Amendment No #** ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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Approved as to form <sup>1</sup>:

Approved as to fiscal provisions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Assistant County Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Analyst

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counsel – Risk Manager:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor-Controller <sup>2</sup>:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Approval by County Counsel is required, and/or when legal services are rendered

<sup>2</sup>Approval by Auditor-Controller is required

**EXHIBIT A**  
**SCOPE OF WORK/WORK SCHEDULE**

## Scope of Work

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**To:** Amy Woodrow, Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
**From:** Claire Sheridan and Janet Clements, One Water Econ  
**Date:** April 10, 2026  
**Re:** Economic Impacts and Ecosystem Service Benefits of MCWRA Infrastructure

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### Background

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) would like One Water Econ to conduct a forward-looking, comprehensive assessment of the economic impacts and public benefits generated by the water infrastructure it has developed and manages. This assessment will focus on how these benefits accrue broadly to the public, with a particular focus on the residents of Monterey County. The goals of this effort include:

- Assess current and future economic activity supported by MCWRA infrastructure.
- Value the ecosystem service and environmental benefits supported by MCWRA infrastructure.
- Inform the allocation and recovery of costs across beneficiaries.
- Ensure consistency with parallel / related analyses that have been commissioned by MCWRA and partner agencies.

This memorandum outlines One Water Econ’s scope of work for completing this assessment.

Throughout this project, as directed by the Agency, our team will coordinate with economic teams engaged by the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA), the County of Monterey Agricultural Commissioner’s Office, and other MCWRA consultants to ensure mutual understanding, align data inputs and analyses, and coordinate recommendations related to cost allocation and recovery mechanisms.

### Scope of Work

MCWRA’s infrastructure provides essential water supply reliability for a predominantly agricultural region. Reliable water supplies during dry periods sustain agricultural growers, ranchers, farm and ranch workers, and the broader local economy. In addition, MCWRA’s infrastructure and the water resources it manages provide a range of public benefits, including habitat provision, recreation, power generation, and other ecosystem services.

The Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs, along with the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SDRF), support surface water flows and ground water recharge; this analysis will not differentiate the benefits of water by source.

#### Task 1: Project Management

Project management activities will ensure clear communication, efficient coordination, and timely delivery of all work products. Key tasks include:

- Virtual kick-off meeting to review this scope of work and ensure all parties are aligned with the approach, timeline, and data needs.

- Virtual participation in two (2) meetings per month with the MCWRA project manager to communicate progress, submit data requests, and update timelines, assuming a total of 16 project meetings (April – December 2026). One Water Econ staff will coordinate scheduling of meetings, providing agendas and notes.
- Virtual participation in five (5) consulting teams coordination meetings (as described in Task 5)
- Virtual participation in up to two (2) public meetings (such as an Agency committee or Board meeting), with the possibility of in-person attendance as needed. The attached budget includes one (1) in-person meeting attendance for two (2) One Water Econ personnel.
- Virtual participation in up to two (2) stakeholder workshops to present report findings. This task includes time and budget for preparation of materials for distribution. Stakeholder workshops could be combined with in-person attendance of public meetings as desired.
- Prepare and submit monthly invoices and progress reports.

## Task 2: Economic Impacts of MCWRA Infrastructure

Under Task 2, One Water Econ will quantify the economic activity supported by MCWRA’s management of local water resources and infrastructure. This task focuses on economic impacts—the direct, indirect, and induced economic activity associated with enhanced agricultural production and other water-dependent activities. In contrast, Task 3 evaluates economic benefits, including ecosystem services and non-market values.

### Task 2.1 Agricultural Impacts

Reliable water supplies supported by MCWRA infrastructure allow farmers to avoid crop losses during drought, maintain or improve crop quality and yields, and in some cases extend the growing season. Agriculture, in turn, drives employment, tax revenues, food-processing activity, and broader economic ripple effects across Monterey County and the region. Without reliable water, irrigated agriculture would produce less during dry years, and growers would likely shift to lower-value crops or fallow land during extended drought.

To quantify these impacts, One Water Econ will evaluate how reduced water availability affects crop yields and grower behavior across crop types. The ongoing Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) analysis (led by ERA Economics) provides a strong foundation for understanding farm-level responses to water scarcity. We will coordinate closely with the SVBGSA team to streamline data gathering, avoid duplication, and ensure alignment of data inputs and assumptions.

In addition, under this task our team will:

- Review relevant literature, such as the Monterey County Agricultural Commissioner’s November 2025 report, *Economic Contributions of Monterey County Agriculture*, which provides a strong, sector-wide baseline.
- Conduct interviews with five to seven growers in various agricultural sectors, and other knowledgeable experts identified by MCWRA staff, to understand how reduced water supply affects production levels, crop quality, and growing season.
- Compile spatial data and reports on irrigated agriculture and rangeland and use historical weather data and climate forecasts to estimate how often MCWRA infrastructure will likely prevent reductions (or changes) in irrigated crop production in future years.

All data/analyses will be organized by DWR Bulletin 118 subbasins to reflect current management units. Modeling results from the SVBGSA analysis will inform assumptions about grower responses to reduced water availability and help establish the “no infrastructure” scenario. One Water Econ will apply crop-specific assumptions about irrigator behavior under different water conditions and scale these assumptions based on irrigated acreage in Monterey County. MCWRA and key stakeholders will review and refine assumptions before economic modeling begins.

To quantify the economic impacts of enhanced water supply reliability for agriculture, we will use IMPLAN for Monterey County and surrounding counties. IMPLAN is an industry-standard input-output model that allows us to estimate the “ripple effects” (i.e., indirect and induced impacts) of an economic event within a local economy. In this case, we will use IMPLAN to estimate how reduced agricultural production under a “no MCWRA management alternative” would affect local economic output, employment, labor income, spending, and tax revenues. In addition to capturing impacts to sectors that supply the agricultural industry, IMPLAN recently introduced a forward linkages model, allowing us to better capture impacts on local industries that rely on Monterey County agricultural products. IMPLAN is a county level model; One Water Econ will tailor the model, as necessary, to match agricultural production within the Salinas Valley specifically.

### Task 2.2 Water Dependent Industries Impacts

A recent analysis by SVBGSA indicates that domestic, municipal, commercial, and industrial sectors also face challenges from declining groundwater levels and seawater intrusion. Under this subtask, we will extend the water supply reliability analysis beyond agriculture to evaluate how other economic sectors dependent on reliable water supply respond to changes in water availability and/or quality.

This work will include:

- Reviewing relevant literature to understand how reduced water availability affects business operations, employment, and investment decisions across Monterey County.
- Quantifying the economic output, jobs, and tax revenues MCWRA infrastructure facilitates by providing clean and reliable water supplies.

One Water Econ has conducted similar analyses at the national and local levels, using data inputs from IMPLAN as well as relevant literature on the impacts of water supply disruptions to water dependent industries. We will adapt these methods to Monterey County’s industrial and commercial landscape to estimate the economic ripple effects of water reliability across non-agricultural sectors.

### Task 2.3 Recreation Impacts

Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs generate significant economic activity by supporting recreation. Visitors pay entry fees, stay in local hotels, dine in restaurants, purchase fuel, and buy recreational equipment. Data collected for the 2024 Historical Benefits Analysis (HBA) Report—including visitation, visitor expenditures, and activity types—can be used as inputs to IMPLAN to estimate the economic impacts of reservoir-based recreation in Monterey County, including output, jobs, wages, and tax revenues generated annually.

This valuation focuses on economic activity and differs from the consumer welfare analysis described in Task 3.3, which will estimate recreational benefits from a broader public-value perspective.

### Task 3: Ecosystem Services and Environmental Benefits associated with MCWRA Infrastructure/Management

The purpose of Task 3 is to quantify and describe the ecosystem service and environmental benefits supported by MCWRA infrastructure. These benefits extend beyond direct economic activity (described under Task 2) and include the public value of agricultural landscapes, habitat and fisheries, recreation, and hydropower-related improvements.

#### Task 3.1: Benefits of Irrigated Agriculture and Rangeland

MCWRA infrastructure supports a stable and productive agricultural economy, and the agricultural landscapes it sustains provide a wide range of public benefits. Several agricultural communities in California have quantified the values of agricultural conservation easements, such as the Sonoma County Ag + Open Space [Healthy Lands & Health Economies](#) report; similar reports exist for agricultural lands in Santa Cruz and Santa Clara Counties. Our team will conduct a similar analysis, adapting methods and findings to Monterey County’s agricultural landscape.

Interviews with agricultural growers and other experts in Task 2 will inform the range of benefits provided by MCWRA infrastructure. To supplement this information, our team will conduct three to five additional interviews with local and state government entities that have evaluated agricultural benefits, such as the California Department of Food and Agriculture’s (CDFA’s) Office of Environmental Farming and Innovation (OEFI), and the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County. These interviews will help identify the full suite of potential benefits associated with irrigated farmland and pasture and support the selection of at least five priority benefits for quantitative evaluation. Benefits not amenable to quantification will be described qualitatively.

Agriculture-related benefits that may be evaluated include:

- **Wildlife habitat** – farmland and pasture can provide habitat for resident and transient wildlife (e.g. migratory birds)
- **Recreation and cultural** – farmland can provide a scenic backdrop and/or specific places for wildlife viewing, nature walks, outdoor recreation, entertainment, and educational experiences
- **Pollinator support** – farmland can provide habitat for pollinators that can help pollinate wild and cultivated plants
- **Nutrient cycling** – farmland can provide buffers that can help sequester and cycle nutrients such as nitrogen and phosphorus
- **Carbon storage** – farmland can store carbon over time, including when cultivated with specific conservation practices that encourage carbon storage
- **Wildfire protection** – agricultural areas can help protect people and property from wildfires
- **Soil Structure, Stability and Fertility** – maintaining healthy soils can reduce erosion, prevent landslides, suppress pathogens, sequester carbon, and purify water

Results from a high-level screening analysis will be presented to MCWRA during a regularly scheduled management call to prioritize and establish appropriate and desired benefits to be valued. The selected benefits will be quantified using willingness-to-pay studies, avoided cost approaches, and standard benefit transfer methods. Where relevant, values will be estimated under different water-availability conditions.

### Task 3.2: Benefits Biodiversity and Habitat from Fish Flows

Evaluating the habitat and fisheries benefits of MCWRA infrastructure requires a distinct analytical approach. Rather than comparing conditions with and without infrastructure, we will compare the value of habitat created under the current reservoir operational practices fish-flow prescription instituted in 2010 to the habitat that would have been lost without these releases.

Our team has previously researched the value of fish flows for steelhead and salmon in California and will apply those findings to the Salinas Valley using a benefits transfer approach, as relevant. We also review willingness-to-pay/non-market valuation studies related to fish flows, fish habitat, and riverine preservation in this region. These studies will help estimate the value that residents place on living in a region that supports functioning fish habitat and healthy river ecosystems.

### Task 3.3: Benefits of Recreation at Nacimiento and Antonio Reservoirs

Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs provide significant recreational value to residents of Monterey County and surrounding communities. Activities such as camping, boating, fishing, hiking, swimming, and picnicking generate benefits to participants that exceed park entry fees.

For the 2024 HBA Report, One Water Econ evaluated the historical recreational benefits at both reservoirs. This analysis can be readily updated using current visitation data, applying the previous valuation framework to estimate the benefits generated by maintaining recreational amenities. To ground the analysis in present-day conditions, we will interview at least one staff member from the Monterey County Parks Department to understand current visitation patterns.

This analysis will estimate an average annual benefit value, and project ranges of possible future values to support long-term planning and cost-allocation discussions.

### Task 3.4: Hydropower generation and associated improvements to air quality

Hydropower generated at Nacimiento Dam provides a clean and inexpensive source of energy for the Bay Area Rapid Transit District. By avoiding the cost of traditional gas or coal powered energy, the generation of hydropower improves air quality and reduces the costs associated with pollutant-related health outcomes. One Water Econ valued historical power generation and the benefits of avoided emissions for the 2024 HBA Report; we can estimate these benefits into the future using recent energy pricing data and projected increases. The analysis will report average annual benefit values to align with the other analyses, and project these annual benefit values forward to support long-term planning and cost-allocation discussions.

## Task 4: Cross Analysis Collaboration - Translating Benefits to Cost Recovery Allocation

MCWRA faces rising costs as its dam infrastructure ages and requires increasingly expensive maintenance. A cost-allocation framework will provide a systematic method for distributing a portion of these costs across beneficiary groups based on the benefits they receive. Findings from the economic impact and benefits analyses (Tasks 2 and 3) will inform the identification and characterization of these beneficiaries.

Vega Economics is leading a cost allocation/rate analysis focused on dam related, regulatory compliance costs for MCWRA. As directed by MCWRA, we will work with Vega and other consultants conducting related efforts to understand the results of their studies and determine what portion of those costs could be recovered from

external sources. Our team will participate in up to five (5) meetings with other consulting teams to coordinate closely, ensuring our assumptions and recommendations align. If our frameworks diverge in assumptions or findings, we will clearly document the basis for those differences.

### Task 5: Report & Presentations

For the final task, One Water Econ will prepare a comprehensive report describing the methods and results of the analyses conducted in Tasks 2 and 3, along with recommendations developed under Task 4. The draft report will include:

- An executive summary
- Figures and tables presenting estimates of economic impacts and monetized benefit values
- A discussion of implications for cost-recovery and allocation, developed in collaboration with other consulting teams

Our team will present the findings of our analyses prior to submitting a draft report to gather initial impressions and feedback from MCWRA staff. Once the draft report is submitted, MCRWA will have the opportunity to review and provide one round of comments. Based on feedback from MCWRA, other consulting teams, and relevant stakeholders, One Water Econ will revise the draft and submit a final report. The presentation will also be updated and submitted for MCWRA to use to communicate study findings to other stakeholders and the public.

### Schedule and Budget

Figure 1 presents the anticipated timeline for each project task, including key deliverables and coordination meetings, with the final report scheduled for completion by the end of 2026. One Water Econ proposes delivering a full draft analysis and report to MCWRA in late October, with time for MCWRA staff and other stakeholders to review the draft in late October and early November. This allows our team time to revise the report based on comments received.

The timing of public meetings and any desired in-person meetings will be determined in consultation with MCWRA. We will work closely with the Agency to adjust the schedule as needed to align project priorities and the timelines of related consulting efforts.

**Figure 1. Timeline**

Task	2026												
	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec				
Task 1. Project Management	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
Task 2. Economic Impacts													
Task 3. Economic Benefits													
Task 4. Cross Analysis Collaboration		★		★		★		★		★		★	
Task 5: Final Report and Presentations								★	★				★

★ Meetings    ★ Interim/Draft Deliverables    ★ Final Deliverables

\*Timing for public and stakeholders’ meetings will be determined as appropriate and necessary as directed by MCWRA staff

Table 1 presents our proposed budget based on our understanding of project expectations and deliverables. We are happy to adjust the budget and associated level of effort to best meet MCWRA’s needs.

**EXHIBIT B**  
**FEE SCHEDULE**

**Table 1. Proposed Budget**

Task	Description	Clements	Sheridan	Associate	Henderson	Subtotal Hours	Subtotal Cost
		\$290	\$200	\$140	\$242		
<b>1</b>	<b>Project Management</b>					<b>130</b>	<b>\$29,936</b>
	Kick Off	2	4	0	2	8	\$1,864
	Meetings with MCWRA	8	16	0	8	32	\$7,456
	Public & Stakeholder meetings	20	22	0	6	48	\$11,652
	Internal meetings & admin	6	16	8	12	42	\$8,964
<b>2</b>	<b>Economic Impacts</b>					<b>297</b>	<b>\$55,134</b>
2.1	Data Gathering & Interviews	0	32	36	7	75	\$13,134
2.2	Agricultural Impacts	20	20	60	10	110	\$20,620
2.3	Water Dependent Industries	10	10	30	0	50	\$9,100
2.4	Recreation	4	10	20	0	34	\$5,960
	Quality Assurance/Control	8	20	0	0	28	\$6,320
<b>3</b>	<b>Benefits Generated by MCWRA Infrastructure</b>					<b>242</b>	<b>\$52,180</b>
3.1	Agriculture Lands	2	20	40	90	152	\$31,960
3.2	Fisheries	0	20	0	5	25	\$5,210
3.3	Recreation	0	10	0	0	10	\$2,000
3.4	Hydropower	0	10	0	5	15	\$3,210
	Quality Assurance/Control	20	20	0	0	40	\$9,800
<b>4</b>	<b>Cross Analysis Collaboration</b>					<b>35</b>	<b>\$8,110</b>
	Working sessions	5	10	0	5	20	\$4,660
	Develop recommendations	5	10	0	0	15	\$3,450
<b>5</b>	<b>Report and Presentation</b>					<b>150</b>	<b>\$33,252</b>
	Draft Report	20	40	20	40	120	\$26,280
	Presentation	4	6	0	2	12	\$2,844
	Final Report	4	10	0	4	18	\$4,128
	<b>Labor Total</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>306</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>\$178,612</b>
	Optional Travel Expenses						\$2,000
	IMPLAN Purchase						\$10,000
	<b>Proposed Total Budget</b>						<b>\$190,612</b>



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**BOARD ORDER No. 26-011**

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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.)

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried out by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement for Services with One Water Econ, LLP to complete the Dam Materiality General Benefits Study; and
  
2. 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **April 2026**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Matthew Simis, Chair  
Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

## Item No.8

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-121

April 20, 2026

**Introduced:** 4/10/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WR General Agenda

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- 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.



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#### RECOMMENDATION:

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

In 2025, the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) constructed monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of their regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (“SGMA”) and to expand the extent of Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“MCWRA”) groundwater monitoring network.

Construction of the monitoring wells was funded through Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grants awarded to the SVBGSA. SVBGSA intends to convey ownership of thirteen monitoring wells, referred to as 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 to MCWRA. Five of the wells were constructed to monitor shallow groundwater conditions related to evaluating the connection between groundwater and surface water (ES-ISW-1, F-ISW-1, F-ISW-2, F-ISW-3, UV-ISW-3). One well (F-DA-1) was constructed to monitor the Deep Aquifers. Seven wells were constructed in areas of the Eastside, Langlely, and Upper Valley subbasins to fill data gaps in the groundwater level monitoring network: ES-1A, ES-1B, and ES-1C in the Eastside Subbasin; L-GWL-1 and L-GWL-4 in the Langlely Subbasin; and UV-GWL-2 and UV-GWL-3 in the Upper Valley Subbasin (Attachment 1). The SVBGSA has furnished MCWRA with Well Completion Reports for all thirteen of the subject monitoring wells and a Certification of Project Completion, which confirms that the monitoring wells were inspected by a licensed professional and installed as design in accordance with all technical specifications.

MCWRA is agreeable to accepting ownership of 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 pursuant to the conditions set forth in the Agreement to Convey Ownership for each well, which include maintenance and reporting responsibilities related to the wells.

The MCWRA Board of Supervisors is empowered to accept this gift in order to serve a public purpose which, in this instance, is monitoring groundwater conditions within the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin to inform water resources management. If the MCWRA Board of Supervisors authorizes acceptance of the donated monitoring wells, MCWRA has an opportunity to enhance its understanding of groundwater level and groundwater quality conditions in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and provide data that local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies require to meet regulatory mandates from SGMA.

The Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) requires, by regulation, that local officials that accept gifts for local agency purposes document the transaction and post information about the transaction on the agency website if the fair market value is worth more than \$2,500. Based on information provided by the SVBGSA, fair market value of each monitoring well is as follows: ES-1A (\$350,806); ES-1B (\$152,388); ES-1C (\$92,109); ES-ISW-1 (\$38,110); F-DA-1 (\$350,806); F-ISW-1 (\$74,528); F-ISW-2 (\$43,133); F-ISW-3 (\$43,133); L-GWL-1 (\$67,244); L-GWL-4 (\$127,272); UV-GWL-2 (\$200,109); UV-GWL-3 (\$149,877); and UV-ISW-2 (\$43,133).

The recommended action is consistent with prior actions approved by the Board of Supervisors on September 10, 2024 and May 20, 2025, wherein the donations of monitoring wells from the

SVBGSA were accepted following recommendations from the Agency's Finance Committee and Board of Directors (reference: Board Orders WRAG 24-135 and WRAG 25-070).

The recommended action aligns with the following strategies and goals from the MCWRA Strategic Plan: Goal B, Strategy 2 - *Collaborate with local Groundwater Sustainability Agencies, define MCWRA's role, and implement a GSA integration plan*; Goal B, Strategy 7 - *Use data and analysis to make informed decisions based on science*; and Goal C, Strategy 6 - *Pursue grant funding and cost saving opportunities from all available sources, including collaborating with the GSA*.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

County Counsel and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency assisted with development and review of the Agreements.

FINANCING:

There is no immediate financial impact to accepting donation of the monitoring wells. It is estimated that maintenance of these monitoring wells may be required every 10 years, at a cost ranging from \$5,000 to \$8,000 per well based on recently completed repairs. More substantial repairs could be required periodically, with costs varying depending on the extent of the necessary repairs. Funding for maintenance and eventual destruction of the donated monitoring wells would be funded by the Groundwater Monitoring Program regulatory fee. Sufficient appropriations and estimated revenues for the Groundwater Monitoring Program are included in the FY 2025-2026 Adopted Budget in Fund 111 (1501).

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Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

Attachments:

1. Individual Well Location Maps
2. Agreements to Convey Ownership

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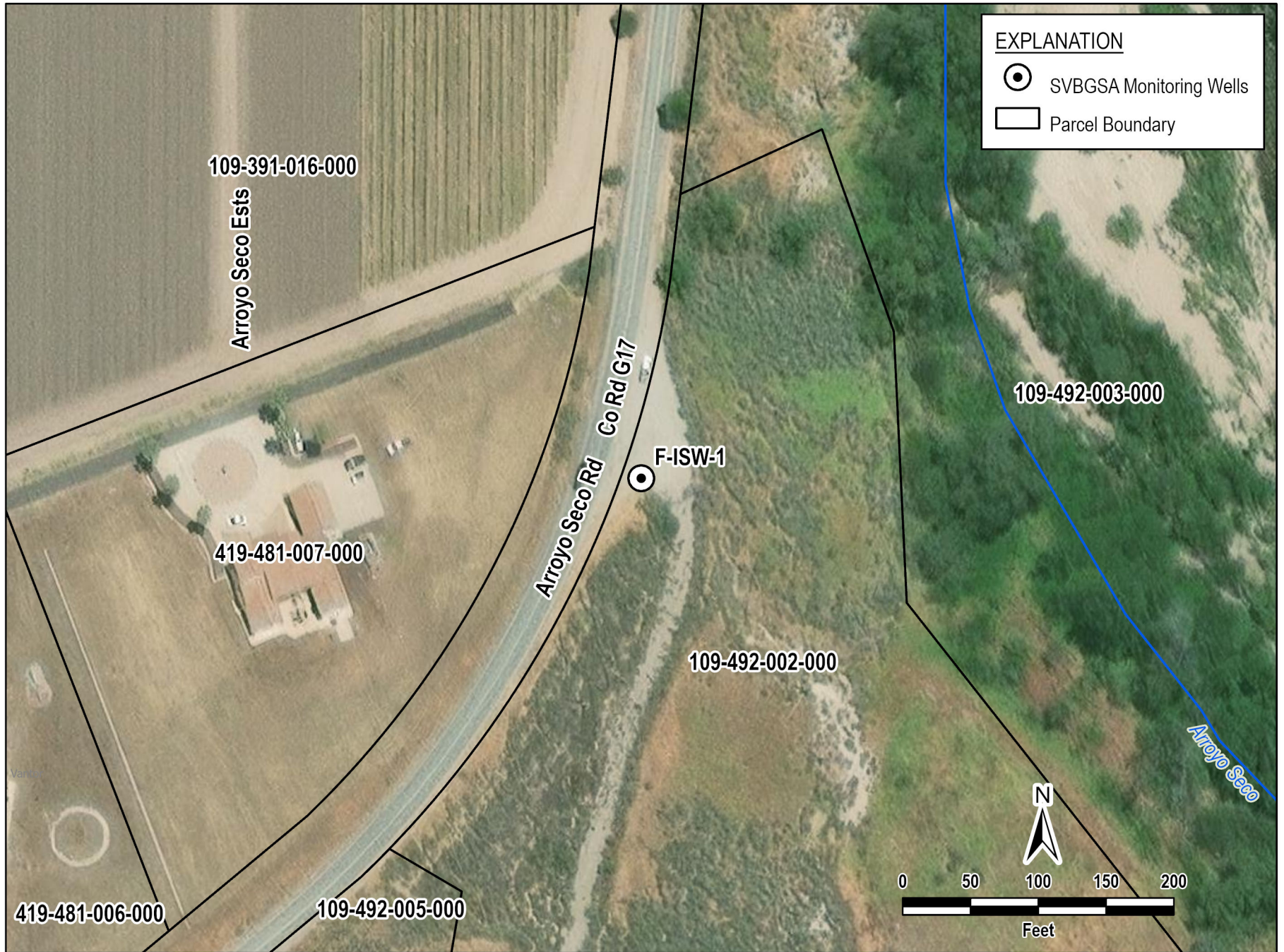
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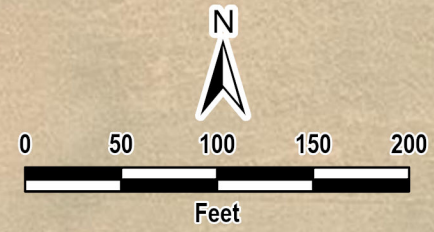
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**EXPLANATION**

- SVBGSA Monitoring Wells
- ▭ Parcel Boundary



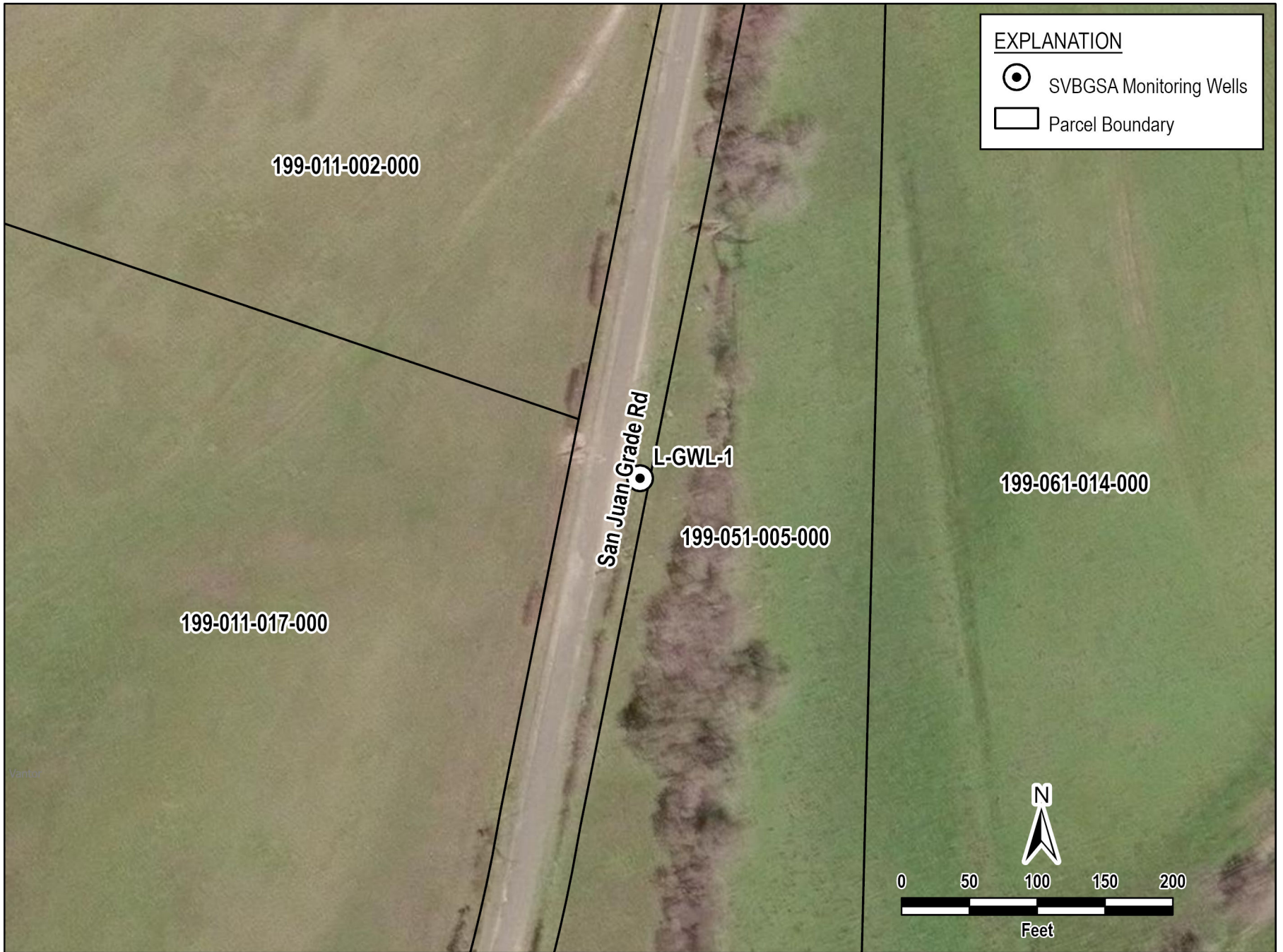
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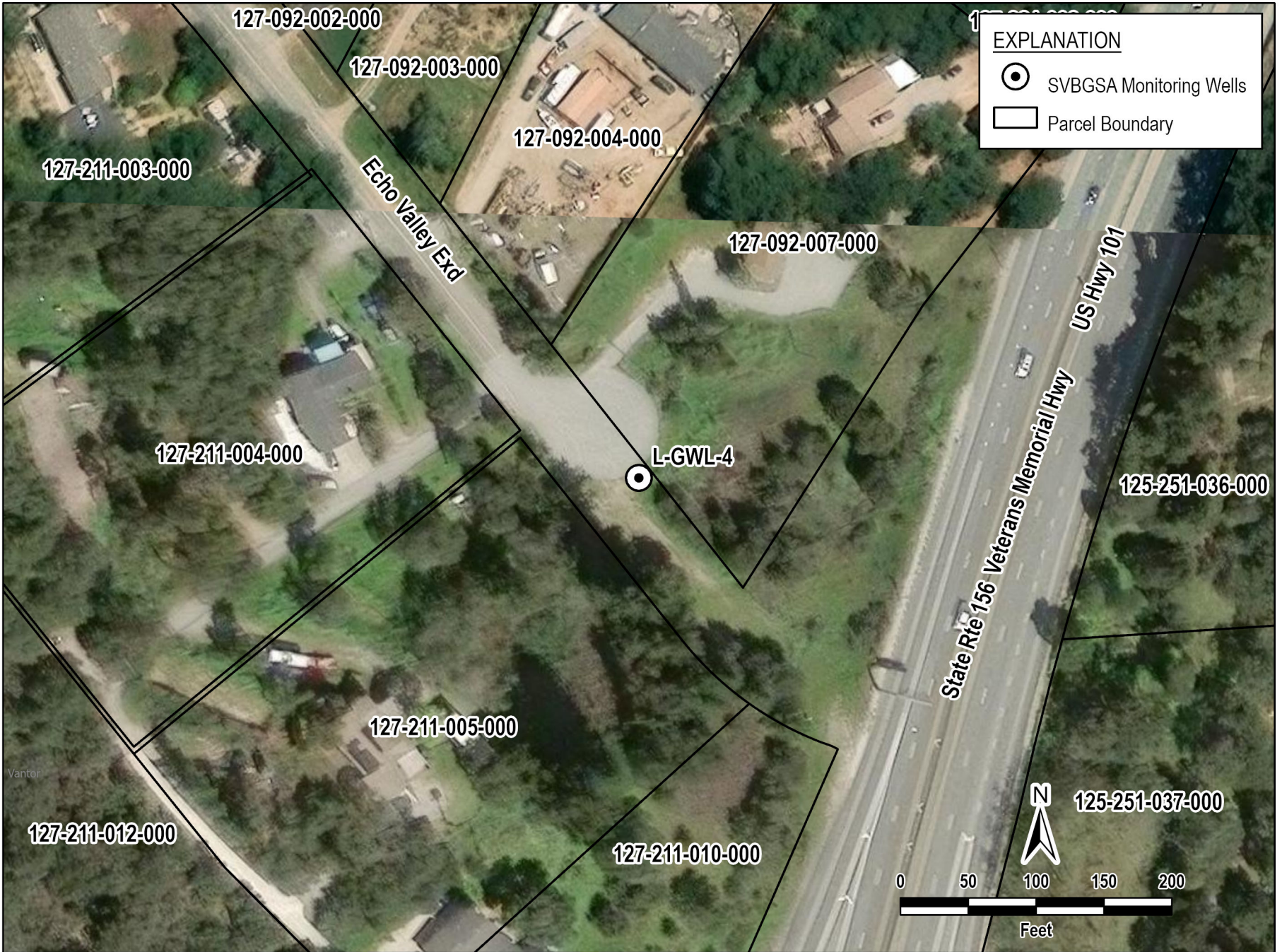
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


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**EXPLANATION**

-  SVBGSA Monitoring Wells
-  Parcel Boundary

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UV-ISW-2

## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL L-GWL-1

### WHEREAS:

1. The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) is causing the construction of additional monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of SVBGSA’s regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to expand the Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“WRA”) groundwater monitoring network;
2. The SVBGSA entered into a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant with the State of California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) to receive funds to assist in financing Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation activities in the Eastside Aquifer, Forebay Aquifer, Langley Area, and Upper Valley Subbasins which included, among many projects, construction of new monitoring wells;
3. The SVBGSA intends to convey ownership of the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities, to WRA upon completion of the construction; and
4. WRA is agreeable to accepting title to the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, SVBGSA and WRA agree as follows:

- A. Effective upon the filing of a Well Completion Report with WRA, SVBGSA conveys to WRA all right, title and interest in the monitoring well referred to as “L-GWL-1” located as more specifically described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (“Well”) on the condition that SVBGSA has, prior to the filing of the Well Completion Report and to the reasonable satisfaction of WRA, caused to be executed or issued an agreement approving the location of the Well on the indicated property, or otherwise received permission from the property owner.
- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. WRA agrees and covenants that the Well shall only be used for monitoring purposes and shall not be used as a production well, and further covenants and agrees that it will be responsible for the maintenance and/or destruction of the Well, as necessary, at its sole cost and expense.
- D. SVBGSA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless WRA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to

any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the construction of the Well prior to the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of WRA, its officer, employees or agents.

- E. WRA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SVBGSA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the operation, maintenance or destruction of the Well after the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of SVBGSA, its officer, employees or agents.
- F. SVBGSA and WRA shall jointly defend, indemnify and hold harmless DWR, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the Well, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of DWR, its officer, employees or agents.
- G. Notice may be provided by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or by electronic mail to the individual listed below:

For SVBGSA:

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- H. This Agreement shall be effective when last signed by one of the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Parties intend to be legally bound and have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the last date of signature.

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Ara Azhderian

Title: General Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Piret Harmon

Title: General Manager

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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL L-GWL-4

### WHEREAS:

1. The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) is causing the construction of additional monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of SVBGSA’s regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to expand the Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“WRA”) groundwater monitoring network;
2. The SVBGSA entered into a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant with the State of California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) to receive funds to assist in financing Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation activities in the Eastside Aquifer, Forebay Aquifer, Langley Area, and Upper Valley Subbasins which included, among many projects, construction of new monitoring wells;
3. The SVBGSA intends to convey ownership of the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities, to WRA upon completion of the construction; and
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NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, SVBGSA and WRA agree as follows:

- A. Effective upon the filing of a Well Completion Report with WRA, SVBGSA conveys to WRA all right, title and interest in the monitoring well referred to as “L-GWL-4” located as more specifically described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (“Well”) on the condition that SVBGSA has, prior to the filing of the Well Completion Report and to the reasonable satisfaction of WRA, caused to be executed or issued an agreement approving the location of the Well on the indicated property, or otherwise received permission from the property owner.
- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. WRA agrees and covenants that the Well shall only be used for monitoring purposes and shall not be used as a production well, and further covenants and agrees that it will be responsible for the maintenance and/or destruction of the Well, as necessary, at its sole cost and expense.
- D. SVBGSA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless WRA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to

any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the construction of the Well prior to the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of WRA, its officer, employees or agents.

- E. WRA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SVBGSA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the operation, maintenance or destruction of the Well after the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of SVBGSA, its officer, employees or agents.
- F. SVBGSA and WRA shall jointly defend, indemnify and hold harmless DWR, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the Well, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of DWR, its officer, employees or agents.
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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL ES-1A

### WHEREAS:

1. The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) is causing the construction of additional monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of SVBGSA’s regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to expand the Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“WRA”) groundwater monitoring network;
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3. The SVBGSA intends to convey ownership of the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities, to WRA upon completion of the construction; and
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NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, SVBGSA and WRA agree as follows:

- A. Effective upon the filing of a Well Completion Report with WRA, SVBGSA conveys to WRA all right, title and interest in the monitoring well referred to as “ES-1A” located as more specifically described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (“Well”) on the condition that SVBGSA has, prior to the filing of the Well Completion Report and to the reasonable satisfaction of WRA, caused to be executed or issued an agreement approving the location of the Well on the indicated property, or otherwise received permission from the property owner.
- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. WRA agrees and covenants that the Well shall only be used for monitoring purposes and shall not be used as a production well, and further covenants and agrees that it will be responsible for the maintenance and/or destruction of the Well, as necessary, at its sole cost and expense.
- D. SVBGSA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless WRA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to

any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the construction of the Well prior to the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of WRA, its officer, employees or agents.

- E. WRA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SVBGSA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the operation, maintenance or destruction of the Well after the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of SVBGSA, its officer, employees or agents.
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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL ES-1B

### WHEREAS:

1. The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) is causing the construction of additional monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of SVBGSA’s regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to expand the Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“WRA”) groundwater monitoring network;
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4. WRA is agreeable to accepting title to the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, SVBGSA and WRA agree as follows:

- A. Effective upon the filing of a Well Completion Report with WRA, SVBGSA conveys to WRA all right, title and interest in the monitoring well referred to as “ES-1B” located as more specifically described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (“Well”) on the condition that SVBGSA has, prior to the filing of the Well Completion Report and to the reasonable satisfaction of WRA, caused to be executed or issued an agreement approving the location of the Well on the indicated property, or otherwise received permission from the property owner.
- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. WRA agrees and covenants that the Well shall only be used for monitoring purposes and shall not be used as a production well, and further covenants and agrees that it will be responsible for the maintenance and/or destruction of the Well, as necessary, at its sole cost and expense.
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- E. WRA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SVBGSA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the operation, maintenance or destruction of the Well after the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of SVBGSA, its officer, employees or agents.
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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL ES-1C

### WHEREAS:

1. The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) is causing the construction of additional monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of SVBGSA’s regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to expand the Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“WRA”) groundwater monitoring network;
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4. WRA is agreeable to accepting title to the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, SVBGSA and WRA agree as follows:

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- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
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- D. SVBGSA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless WRA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to

any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the construction of the Well prior to the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of WRA, its officer, employees or agents.

- E. WRA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SVBGSA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the operation, maintenance or destruction of the Well after the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of SVBGSA, its officer, employees or agents.
- F. SVBGSA and WRA shall jointly defend, indemnify and hold harmless DWR, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the Well, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of DWR, its officer, employees or agents.
- G. Notice may be provided by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or by electronic mail to the individual listed below:

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**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Ara Azhderian

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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**SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY  
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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL F-ISW-1

### WHEREAS:

1. The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) is causing the construction of additional monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of SVBGSA’s regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to expand the Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“WRA”) groundwater monitoring network;
2. The SVBGSA entered into a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant with the State of California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) to receive funds to assist in financing Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation activities in the Eastside Aquifer, Forebay Aquifer, Langley Area, and Upper Valley Subbasins which included, among many projects, construction of new monitoring wells;
3. The SVBGSA intends to convey ownership of the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities, to WRA upon completion of the construction; and
4. WRA is agreeable to accepting title to the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, SVBGSA and WRA agree as follows:

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- C. WRA agrees and covenants that the Well shall only be used for monitoring purposes and shall not be used as a production well, and further covenants and agrees that it will be responsible for the maintenance and/or destruction of the Well, as necessary, at its sole cost and expense.
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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL F-DA-1

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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL ES-ISW-1

### WHEREAS:

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- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL F-ISW-2

### WHEREAS:

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- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
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- E. WRA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless SVBGSA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the operation, maintenance or destruction of the Well after the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of SVBGSA, its officer, employees or agents.
- F. SVBGSA and WRA shall jointly defend, indemnify and hold harmless DWR, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the Well, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of DWR, its officer, employees or agents.
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**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY**

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Name: Ara Azhderian

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By: \_\_\_\_\_

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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL F-ISW-3

### WHEREAS:

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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL UV-ISW-2

### WHEREAS:

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## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL UV-GWL-3

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- A. Effective upon the filing of a Well Completion Report with WRA, SVBGSA conveys to WRA all right, title and interest in the monitoring well referred to as “UV-GWL-3” located as more specifically described in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference (“Well”) on the condition that SVBGSA has, prior to the filing of the Well Completion Report and to the reasonable satisfaction of WRA, caused to be executed or issued an agreement approving the location of the Well on the indicated property, or otherwise received permission from the property owner.
- B. WRA accepts the conveyance on the terms and conditions set forth herein.
- C. WRA agrees and covenants that the Well shall only be used for monitoring purposes and shall not be used as a production well, and further covenants and agrees that it will be responsible for the maintenance and/or destruction of the Well, as necessary, at its sole cost and expense.
- D. SVBGSA shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless WRA, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to

any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the construction of the Well prior to the date set forth above, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of WRA, its officer, employees or agents.

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- F. SVBGSA and WRA shall jointly defend, indemnify and hold harmless DWR, its officers, employees or agents from and against any and all claims and losses whatsoever accruing or resulting to any and all persons, firms or corporations, and public and private property in connection with the Well, unless arising out of the sole negligence or willful misconduct of DWR, its officer, employees or agents.
- G. Notice may be provided by First Class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or by electronic mail to the individual listed below:

For SVBGSA:

Emily Gardner, Deputy GM  
P.O. Box 1350  
Carmel Valley, CA 93924  
[gardnere@svbgsa.org](mailto:gardnere@svbgsa.org)  
(831) 471-7512 ext. 204

For WRA:

Amy Woodrow, Senior Hydrologist  
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Salinas, CA 93901  
[woodrowa@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:woodrowa@countyofmonterey.gov)  
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- H. This Agreement shall be effective when last signed by one of the parties.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Parties intend to be legally bound and have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the last date of signature.

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Ara Azhderian

Title: General Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Kelly L. Donlon  
Chief Assistant County Counsel

**SALINAS VALLEY BASIN GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY  
AGENCY**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Piret Harmon

Title: General Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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Reed Gallogly  
Agency Counsel

## AGREEMENT TO CONVEY OWNERSHIP IN MONITORING WELL UV-GWL-2

### WHEREAS:

1. The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (“SVBGSA”) is causing the construction of additional monitoring wells throughout the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin in furtherance of SVBGSA’s regulatory activities pursuant to the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act and to expand the Monterey County Water Resources Agency’s (“WRA”) groundwater monitoring network;
2. The SVBGSA entered into a Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant with the State of California Department of Water Resources (“DWR”) to receive funds to assist in financing Groundwater Sustainability Plan implementation activities in the Eastside Aquifer, Forebay Aquifer, Langley Area, and Upper Valley Subbasins which included, among many projects, construction of new monitoring wells;
3. The SVBGSA intends to convey ownership of the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities, to WRA upon completion of the construction; and
4. WRA is agreeable to accepting title to the new monitoring wells, and maintenance and reporting responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, the sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, SVBGSA and WRA agree as follows:

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**BOARD ORDER No. 26-012**

- 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.

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried out by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **April 2026**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Matthew Simis, Chair  
Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

## Item No.9

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-120

April 20, 2026

**Introduced:** 4/10/2026

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Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams Flood Reduction Benefits Study

#### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Approve an Agreement for Services with FlowWest in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to perform a study of flood reduction benefits related to the presence of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs began operation in 1957 and 1967, respectively, serving as multi-benefit facilities providing flood reduction, water storage, and recreational benefits. The dams were built in part to address conditions of seawater intrusion and groundwater overdraft that were already prevalent in the 1940s and documented in the California Department of Public Works, Division of Water Resources, *Bulletin No. 52-B* which was published in 1946. The dams and their reservoirs have served the residents of Monterey County well since their construction, providing winter flood reduction, summer groundwater recharge, and recreational opportunities for locals and tourists alike. Since the construction of the Salinas Valley Water Project and the start up of the Salinas River Diversion Facility in 2010, growers in the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) distribution area have benefitted from re-diversion of reservoir water to supplement recycled water and ground water sources.

Many years after the construction of the dams, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) commissioned a consulting team led by Montgomery Watson to further study the benefits of the dams. The resulting *Salinas Valley Historical Benefits Analysis* (HBA) was completed in 1998. The HBA has become one of the foundational documents that helped determine how the Agency funds the ongoing operations and maintenance of the dams.

One of the primary benefits described in the HBA is flood control. The HBA addresses two categories of flood control benefits; prevention of agricultural damages, including reduction in damages from erosion, and prevention of damages to buildings and structures. The HBA does not address many of the other flood reduction benefits that are created by the long-term presence and reliability of the dams. Agriculture (primarily in the Salinas Valley) and tourism (primarily on the coast) are multi-billion dollar industries that drive the economy of Monterey County and benefit from the flood reduction provided by the dams. Those benefits include but are not limited to the reduction of 100-year flood flows, protection for major transportation corridors and public infrastructure, and flood

risk reduction that allows formerly flood prone areas to now accommodate agriculture, industry, and housing.

The Agency is proposing to work with consultant, FlowWest, to perform an analysis comparing with and without dam flood conditions. The analysis will help us better understand the extent of the broader county wide flood reduction benefits provided by the dams. FlowWest will research existing studies and modeling work to inform the development of pre-dam hydrology, model with and without dam flow scenarios, and perform statistical analysis on the results. To the extent possible, FlowWest will use existing modeling and analysis tools such as a recently updated HEC-RAS model of the Salinas River and a flood inundation map viewer that is currently under development with the Agency. Use of existing tools will reduce the cost and effort required to perform this analysis. The resulting data will be used to support a benefits assessment analysis that will consider the economic value of the flood reduction benefits. The combined analysis will support the Agency's ongoing evaluation of existing funding sources and goal of identifying future funding sources to support stable long-term operations and maintenance of the dams.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

During their April 1, 2026 meeting, the Planning Committee recommended that the full Board consider approval of the agreement.

FINANCING:

This analysis will be funded from Agency Fund 111 with partial funding identified in the approved FY26 budget. The remaining funding is identified in the upcoming FY27 budget.

Prepared by: Jason Demers, Senior Water Resources Engineer, (831) 755-4860

Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES  
WITH SURVEYORS, ARCHITECTS, ENGINEERS AND/OR DESIGN  
PROFESSIONALS**

This is an agreement (“Agreement”) between the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, hereinafter called "Agency," and \_\_\_\_\_,  
a \_\_\_\_\_ hereinafter called "CONTRACTOR".

In consideration of the mutual covenants and conditions set forth in this Agreement, the parties agree as follows:

1. **Scope of Work.** Agency hereby engages CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to perform the services set forth in Exhibit A, in conformity with the terms of this Agreement. CONTRACTOR will complete all work in accordance with the **Scope of Work/Work Schedule set forth in Exhibit A:**
  - a) The scope of work is briefly described and outlined as follows:
  - b) The CONTRACTOR shall perform its services under this agreement in accordance with usual and customary care and with generally accepted practices in effect at the time the services are rendered. The CONTRACTOR and its agents and employees performing work hereunder are specially trained, experienced, competent, and appropriately licensed to perform the work and deliver the services required by this Agreement.
  - c) CONTRACTOR, its agents and employees shall perform all work in a safe and skillful manner and in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. All work performed under this Agreement that is required by law to be performed or supervised by licensed personnel shall be performed in accordance with such licensing requirements.
  - d) CONTRACTOR shall furnish, at its own expense, all materials and equipment necessary to carry out the terms of this Agreement, except as otherwise provided herein. CONTRACTOR shall not use Agency premises, property (including equipment, instruments, or supplies) or personnel for any purpose other than in the performance of its obligations hereunder.
2. **Term of Agreement.** The term of this Agreement shall begin on \_\_\_\_\_ by CONTRACTOR and Agency, and will terminate on \_\_\_\_\_, unless earlier terminated as provided herein.

3. Payments to CONTRACTOR; maximum liability. Subject to the limitations set forth herein, Agency shall pay to CONTRACTOR in accordance with the fee schedule set forth in Exhibit B. The maximum amount payable to CONTRACTOR under this contract is

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4. Monthly Invoices by CONTRACTOR; Payment.

- a) CONTRACTOR shall submit to Agency an invoice, in a format approved by Agency, setting forth the amounts claimed by CONTRACTOR, together with an itemized basis for such amounts, and setting forth such other pertinent information Agency may require. CONTRACTOR shall submit such invoice monthly or as agreed by Agency, but in no event shall such invoice be submitted later than 30 days after completion of CONTRACTOR's work hereunder. Agency shall certify the claim if it complies with this contract and shall promptly submit such claim to the Monterey County Auditor-Controller, who shall pay the certified amount within 30 days after receiving the invoice certified by Agency. It is understood and agreed that CONTRACTOR shall complete all work described in Exhibit A for an amount not exceeding that set forth above, notwithstanding CONTRACTOR's submission of periodic invoices.
- b) CONTRACTOR shall submit to Agency an invoice via email to [WRAAccountsPayable@countyofmonterey.gov](mailto:WRAAccountsPayable@countyofmonterey.gov) and to the Contract Administrator listed in Section 27.
- c) CONTRACTOR agrees that Agency may withhold five percent (5%) of the amount requested by CONTRACTOR from any progress payment, until such time as all goods and services are received in a manner and form acceptable to Agency.
- d) If, as of the date of execution of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR has already received payment from Agency for work which is the subject of this Agreement, such amounts shall be deemed to have been paid under this Agreement and shall be counted toward Agency's maximum liability set forth above.
- e) CONTRACTOR shall not be reimbursed for travel expenses unless expressly approved in writing in accordance with this Agreement.

5. Indemnification.

5.1 For purposes of the following indemnification provisions ("Indemnification Agreement"), "design professional" has the same meaning as set forth in California Civil Code section 2782.8. If any term, provision or application of this Indemnification Agreement is found to be invalid, in violation of public policy or unenforceable to any extent, such finding shall not invalidate any other term or provision of this Indemnification Agreement and such other terms and provisions shall

continue in full force and effect. If there is any conflict between the terms, provisions or application of this Indemnification Agreement and the provisions of California Civil Code sections 2782 or 2782.8, the broadest indemnity protection for the AGENCY under this Indemnity Agreement that is permitted by law shall be provided by CONTRACTOR.

5.2 Indemnification for Design Professional Services Claims: CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless Agency, its governing board, directors, officers, employees, and agents against any claims that arise out of, or pertain to, or relate to the negligence, recklessness, or willful misconduct of the CONTRACTOR, its employees, subcontractors, and agents in the performance of design professional services under this Agreement, excepting only liability arising from the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the Agency, or defect in a design furnished by the Agency, but in no event shall the amount of such CONTRACTOR's liability exceed such CONTRACTOR's proportionate percentage of fault as determined by a court, arbitrator or mediator, or as set out in a settlement agreement. In the event one or more defendants to any action involving such claim or claims against the Agency is unable to pay its share of defense costs due to bankruptcy or dissolution of the business, such CONTRACTOR shall meet and confer with the other parties to such action regarding unpaid defense costs.

5.3 Indemnification for All Other Claims or Loss: For any claim, loss, injury, damage, expense or liability other than claims arising out of the CONTRACTOR's performance of design professional services under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Agency, its governing board, directors, officers, employees, and agents against any claim for loss, injury, damage, expense or liability resulting from or alleging injury to or death of any person or loss of use of or damage to property, arising from or related to the performance of services under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR, its employees, subcontractors or agents, excepting only liability arising from the sole negligence, active negligence or willful misconduct of the Agency, or defect in a design furnished by the Agency.

## 6. Insurance.

6.1 Evidence of Coverage: Prior to commencement of this Agreement, the Contractor shall provide a "Certificate of Insurance" certifying that coverage as required herein has been obtained. Individual endorsements executed by the insurance carrier shall accompany the certificate. In addition, the Contractor upon request shall provide a certified copy of the policy or policies.

This verification of coverage shall be sent to the Agency. The CONTRACTOR shall not receive a "Notice to Proceed" with the work under this Agreement until it has obtained all insurance required and such, insurance has been approved by the Agency. This approval of insurance shall neither relieve nor decrease the liability of the

## CONTRACTOR.

### 6.2 Qualifying Insurers:

All coverages, except surety, shall be issued by companies which hold a current policy holder's alphabetic and financial size category rating of not less than A VII, according to the current A.M. Best's Rating Guide or a company of equal financial stability that is approved by the Agency.

### 6.3 Insurance Coverage Requirements:

Without limiting CONTRACTOR's duty to indemnify, CONTRACTOR shall maintain in effect throughout the term of this Agreement a policy or policies of insurance with the following minimum limits of liability:

Commercial General Liability Insurance: including but not limited to premises and operations, including coverage for Bodily Injury and Property Damage, Personal Injury, Contractual Liability, Broad form Property Damage, Independent Contractors, Products and Completed Operations, with a combined single limit for Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate.

*(Note: any proposed modifications to these general liability insurance requirements shall be attached as an Exhibit hereto, and the section(s) above that are proposed as not applicable shall be lined out in blue ink. All proposed modifications are subject to Agency approval.)*

Auto Liability Coverage: must include motor vehicles, including scheduled, non-owned, and hired vehicles, used in providing services under this Agreement, with a combined single limit or Bodily Injury and Property Damage of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

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Workers' Compensation Insurance: if CONTRACTOR employs others in the performance of this Agreement, in accordance with California Labor Code section 3700 and with Employer's Liability limits not less than \$1,000,000 each person, \$1,000,000 each accident and \$1,000,000 each disease.

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Professional Liability Insurance: if required for the professional services being provided, (e.g., those persons authorized by a license to engage in a business or profession regulated by the California Business and Professions Code), in the amount of not less than \$1,000,000 per claim and \$2,000,000 in the aggregate, to cover

liability for malpractice or errors or omissions made in the course of rendering professional services. If professional liability insurance is written on a “claims-made” basis rather than an occurrence basis, the CONTRACTOR shall, upon the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement, obtain extended reporting coverage (“tail coverage”) with the same liability limits. Any such tail coverage shall continue for at least three years following the expiration or earlier termination of this Agreement.

*(Note: Professional liability insurance coverage is required if the contractor is providing a professional service regulated by the state. Examples of service providers regulated by the state are insurance agents, professional architects and engineers, doctors, certified public accountants, lawyers, etc. However, other professional Contractors, such as computer or software designers, technology services, and services providers such as claims administrators, should also have professional liability. If in doubt, consult with your risk or contract manager.)*

If the contractor maintains broader coverage and/or higher limits than the minimums shown above, the Agency requires and shall be entitled to the broader coverage and/or higher limits maintained by the contractor.

#### 6.4 Other Insurance Requirements.

All insurance required by this Agreement shall be with a company acceptable to the Agency and issued and executed by an admitted insurer authorized to transact Insurance business in the State of California. Unless otherwise specified by this Agreement, all such insurance shall be written on an occurrence basis, or, if the policy is not written on an occurrence basis, such policy with the coverage required herein shall continue in effect for a period of three years following the date CONTRACTOR completes its performance of services under this Agreement.

Each liability policy shall provide that the Agency shall be given notice in writing at least thirty days in advance of any endorsed reduction in coverage or limit, cancellation, or intended non-renewal thereof. Each policy shall provide coverage for Contractor and additional insureds with respect to claims arising from each subcontractor, if any, performing work under this Agreement, or be accompanied by a certificate of insurance from each subcontractor showing each subcontractor has identical insurance coverage to the above requirements.

#### Additional Insured Status:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the auto liability policy for liability arising out of automobiles owned, leased, hired or borrowed by or on behalf of the Contractor. Auto liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR’S insurance.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers are to be covered as additional insureds on the commercial general liability policy with respect to liability arising out of work or operations

performed by or on behalf of the CONTRACTOR including materials, parts, or equipment furnished in connection with such work or operations. General liability coverage shall be provided in the form of an endorsement to the CONTRACTOR'S insurance (at least as broad as ISO Form CG 20 10 11 85 or if not available, through the addition of both CG 20 10, CG 20 26, CG 20 33, or CG 20 38; and CG 20 37 if a later edition is used).

Primary Coverage:

For any claims related to this contract, the CONTRACTOR'S insurance coverage shall be primary and non-contributory and at least as broad as ISO CG 20 01 04 13 as respects the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, and volunteers. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers shall be excess of the CONTRACTOR'S insurance and shall not contribute with it. This requirement shall also apply to any Excess or Umbrella liability policies.

Workers' Compensation Waiver of Subrogation:

The workers' compensation policy required hereunder shall be endorsed to state that the workers' compensation carrier waives its right of subrogation against Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers, which might arise by reason of payment under such policy in connection with performance under this Agreement by CONTRACTOR. Should CONTRACTOR be self-insured for workers' compensation, CONTRACTOR hereby agrees to waive its right of subrogation against Agency, its officers, officials, employees, agents, or volunteers.

Prior to the execution of this Agreement by the Agency, CONTRACTOR shall file certificates of insurance and endorsements with the Agency, showing that the CONTRACTOR has in effect the insurance required by this Agreement. The CONTRACTOR shall file a new or amended certificate of insurance within five calendar days after any change is made in any insurance policy, which would alter the information on the certificate then on file. Acceptance or approval of insurance shall in no way modify or change the indemnification clause in this Agreement, which shall continue in full force and effect. CONTRACTOR shall always during the term of this Agreement maintain in force the insurance coverage required under this Agreement and shall send, without demand by Agency, annual certificates to Agency. If the certificate is not received by the expiration date, Agency shall notify CONTRACTOR and CONTRACTOR shall have five calendar days to send in the certificate, evidencing no lapse in coverage during the interim. Failure by CONTRACTOR to maintain such insurance is a default of this Agreement, which entitles Agency, at its sole discretion, to terminate this Agreement immediately.

7. Maintenance of Records. CONTRACTOR shall prepare, maintain and preserve all reports and records that may be required by federal, State, and local rules and regulations relating to services performed under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall retain all such records for at least five years from the date of final payment, or until any litigation relating to this Agreement is concluded, whichever is later.

8. Format of Deliverables. For this section, “Deliverables” shall mean all electronic documents CONTRACTOR provides to the Agency under this Agreement. CONTRACTOR shall ensure all Deliverables comply with the requirements of the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (“WCAG”) 2.1, pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”). CONTRACTOR bears the burden to deliver Deliverables, such as Adobe Acrobat Portable Document Format (“PDF”) and Microsoft Office files, complying with WCAG 2.1. CONTRACTOR shall defend and indemnify the Agency against any breach of this Section. This Section shall survive the termination of this Agreement. Find more on Accessibility at this State Website: <https://webstandards.ca.gov/accessibility/>.
9. Right to Audit at Any Time. Agency officials shall have the right, at any time during regular working hours and on reasonable advance notice, to examine, monitor and audit all work performed and all records, documents, conditions, activities and procedures of CONTRACTOR or its subcontractors relating to this Agreement. Government Code section 8546.7 provides that an audit by the State Auditor General may be performed up to three years after the final payment under any contract involving the expenditure of public funds in excess of \$10,000.
10. Confidentiality; Return of Records. CONTRACTOR and its officers, employees, agents, and subcontractors shall comply with all federal, State and local laws providing for the confidentiality of records and other information. To the extent permitted by applicable law and regulations, CONTRACTOR shall maintain confidentiality with respect to Agency 's well database and other water use data.

CONTRACTOR shall not disclose any confidential information received from Agency or prepared in connection with the performance of this Agreement without the express permission of Agency. CONTRACTOR shall promptly transmit to Agency all requests for disclosure of any such confidential information. CONTRACTOR shall not use any confidential information gained through the performance of this Agreement except for the purpose of carrying out CONTRACTOR's obligations hereunder. When this Agreement expires or terminates, CONTRACTOR shall return to Agency all records, which CONTRACTOR utilized or received, from Agency to perform services under this Agreement.

11. Termination. Either party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice of termination to the other party at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date of termination, which date shall be specified in any such notice. In the event of such termination, the amount payable hereunder shall be reduced in proportion to the services provided prior to the effective date of termination. Agency may terminate this Agreement at any time for good cause effective immediately upon written notice to CONTRACTOR. "Good cause" includes, without limitation, the failure of CONTRACTOR to perform the required services at the time and in the manner provided herein. If Agency terminates this Agreement for good cause, Agency may be relieved of the payment of any consideration to CONTRACTOR, and Agency may proceed with the work in any manner, which it deems proper. Costs incurred by Agency thereby shall be deducted from any sum due CONTRACTOR.

12. Amendments and Modifications. No modification or amendment of this agreement shall be valid unless it is set forth in writing and executed by the parties.
13. Non-Discrimination. Throughout the performance of this Agreement, CONTRACTOR will not unlawfully discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, gender, national origin, ancestry, physical disability, medical condition, marital status, age older than 40, or sexual orientation, gender identity or any other status protected under federal, state or local law, either in CONTRACTOR's employment practices or in the furnishing of services to recipients. CONTRACTOR shall ensure that the evaluation and treatment of its employees and applicants for employment and all persons receiving and requesting services are free of such discrimination. CONTRACTOR shall comply fully with all federal, State and local laws and regulations which prohibit discrimination. The provision of services primarily or exclusively to any target population designated herein shall not be deemed prohibited discrimination.
14. Independent Contractor. In its performance under this Agreement, CONTRACTOR is at all times acting and performing as an independent CONTRACTOR and not an employee of Agency. No offer or obligation of employment with Agency is intended in any manner, and CONTRACTOR shall not become entitled by virtue of this Agreement to receive from Agency any form of benefits accorded to employees including without limitation leave time, health insurance, workers compensation coverage, disability benefits, and retirement contributions. CONTRACTOR shall be solely liable for and obligated to pay directly all applicable taxes, including without limitation federal and State income taxes and social security arising out of CONTRACTOR's performance of this Agreement. In connection therewith, CONTRACTOR shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Agency from any and all liability, which Agency may incur because of CONTRACTOR's failure to make such payments.
15. Delegation of Duties; Subcontracting. CONTRACTOR is engaged by Agency for its unique qualifications and abilities. CONTRACTOR may not, therefore, delegate any of its basic duties under this Agreement, except to the extent that delegation to CONTRACTOR's employees is contemplated herein. No work shall be subcontracted without the written consent of Agency, except as provided in this Agreement or its attachments. Notwithstanding any subcontract, CONTRACTOR shall continue to be liable to Agency for the performance of all work hereunder. CONTRACTOR shall not assign, sell, mortgage or otherwise transfer its interest or obligations in this Agreement without Agency's prior written consent.
16. Agency's Rights in Work Product. All original materials prepared by CONTRACTOR in connection with its work hereunder -- including but not limited to computer codes, customized computer routines developed using proprietary or commercial software packages, reports, documents, maps, graphs, charts, photographs and photographic negatives -- shall be the property of Agency and shall be delivered to Agency prior to final payment. CONTRACTOR may utilize any existing materials developed by CONTRACTOR prior to commencement of work under this Agreement, which materials shall remain the property of CONTRACTOR.

17. Independent Contractor Compliance with Government Code Section 1097.6(c). This section applies to those situations when a contractor/consultant is awarded a Contract for a preliminary phase of a project, with future phases to be bid separately. This section does not apply to those situations when a Contract is awarded for multiple phases of a project under a single contract/proposal. When applicable, and as described below, CONTRACTOR's duties and services under this Agreement shall not include preparing or assisting the Agency with any portion of the Agency's preparation of a request for proposals, request for qualifications, or any other solicitation regarding a subsequent or additional contract with the Agency. The Agency shall at all times retain responsibility for public contracting, including with respect to any subsequent phase stemming from this Agreement. CONTRACTOR's participation in the planning, discussions, or drawing of project plans or specifications shall be limited to conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications. CONTRACTOR shall cooperate with the Agency to ensure that all bidders for a subsequent contract on any subsequent phase of this project, if applicable, have access to the same information, including all conceptual, preliminary, or initial plans or specifications prepared by CONTRACTOR pursuant to this Agreement.
18. Compliance with Terms of Federal or State Grant. If any part of this Agreement has been or will be funded pursuant to a grant from the federal or State government in which Agency is the grantee, CONTRACTOR shall comply with all provisions of such grant applicable to CONTRACTOR's work hereunder, and said provisions shall be deemed a part of this Agreement as though fully set forth herein.
19. Conflict of Interest. CONTRACTOR warrants that it presently has no interest and shall not acquire any interest during the term of this Agreement, which would directly or indirectly conflict in any manner or to any degree with its full and complete performance of all services under this Agreement.
20. Governing Laws. This Agreement is entered into in the County of Monterey, State of California, and shall be construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of California. The parties hereby agree that the County of Monterey shall be the proper venue for any dispute arising hereunder.
21. Compliance with Applicable Law. The parties shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations in performing this Agreement.
22. Construction of Agreement. The parties agree that each party has fully participated in the review and revision of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting party shall not apply in the interpretation of this Agreement or any exhibit or amendment. To that end, it is understood and agreed that this Agreement has been arrived at through negotiation, and that neither party is to be deemed the party which prepared this Agreement within the meaning of Civil Code section 1654. Section and paragraph headings appearing herein are for convenience only and shall not be used to interpret the terms of this Agreement.

23. Waiver. Any waiver of any term or condition hereof must be in writing. No such waiver shall be construed as a waiver of any other term or condition herein.
24. Successors and Assigns. This Agreement and all rights, privileges, duties and obligations hereunder, to the extent assignable or delegable, shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, permitted assigns and heirs.
25. Contractor. The term “CONTRACTOR” as used in this Agreement includes CONTRACTOR’s officers, agents, and employees acting on Contractor’s behalf in the performance of this Agreement.
26. Interpretation of Conflicting Provisions. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency between the provisions of this Agreement and the provisions of any exhibit or other attachment to this Agreement, the provisions of this Agreement shall prevail and control.
27. Time is of the Essence. The parties mutually acknowledge and agree that time is of the essence with respect to every provision hereof in which time is an element. No extension of time for performance of any obligation or act shall be deemed an extension of time for performance of any other obligation or act, nor shall any such extension create a precedent for any further or future extension.
28. Contract Administrators.

CONTRACTOR's designated principal responsible for administering CONTRACTOR's work under this Agreement shall be:

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Agency’s designated administrator of this Agreement shall be:

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29. Notices. Notices required under this Agreement shall be delivered personally or by electronic facsimile, or by first class or certified mail with postage prepaid. Notice shall be deemed effective upon personal delivery or facsimile transmission, or on the third day after deposit with the U.S. Postal Service. CONTRACTOR shall give Agency prompt notice of any change of address. Unless otherwise changed according to these notice provisions, notices shall be addressed as follows:

**TO AGENCY**

**TO CONTRACTOR**

Name:	Name:
Address:	Address:
Telephone:	Telephone:
Fax:	Fax:
E-Mail:	E-Mail:

- 30. Electronic Deliverables. Where feasible, all reports, documents and other printed information provided to the Agency pursuant to this Agreement shall be submitted in both written and Electronic formats.
- 31. Non-exclusive Agreement. This Agreement is non-exclusive and both parties reserve the right to contract with other entities for the same or similar services.
- 32. Execution of Agreement. Any individual executing this Agreement on behalf of an entity represents and warrants that he or she has the requisite authority to enter into this Agreement on behalf of such entity and to bind the entity to the terms and conditions hereof. This Agreement may be executed in two or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same agreement.
- 33. Exhibits. The following Exhibits are attached hereto and incorporated by reference:
  - Exhibit A - Scope of Work/ Work Schedule
  - Exhibit B - Fee Schedule
- 34. Entire Agreement. As of the effective date of this Agreement, this document, including all exhibits hereto, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties, and supersedes any and all prior written or oral negotiations and representations between the parties concerning all matters relating to the subject of this Agreement.

*[Remainder of this page blank]*

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AGENCY and CONTRACTOR execute this agreement as follows:

**MONTEREY COUNTY  
WATER RESOURCES AGENCY**

**CONTRACTOR:  
FlowWest, LLC**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ara Azhderian, General Manager

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Title

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* INSTRUCTIONS: If CONTRACTOR is a corporation (including limited liability and nonprofit corporations), the full legal name of the corporation shall be set forth together with the signatures of two specified officers. If CONTRACTOR is a partnership, the name of the partnership shall be set forth together with the signature of a partner with authority to execute this Agreement on behalf of the partnership. If CONTRACTOR is contracting in an individual capacity, the individual shall set forth the name of his or her business, if any, and shall personally sign the Agreement.

( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
**Agreement/Amendment No #** ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

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Approved as to form <sup>1</sup>:

Approved as to fiscal provisions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Assistant County Counsel

\_\_\_\_\_  
Administrative Analyst

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
County Counsel – Risk Manager:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Auditor-Controller <sup>2</sup>:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Approval by County Counsel is required, and/or when legal services are rendered

<sup>2</sup>Approval by Auditor-Controller is required

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## Exhibit A - Scope of Work

### SCOPE OF WORK – MCWRA FLOOD REDUCTION BENEFITS ANALYSIS

This scope of work document outlines proposed activities FlowWest will perform on behalf of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) to advance an assessment of benefits of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams to Monterey County.

#### TASK 1: PROJECT MANAGEMENT

FlowWest will continue to support ongoing planning processes by attending meetings with MCWRA.

##### *Task 1.1 General PM*

FlowWest will carry out general tasks to manage progress of the project.

##### *Task 1.2 Meeting Attendance*

FlowWest will attend regular check-in meetings as needed, on approximately a monthly or bi-weekly basis.

#### TASK 2: HISTORICAL DOCUMENT AND METHODS REVIEW

FlowWest will review documentation provided by MCWRA, including historical benefits analysis (HBA) and related sources.

##### *Task 2.1 Review HBA documentation provided by MCWRA*

FlowWest will review all previous HBA reports and documentation provided by MCWRA, particularly hydrologic methods. FlowWest will research historical gage data to prepare for hydraulic and hydrologic modeling and analysis.

#### TASK 3: HYDROLOGIC & HYDRAULIC ANALYSIS

FlowWest will take the following steps outlined in Tasks 3.1, 3.2, and 3.3 to develop hydrology for our model based on a scenario before Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams were constructed, model the “without dam” scenario, and perform a statistical analysis comparing the “without dam” scenario with a “with dam” scenario.

##### *Task 3.1 Identify/develop pre-dam hydrology*

FlowWest will identify and develop hydrology for a without dam scenario for up to 3 simulations, including 100-year and 10-year events. FlowWest will also look at any flows of interest that have historically resulted in levee breaches in Salinas Valley.

##### *Task 3.2 Modeling pre-dam conditions*

FlowWest will perform hydraulic modeling for the without dam scenarios developed in Task 3.1.

##### *Task 3.3 Statistical analysis of pre- vs. post-dam scenarios*

FlowWest will review the analysis performed in the HBA update, and perform a similar statistical assessment using the results from Tasks 3.1 and 3.2. The statistical analyses will determine how much more frequently damaging floods would have occurred if not for construction of the two dams.

**Task 3 Deliverables:**

- Map outputs of hydraulic model results including applicable GIS files for MCWRA use
- One draft Technical Memorandum for MCWRA review, followed by one final Technical Memorandum summarizing conclusions from pre- and post-dam scenario statistical analysis
- Final Technical Memorandum will be provided in Word and ADA-Compliant pdf formats

**TASK 4: BENEFITS ASSESSMENT ANALYSIS**

FlowWest will work with MCWRA and any other experts retained in assessing the benefits of the dams. Details of activities under this task are yet to be determined after completion of Tasks 2 and 3, but could include quantification of the secondary benefits of dam implementation, such as benefits to infrastructure and agriculture.

**Task 4 Deliverables:**

- One draft Technical Memorandum for MCWRA review, followed by one final Technical Memorandum summarizing benefits analysis results
- Final Technical Memorandum will be provided in Microsoft Word and ADA-Compliant pdf formats

**ESTIMATED BUDGET**

**Budget Summary for the MCWRA Dam Benefit Assessment Project**

<b>Task Description</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Task 1	\$6,000
Task 2	\$10,000
Task 3	32,000
Task 4	\$11,000
Direct Cost	\$1,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,000</b>

## Exhibit B – Fee Schedule

### FlowWest 2026 Rate Schedule

<b>Title</b>	<b>2026</b>
Principal Engineer	\$350
Principal Geomorphologist	\$350
Senior Engineer	\$270
Senior Environmental Scientist	\$270
Senior Environmental Planner	\$260
Project Engineer	\$236
Project Environmental Scientist	\$236
Project Environmental Scientist	\$236
Staff Engineer	\$200
Staff Environmental Scientist	\$200
Staff Environmental Scientist	\$200
Staff Environmental Planner	\$200
Junior Engineer	\$190
Junior Environmental Planner/Scientist	\$185
Staff GIS Analyst	\$185
CAD Technician	\$185
Principal Data Scientist	\$290
Senior Data Scientist	\$260
Senior Software Engineer	\$260
Project Data Analyst/Data Scientist	\$240
Staff Data Analyst/Data Scientist	\$220
Staff Software Developer	\$220
Junior Data Scientist/Software Engineer	\$215
Business Operations Manager	\$210
Business Development Manager	\$210
Project Accountant	\$155



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**BOARD ORDER No. 26-013**

Approve an Agreement for Services with FlowWest in an amount not )  
to exceed \$60,000 to perform a study of flood reduction benefits related )  
to the presence of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and authorize the )  
General Manager to execute the amendment. )

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried out by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Approve an Agreement for Services with FlowWest in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 to perform a study of flood reduction benefits related to the presence of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.
2. Authorize the General Manger to execute the amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **April 2026**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Matthew Simis, Chair  
Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

**Item No.10**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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



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Consider adopting a release schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio reservoirs for 2026

### RECOMMENDATION:

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

Adopt a Release Schedule for Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs for 2026.

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

In most years, continuous reservoir releases are made during the “conservation season” (April-October) to optimize Salinas Valley groundwater recharge as well as Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF) operations. These conservation releases are guided by a schedule developed each year in late winter to early spring by staff to approximate the expected sequence of reservoir withdrawals that fully account for a complex set of obligations, constraints and, to the extent possible, hydrologic conditions.

Key obligations include annual withdrawal limits and conditions-based flow prescriptions supportive of federally listed species. Both are stipulated in the water rights that authorize the Agency to store, withdraw and re-divert water within the Nacimiento, San Antonio and Salinas River watersheds. Constraints are of physical, administrative and environmental nature. Physical constraints include elevation-dependent limits on methods and rates of releases as well as safe operating limits of release outlets; administrative constraints include guaranteed water allotments established by contractual agreements. Require release minimums, required lagoon bypass flows, as well as limits on release rate changes are among the environmental constraints accounted for in the development of the annual release schedule.

The Agency has made releases during 13 of the 17 summer conservation seasons since the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF) began operating in 2010. Two extended droughts resulted in insufficient reservoir levels to operate from 2014-2016 and in 2022. More recently, 2023-2025 marked a return to wet conditions providing large storage increases at both Reservoirs and enough water to fully operate in all years since 2023. Combined storage as of April 14, 2026, is sufficient to plan a fourth consecutive full SRDF diversion season this year.

The attached proposed 2026 release schedule assumes no new inflow events for the remainder of the calendar year. The proposed schedule limits releases from Nacimiento Reservoir to 280 cfs or lower due to planned maintenance activities expected to be complete by July 1. Releases from Nacimiento Reservoir may exceed 280 cfs once maintenance activities are complete.

SRDF startup occurred in the first week of April. The proposed schedule reflects maintained conservation flows to recharge the Salinas Valley groundwater basin and operate the SRDF into mid-October while meeting the operational requirements of State Water Resources Control Board appropriative water rights held by the Agency for the Nacimiento and San Antonio Rivers.

As is the standard procedure each year, the release schedule will be updated monthly based on actual weather and river conditions, changing SRDF demands, and other reservoir operational considerations as may be necessary subsequent to the development of this draft release schedule.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

None

Prepared by: Joseph Klein, Water Resources Hydrologist (831) 755-4860

Attachments:

2026 Reservoir Release Schedule

## DRAFT RESERVOIR RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR 2026

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16													
																	NACIMIENTO							SAN ANTONIO					
																	Combined Releases (cfs) <sup>1</sup>	Combined Releases (ac-ft)	Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs) <sup>1</sup>	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	NWP Orders (ac-ft)	NWP Diversions (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage		Evap. Losses (ac-ft)	Reservoir Releases (cfs) <sup>1</sup>	Reservoir Releases (ac-ft)	Beginning of Month Storage
							(ac-ft)	(%)	Elev. (ft)				(ac-ft)	(%)	Elev. (ft)														
Jan	70	4,328	350	60	3,713	600	54	<b>146,210</b>	39%	<b>748.6</b>	520	10	615	<b>171,473</b>	51%	<b>743.1</b>													
Feb	72	4,129	464	62	3,554	553	72	<b>189,290</b>	50%	<b>760.6</b>	441	10	575	<b>185,898</b>	55%	<b>747.2</b>													
Mar	89	5,496	977	79	4,881	696	91	<b>248,200</b>	66%	<b>774.7</b>	853	10	615	<b>209,065</b>	62%	<b>753.4</b>													
Apr	301	17,927	1,458	270	16,043	677		<b>249,100</b>	66%	<b>774.9</b>	1,840	32	1,884	<b>212,785</b>	64%	<b>754.3</b>													
May	440	27,035	2,580	280	17,217	1,616		<b>233,068</b>	62%	<b>771.3</b>	2,806	160	9,818	<b>210,130</b>	63%	<b>753.6</b>													
Jun	510	30,348	3,288	280	16,661	2,129		<b>211,582</b>	56%	<b>766.2</b>	3,109	230	13,686	<b>197,141</b>	59%	<b>750.2</b>													
Jul	564	34,691	2,550	320	19,676	2,188		<b>189,478</b>	50%	<b>760.6</b>	2,370	244	15,015	<b>180,425</b>	54%	<b>745.6</b>													
Aug	623	38,321	2,252	320	19,676	2,188		<b>165,087</b>	44%	<b>754.0</b>	2,008	303	18,645	<b>162,869</b>	49%	<b>740.5</b>													
Sep	467	27,769	1,713	320	19,042	2,144		<b>141,004</b>	37%	<b>747.0</b>	1,536	147	8,727	<b>142,277</b>	42%	<b>734.0</b>													
Oct	212	13,012	1,125	181	11,108	1,369		<b>118,170</b>	31%	<b>739.6</b>	1,064	31	1,904	<b>132,347</b>	40%	<b>730.7</b>													
Nov	70	4,165	566	60	3,570	996		<b>105,129</b>	28%	<b>735.0</b>	556	10	595	<b>129,477</b>	39%	<b>729.7</b>													
Dec	70	4,304	349	60	3,689	594		<b>100,031</b>	26%	<b>733.0</b>	359	10	615	<b>128,327</b>	38%	<b>729.3</b>													
Jan 2026								<b>95,554</b>	25%	<b>731.3</b>				<b>127,381</b>	38%	<b>728.9</b>													
<b>Totals</b>		<b>211,526</b>	<b>17,671</b>		<b>138,831</b>	<b>15,750</b>	<b>217</b>				<b>17,462</b>		<b>72,695</b>																

Draft Date: 4/14/2026

Notes:

1. Mean daily flow for the month in cubic feet per second.
2. Shaded areas denote actual values. Non-shaded areas are projected values.
3. Nacimiento Reservoir storage capacity: 377,900 acre feet; San Antonio Reservoir storage capacity: 335,000 acre feet.
4. Water Resources Advisory Committee may make release considerations for holiday periods to benefit recreation.
5. Schedule assumes no additional storm events that provide inflow to reservoirs. Actual elevations and or releases may be influenced by inflow.
6. "NWP Diversions" are San Luis Obispo County - Nacimiento Water Project conveyance facilities diversions. Max. allowable water year (Oct. 1 - Sept. 30) diversions: 15,750 ac-ft.
7. Nacimiento "NWP Diversions" do not include lakeside water use which is estimated at approximately 1,750 acre feet per year.
8. Releases from Nacimiento reservoir will be limited to 280 cfs or less due to planned maintenance activities expected to be completed by July 1. Nacimiento releases may exceed 280 cfs once maintenance activities are complete.





# County of Monterey

**Item No.11**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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Public hearing to consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

- 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.



# County of Monterey

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- 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.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors hold a public hearing to consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) is part of a conjunctive use system that delivers a combination of recycled water, surface water, and groundwater to growers to reduce groundwater extraction within seawater intruded areas of the 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasin. Monterey One Water owns and operates the Regional Treatment Plant that provides treated effluent to the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), which treats the water for use in the CSIP distribution area. The water delivery charge for Zone 2B was established to help support operations and maintenance of the CSIP and SVRP by charging growers for each acre-foot of

water delivered to parcels. This charge is in addition to assessments, grants and water service charges that are also collected for the system.

**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 \$105.24/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.

The Agency recommends that the FY27 Water Service Charge of Zone 2B be \$113.57/AF, increased from \$88.57/AF in FY26. The increase is to fund deferred maintenance and repair projects while still using Fund Balances to cover existing funding gap of SRDF operations in FY27.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

As revenues from current rates of Water Delivery Charge and Water Service Charge charges are no longer sufficient to fund increased operational costs, deferred maintenance, and the required capital improvement projects, it is critical to have the proposed rates being approved.

Revenues from Water Delivery and Service Charges are estimated at \$879,891 for CSIP, \$1,024,670 for SVRP and \$2,157,801 for SRDF.

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

Prepared by: Nan Kyung Kim, Finance Manager III (831) 755-4860

Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager (831) 755-4860

Attachments:

BoS Notice of Public Hearing for Zone 2B, 2Y, 2Z, WDS

**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				
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- D = River Channels and Lands Subject to Frequent Flooding
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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

# TODAY'S ACTION

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- 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.



# Discussion

- Ordinance **3789**: Water Delivery Charge
  - Established the Zone 2B **Water Delivery Charge for the CSIP and SVRP**
  - Adopt a new rate each fiscal year (July 1 thru June 30)
  - Requires a Public Hearing by the MCWRA Board of Directors

- D. Proposal by General Manager; recommendation by Board of Directors. Prior to the fiscal year for which charges are to be adopted, the General Manager of the Agency shall submit in writing to the agency Board of Directors the proposed amount of the water delivery charges, together with such documentation and justification as may be appropriate. At least one week before the Board of Directors' meeting at which the charges will be considered, the General Manager shall publish a notice of the public hearing, including the proposed amount of the water delivery charges. Following the public hearing the Board of Directors shall make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors concerning the adoption of water delivery charges.

# Discussion

## ■ Resolution 10-188:

- Adopted on January 29, 2008
- Established the Zone 2B **Water Service Charge** for the operations & maintenance of the **Salinas River Diversion Facility**
- Subject to a COLA increase by a CPI for the first five years and thereafter, based **on evaluation by the Agency**
- *First time increase **beyond annual CPIs***

**WHEREAS**, On January 29, 2008, the Board of Supervisors approved the enactment of a water service charge of \$66.23/AF for the operations and maintenance of the Salinas River Diversion Facility with the charge to be increased annually for inflation based on the Consumer Price Index for the first five years, and thereafter based on an evaluation by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and

# BoD Public Hearing

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
WATER DELIVERY CHARGE AND WATER SERVICE CHARGE OF ZONE 2B**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency will consider the annual Fiscal Year 2026-27 Zone 2B Water Delivery Charge in support of the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project as described below, and the annual Fiscal Year 2026-27 Water Service Charge for operation and maintenance of the Salinas River Diversion Facility as described below.

WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES		
Fiscal Year	2025-2026	2026-2027
Water Delivery Charge	\$85.24	\$100.24
Water Service Charge	\$88.57	\$113.57
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$173.81</b>	<b>\$213.81</b>

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors will conduct a public hearing on Monday, the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026, at the hour of 1:00 PM, at Cayenne Room, 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, California, at which time the Board shall hear and consider whether to recommend the Water Delivery Charge (Ordinance No. 3789) and Water Service Charge (Resolution 10-188) to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors. All interested persons may appear and provide public comment.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:  
Nan Kim, Finance Manager  
Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
1441 Schilling Place – North Building, Salinas CA, 93901  
[mcwater@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:mcwater@co.monterey.ca.us)

Public Hearing by BoD for  
recommended Water Delivery &  
Service Charges:

on 4/20/2026

To notice in the Monterey County  
Weekly, published on April 9th, 2026

A copy of the notice of public hearing  
will be mailed to the CSIP customers

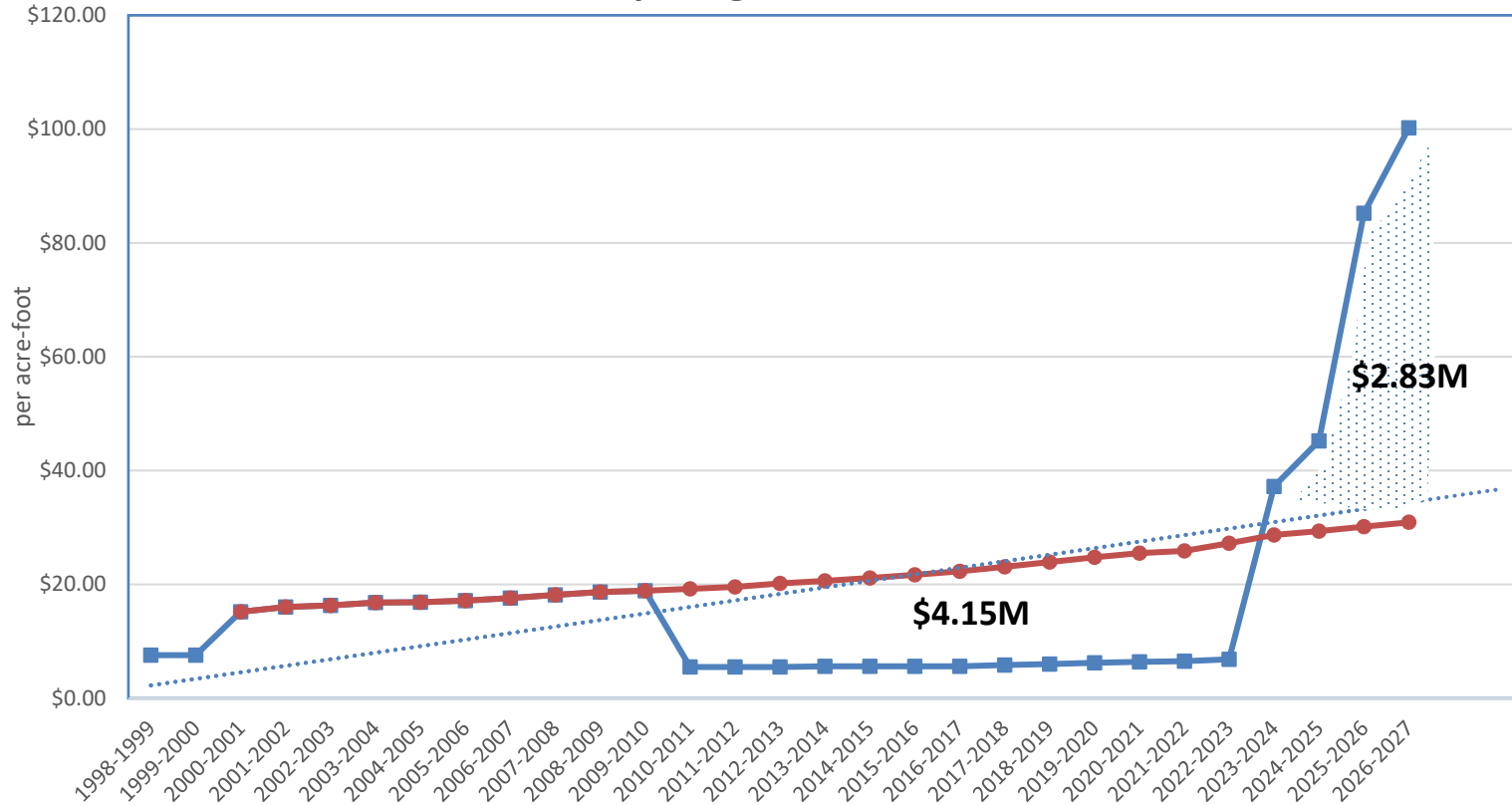
# 5 Year History Water Delivery & Service Charges

Fiscal Year	Water Delivery Charge	Water Service Charge
<b>2022-2023</b>	\$6.87	\$79.98
<b>2023-2024</b>	\$37.24	\$84.22
<b>2024-2025</b>	\$45.24	\$86.24
<b>2025-2026</b>	\$85.24	\$88.57
<b>2026-2027</b>	\$100.24	\$113.57



# History of Water Delivery Charge

Water Delivery Charges for CSIP & SVRP



# FY27 Recommended Budget

## Fund **1509** (131) - CSIP

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	4,829,778
WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES	879,891
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	900,000
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	944,062
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,653,731</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	828,604
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	296,441
SERVICES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	114,772
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	1,534,042
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT	900,000
MONTEREY ONE WATER CONTRACT	1,810,617
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	12,500
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	46,347
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	1,650,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,193,323</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(539,592)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,468,745
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	929,153

- Zone 2B & 2Y Assessments
- Water Delivery Charge (\$100.24)
- Grant – EPA \$900K
  
- M1W O&M
- CSIP Condition Assessment
- RW Permit compliance
- T22 Eng Report & Permit Migration
- ARV Replacement Plan (10-20 units)
- CSIP Pond Agitators (1/3)
- Operations Review & Revisions
- Flowmeter Recalibration Project
- In-field equipment Corrosion Correction
- Well Maintenance, Planning, Repairs
- Cathodic Protection
- 11B02 Well Replacement

# FY27 Recommended Budget

## Fund **1510** (132) – SVRP

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	5,090,373
WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES	1,024,670
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	-
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	50,197
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,165,240</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	-
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	89,192
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	6,989
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	50,000
MONTEREY ONE WATER CONTRACT	5,217,307
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	650
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	984,765
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>6,348,903</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(183,663)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,673,239
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,489,576

- Zone 2B & 2Z Assessments
- Water Delivery Charge (\$100.24)
  
- M1W O&M
- M1W Capital Outlay
- CSIP Pond Agitators (1/3)

# FY27 Recommended Budget

## Fund **1511** (134) – SRDF

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	-
WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES	2,157,801
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	392,585
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	40,970
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,591,356</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	473,657
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	66,448
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	73,621
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	445,000
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT FUNDED	350,000
MONTEREY ONE WATER CONTRACT	1,443,936
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	20,750
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	38,961
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,912,373</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(321,017)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,365,679
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,044,662

- Water Service Charge (\$113.57)
- Grant – Well Destruction
- M1W O&M
- M1W Capital Outlay
- CSIP Pond Agitators (1/3)
- Filtration Improvement Project
- CABM Scour Repair Engineering and Design
- Operations Review & Revisions
- SRDF Wetwell cleanout, Weir torquing
- Air compressor replacement 1

# FY27 Rates :

## Water Delivery & Service Charge

<b>WATER DELIVERY &amp; SERVICE CHARGES</b>		
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***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**BOARD ORDER No. 26-014**

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- c. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors set and hold a public hearing on May 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. to approve and adopt the rate change. )

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried out by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Approve 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
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3. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors set and hold a public hearing on May 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. to approve and adopt the rate change.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **April 2026**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

BY: Matthew Simis, Chair  
Board of Directors

ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

**Item No.12**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
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**April 20, 2026**

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### RECOMMENDATION:

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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 CSIP and 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) require the Agency Board of Supervisors to adopt annual resolutions to continue the assessments for CSIP and

SVRP.

**Assessments of Zone 2C:** Ordinance No. 4203 governs Zone 2C assessments to support the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP). In part, the assessments provide funding of operations and maintenance at Nacimiento Dam and San Antonio Dam. Ordinance 4203 stipulates that Operation & Maintenance & Administrative components of the SVWP assessments are also subject to annual COLA adjustments, based on the February CPI for the San Francisco, Oakland and San Jose urban area.

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 and special benefit zones for the following:

- Zones 1 & 1A - Pajaro River Fund 1502 (Fund 112 in CGI)
- Zone 8 - Soledad Storm Drain Fund 1504 (Fund 121 in CGI)
- Zone 9 - Reclamation Ditch Fund 1505 (Fund 122 in CGI)
- Zone 12 - San Lorenzo Creek Fund 1506 (Fund 124 in CGI)
- Zone 17 - Moro Cojo Slough Fund 1507 (Fund 127 in CGI)
- Zone 2B - CSIP Fund 1509 (Fund 131 in CGI) and SVRP Fund 1510 (Fund 132 in CGI)
- Zone 2Y - CSIP Fund 1509 (Fund 131 in CGI)
- Zone 2Z - SVRP Fund 1510 (Fund 132 in CGI)
- Zone 2C - Dam Operations Fund 1503 (Fund 116 in CGI)  
    Operation & Maintenance & Administrative components only
- Water Delivery Charge to \$105.24/AF  
    CSIP Fund 1509 (Fund 131 in CGI) and SVRP Fund 1510 (Fund 132 in CGI)
- Water Service Charge to \$113.57/AF  
    SRDF Fund 1511 (Fund 134 in CGI)

The attached summary chart details Agency's FY27 assessment rates, water delivery and service charges compared to those of FY26.

It is requested that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on May 19, 2026 to consider approving and adopting the rates as set forth in the Notice of Public Hearing relating to rate changes of Agency's Zones, the Water Delivery Charge, and Water Service Charge in FY27, all identified in the Public Notice. Notices will be published once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for this hearing.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

As revenues from current rates of assessments and charges are no longer sufficient to fund increased operational costs, deferred maintenance, and the required capital improvement projects, it is critical to have the COLA increases and the proposed water delivery rate being approved.

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Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager (831) 755-4860

Attachments:

FY2026-27 WRA Assessments and Charges Summary

Notices of Public Hearing for Flood Zones

Notices of Public Hearing for Zone 2C

Notices of Public Hearing for Zone 2B, 2Y, 2Z, Water Delivery Fee & Water Service Charge

## WRA FY2026-27 Assessments of Flood Zones

charge 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

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

charge per acre

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		A	B	C	D	H
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Land Factor of Zone 2B only:

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H = Irrigated Agricultural (South Valley)

WRA FY2026-27 Special Benefit Assessments - Zone 2C									
Sub Areas	Assessment Components	Land Factor (charge per acre)							
		A		B		C		D	
		FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27	FY26	FY27
Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam	O&M	\$12.60	\$12.91	\$12.60	\$12.91	\$1.22	\$1.25	\$0.13	\$0.13
	Admin	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$0.15	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.82	\$1.82	\$1.82	\$1.82	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.02	\$0.02
	Div Facility								
Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam	O&M	\$13.53	\$13.87	\$13.52	\$13.86	\$1.37	\$1.40	\$0.17	\$0.17
	Admin	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$0.15	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.28	\$1.28	\$1.28	\$1.28	\$0.12	\$0.12		
	Div Facility								
Upper Valley	O&M	\$12.16	\$12.46	\$12.16	\$12.46	\$1.20	\$1.23	\$0.13	\$0.13
	Admin	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$0.15	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$1.04	\$0.10	\$0.10		
	Div Facility								
Forebay	O&M	\$12.62	\$12.94	\$12.62	\$12.94	\$1.22	\$1.25	\$0.13	\$0.13
	Admin	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$0.15	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$1.14	\$0.10	\$0.10		
	Div Facility								
Pressure	O&M	\$26.65	\$27.32	\$26.65	\$27.32	\$2.61	\$2.67	\$0.24	\$0.25
	Admin	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$0.15	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$2.86	\$2.86	\$2.86	\$2.86	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.02	\$0.02
	Div Facility	\$6.18	\$6.18	\$6.18	\$6.18	\$0.62	\$0.62	\$0.06	\$0.06
East Side	O&M	\$14.47	\$14.83	\$14.47	\$14.83	\$1.46	\$1.50	\$0.17	\$0.17
	Admin	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$0.15	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$2.18	\$2.18	\$2.18	\$2.18	\$0.22	\$0.22	\$0.02	\$0.02
	Div Facility	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$5.14	\$0.52	\$0.52	\$0.04	\$0.04
Arroyo Seco	O&M	\$4.65	\$4.76	\$4.65	\$4.76	\$0.46	\$0.47	\$0.05	\$0.05
	Admin	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$1.85	\$1.90	\$0.15	\$0.15		
	Spill Way	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.46	\$0.04	\$0.04		
	Div Facility								

Land Factors:

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

**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

**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

**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							

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
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
D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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							

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
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	-

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

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
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	-
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

**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

**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

# TODAY'S ACTION

Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

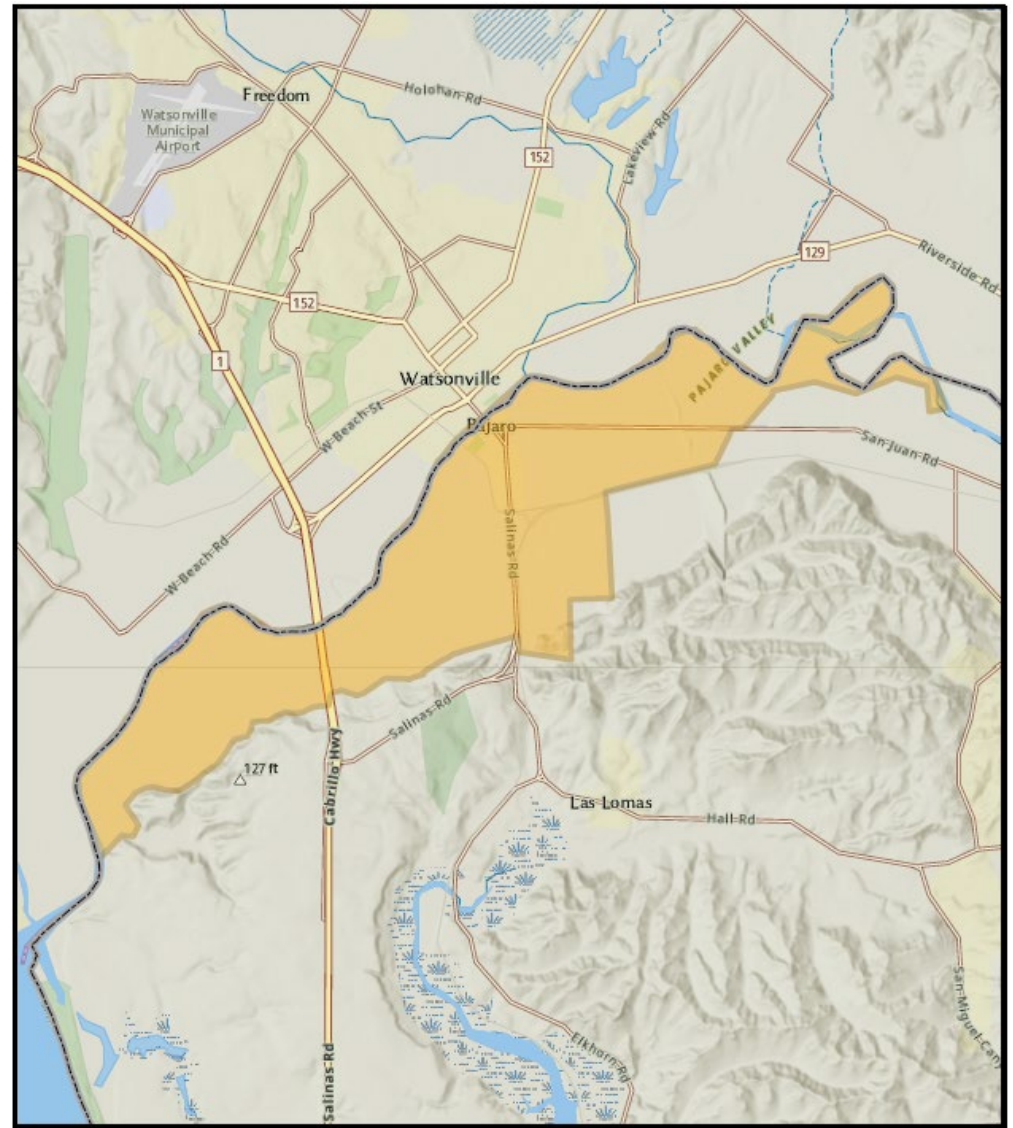
- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (**FY27**) cost-of-living adjustment (**COLA**) increase of **2.5%** to the assessment charges of **Zones 1, 1A, 2B, 2C 2Y, 2Z, 8, 9, 12, and 17**; and
- b. Set and hold **a public hearing on May 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** to consider approving and adopting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



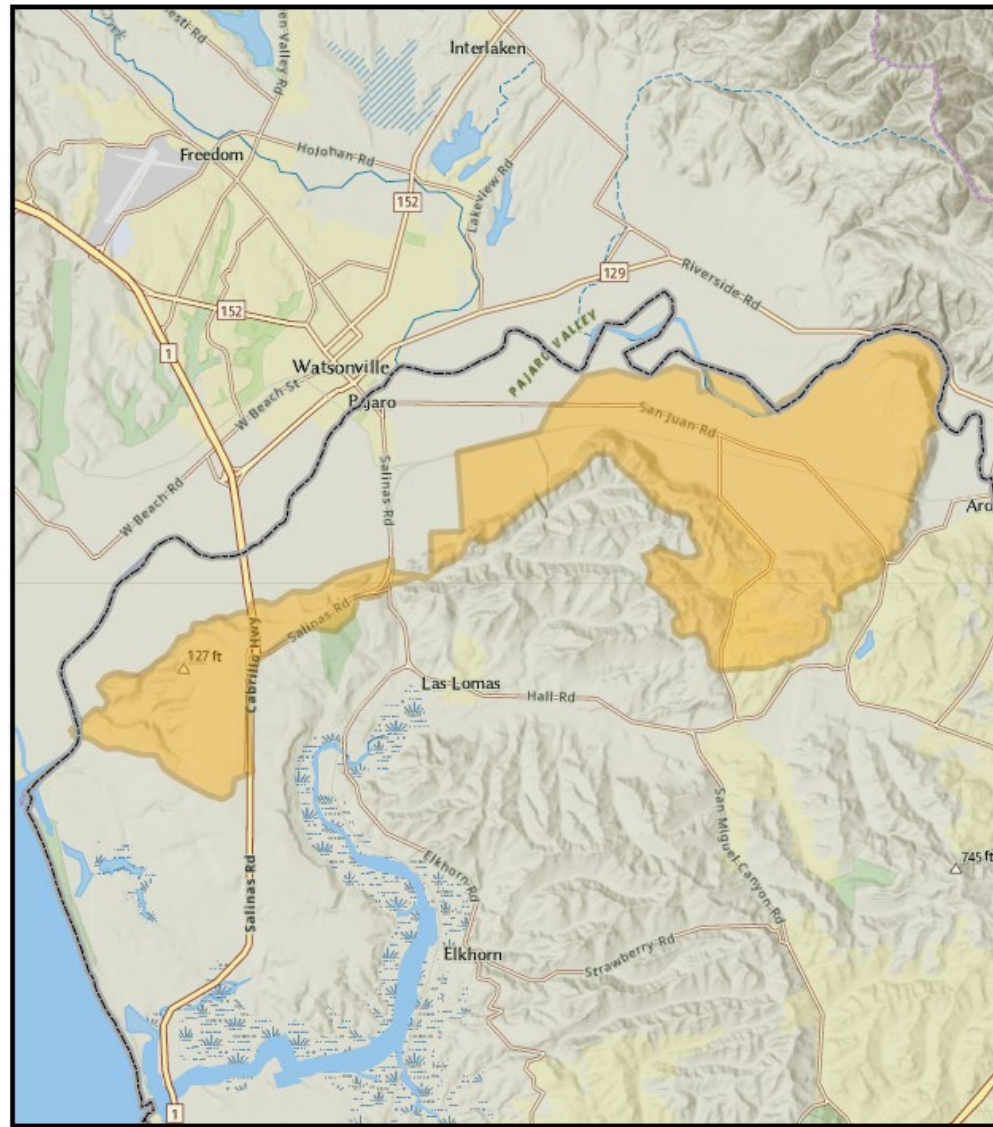
# Discussion

- Ordinances Nos. **2626, 2974, 3878 and 3881**:
  - **Flood Control Benefit Assessments** in **Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17** to **maintain flood protection systems** thru vegetation management and rodent control, maintaining banks and silt removal in channels, removal of debris from ditches and drainage structures and maintenance of roads, fences and canals.
  - Assessment rates be increased **annually** as a **cost-of-living adjustment (COLA)** by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) of the **San Francisco Bay Area**
  - On **March 11, 2026**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February 2026 Consumer Price Index which increased **2.5%** from last year.

# Zone 1 Boundary Pajaro



# Zone 1A Boundary Pajaro



# FY27 Rate : Zone 1

<b>ZONE 1 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>		<b>2026-2027</b>	
<b>Factor</b>	<b>Parcel Count</b>	<b>Charge Per Acre</b>	<b>Parcel Count</b>	<b>Charge Per Acre</b>
A	106	\$ 385.31	106	\$ 394.94
B	45	\$ 385.31	45	\$ 394.94
C	191	\$ 96.35	191	\$ 98.76
E	151	\$ 96.35	151	\$ 98.76
F	42	\$ 7.83	42	\$ 8.02
<b>Total:</b>	<b>535</b>		<b>535</b>	
A = Commercial and Industrial				
B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family)				
C = Single Family Residence				
E = Vacant, Agricultural				
F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site				

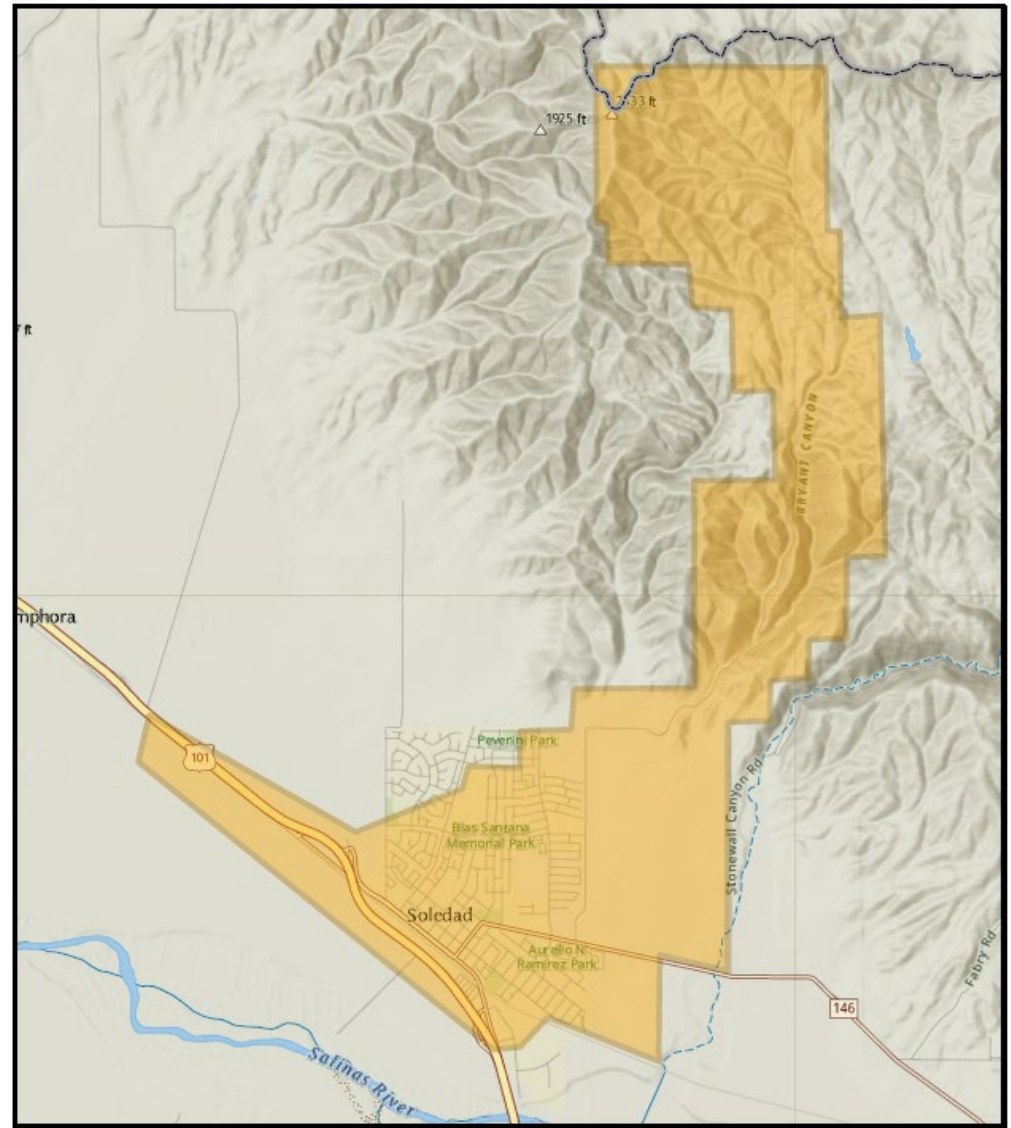


# FY27 Rate : Zone 1A

ZONE 1A BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	37	\$ 188.10	37	\$ 192.80
B	5	\$ 188.10	5	\$ 192.80
C	368	\$ 47.04	368	\$ 48.21
E	173	\$ 47.04	173	\$ 48.21
F	399	\$ 3.92	399	\$ 4.02
<b>Total:</b>	<b>982</b>		<b>982</b>	
A = Commercial and Industrial				
B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family)				
C = Single Family Residence				
E = Vacant, Agricultural				
F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site				



# Zone 8 Boundary: Soledad Storm Drain

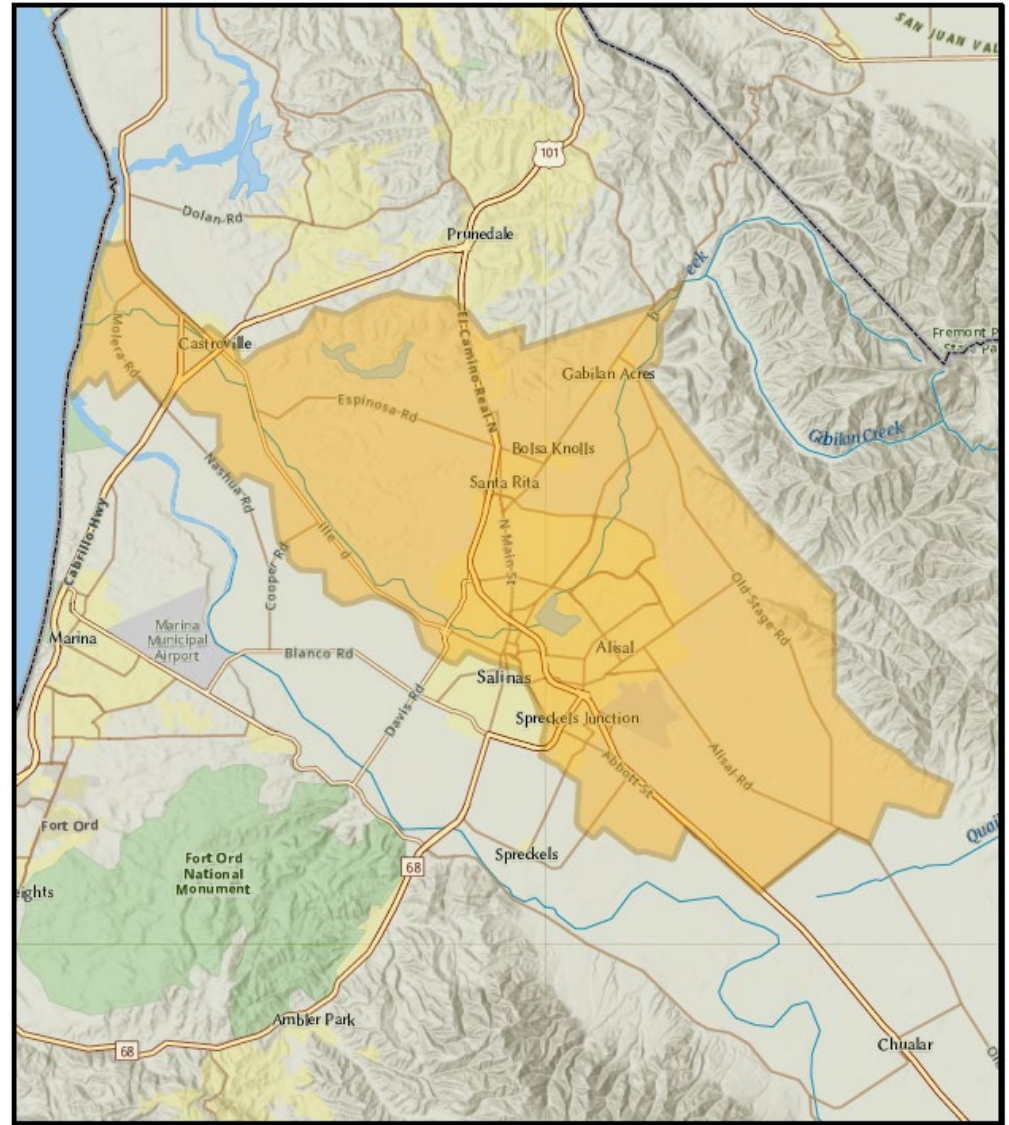


# FY27 Rate : Zone 8

ZONE 8 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	400	\$ 75.66	400	\$ 77.55
B	69	\$ 56.75	69	\$ 58.17
C	2,623	\$ 9.47	2,623	\$ 9.70
E	119	\$ 18.95	119	\$ 19.42
F	311	\$ 9.47	311	\$ 9.70
G	1	\$ 0.94	1	\$ 0.97
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
I	0	\$ -	6	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,523</b>		<b>3,529</b>	
<p>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 (no charge)            I = Land receiving no charge</p>				



# Zone 9 Boundary: Reclamation Ditch

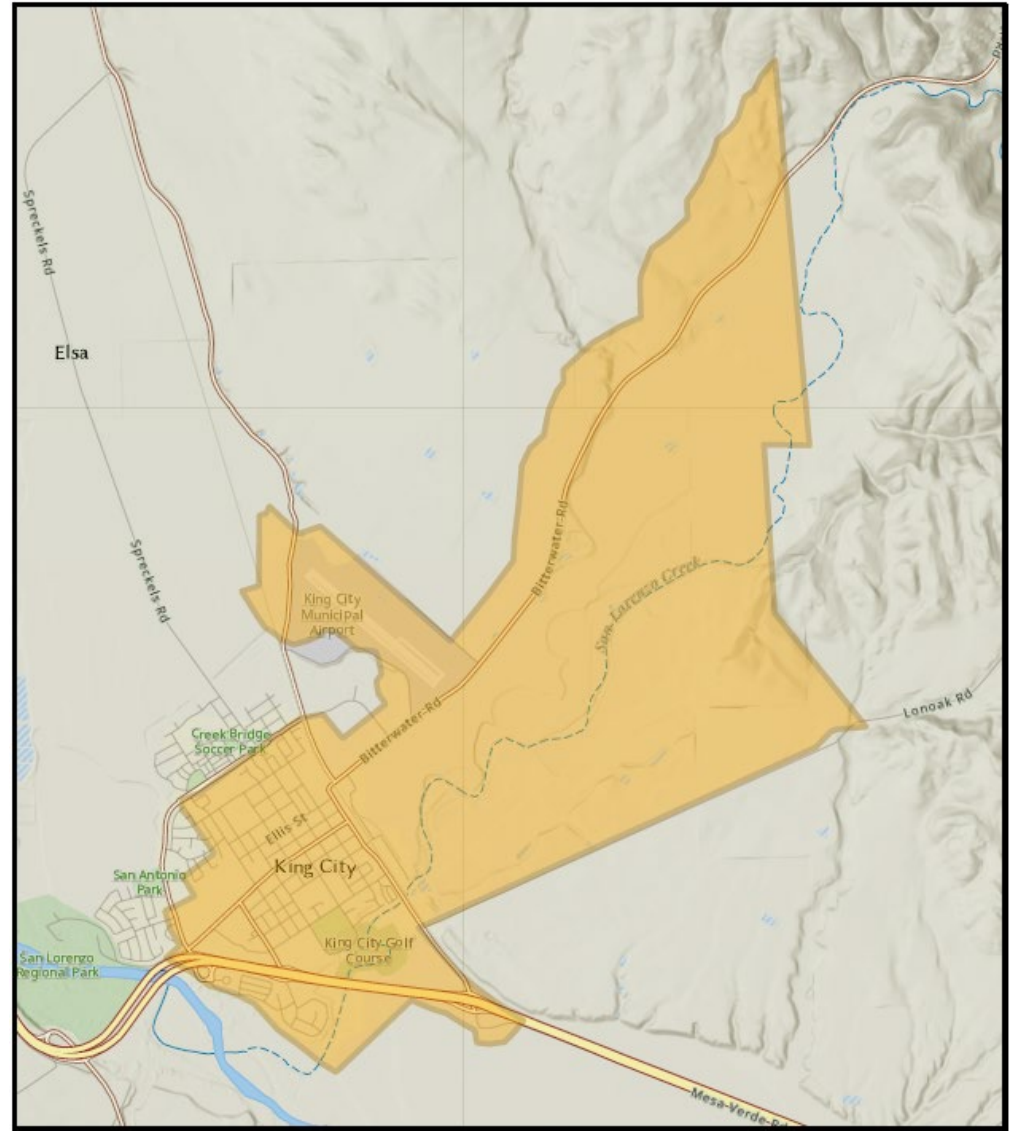


# FY27 Rate : Zone 9

ZONE 9 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	3,265	\$ 80.00	3,261	\$ 82.00
B	1,170	\$ 60.00	1,169	\$ 61.50
C	22,007	\$ 10.01	22,007	\$ 10.26
E	1,316	\$ 20.00	1,314	\$ 20.50
F	1,421	\$ 10.01	1,420	\$ 10.26
G	7	\$ 1.00	7	\$ 1.02
<b>Total:</b>	<b>29,186</b>		<b>29,178</b>	
<p>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 Site            G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35%            H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded            I = Land receiving no charge</p>				



# Zone 12 Boundary: San Lorenzo Creek

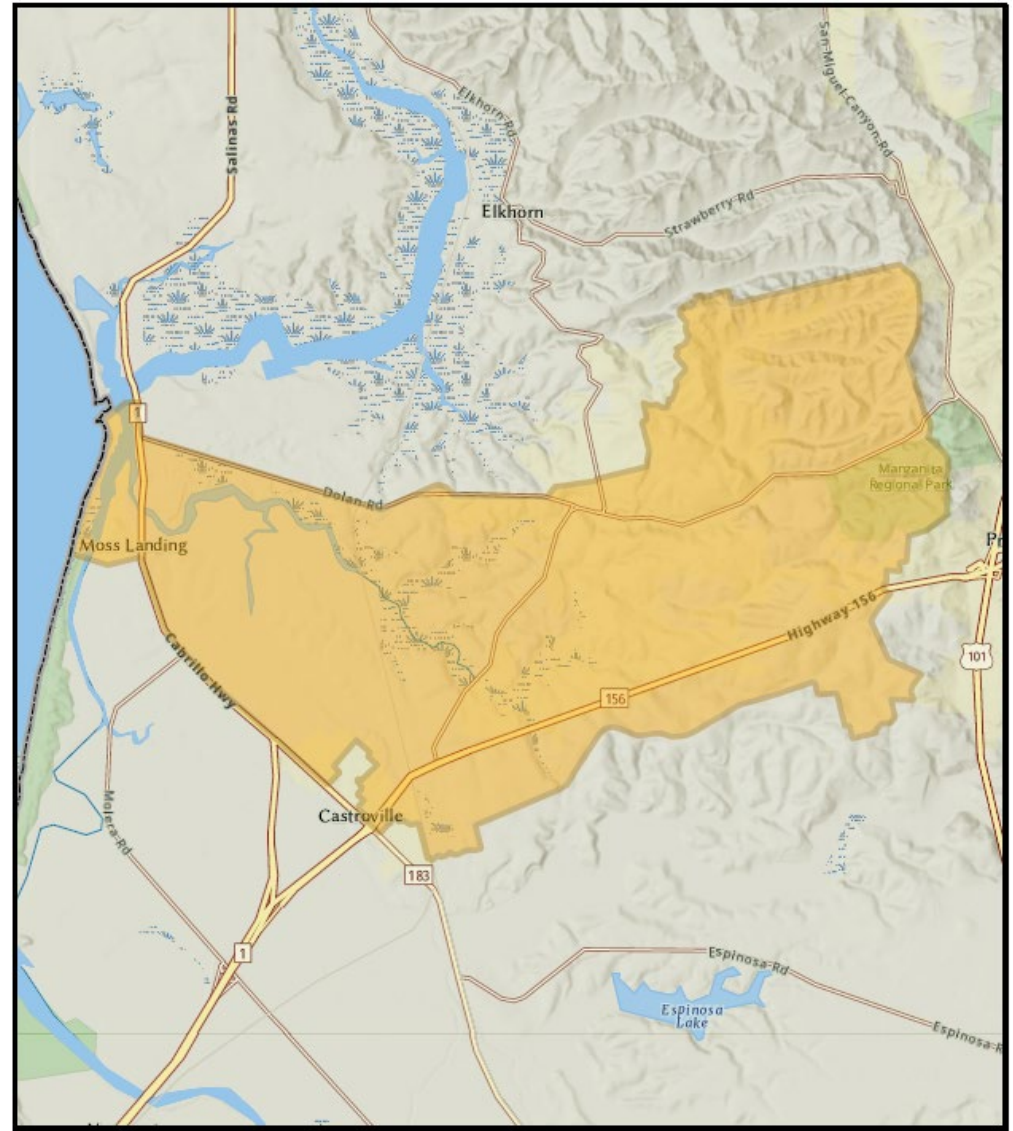


# FY27 Rate : Zone 12

ZONE 12 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	249	\$ 28.43	248	\$ 29.14
B	136	\$ 21.33	136	\$ 21.86
C	1,055	\$ 3.55	1,055	\$ 3.64
E	102	\$ 7.11	102	\$ 7.29
F	93	\$ 3.55	92	\$ 3.64
G	3	\$ 0.37	3	\$ 0.38
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,638</b>		<b>1,636</b>	
<p>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 Site            G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35%</p>				



# Zone 17 Boundary: Moro Cojo



# FY27 Rate : Zone 17

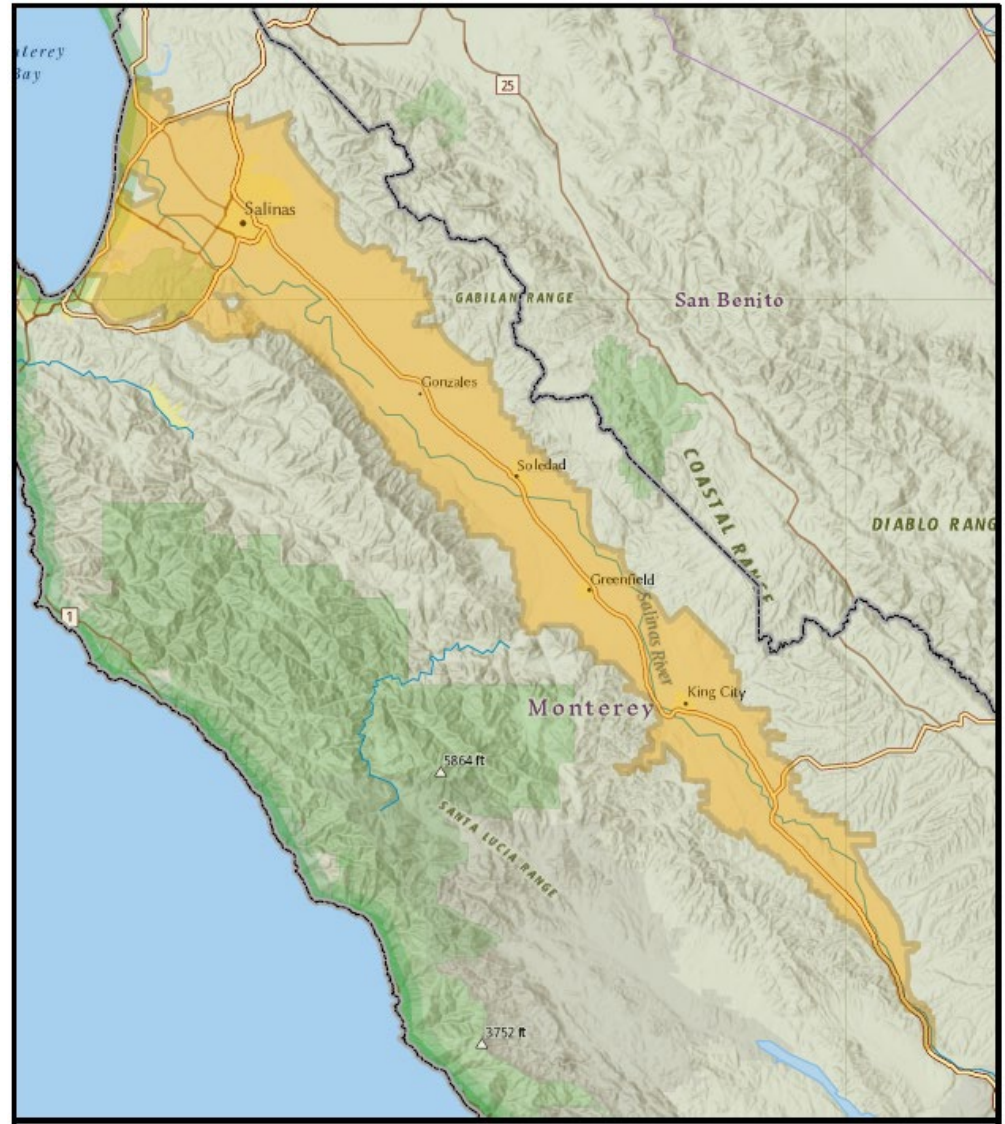
ZONE 17 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	124	\$ 27.42	123	\$ 28.11
B	66	\$ 20.56	66	\$ 21.07
C	2,207	\$ 27.42	2,207	\$ 28.11
E	1,080	\$ 13.72	1,080	\$ 14.06
F	739	\$ 6.86	739	\$ 7.03
G	20	\$ 0.37	20	\$ 0.38
H	5	\$ -	5	\$ -
I	3	\$ -	3	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>4,244</b>		<b>4,243</b>	
<p>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 Site            G = Undisturbed, natural state, grazing or vacant, slope greater than 35%            H = Wetlands and marshlands, undisturbed, periodically flooded            I = Land receiving no charge</p>				



# Discussion

- Ordinance Nos. **3635** and **3636**:
  - **Assessments in Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z** provide funding to operate and maintain the **CSIP** and **SVRP** as well as the funding necessary to make debt payments to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for the loans that funded these projects.
- Annual a cost-of-living adjustment (**COLA**) by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) of the **San Francisco Bay Area** measured from **March 1 of each year to March 1** of the next year is allowed by the Ordinances and the Resolution.

# Zone 2Y & Z Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



# FY27 Rate : Zone 2Y (CSIP)

ZONE 2Y BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,370	\$ 4.20	52,361	\$ 4.31
B	4,641	\$ 36.79	4,630	\$ 37.71
C	3,013	\$ 0.45	3,005	\$ 0.46
D	266	\$ -	265	\$ -
H	1,111	\$ 1.82	1,108	\$ 1.87
<b>Total:</b>	<b>61,366</b>		<b>61,369</b>	
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)				

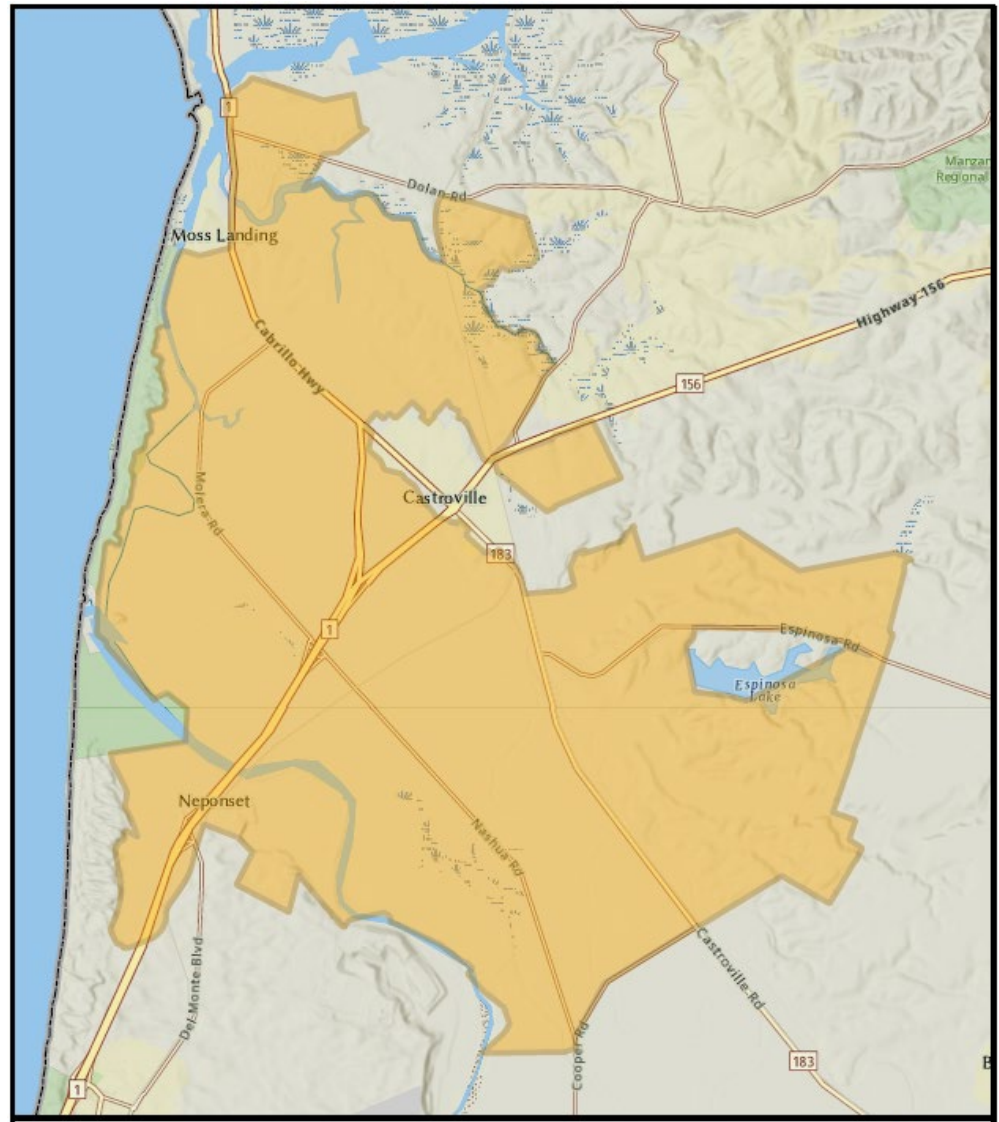


# FY27 Rate : Zone 2Z (SVRP)

ZONE 2Y BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	52,370	\$ 4.20	52,361	\$ 4.31
B	4,641	\$ 36.79	4,630	\$ 37.71
C	3,013	\$ 0.45	3,005	\$ 0.46
D	266	\$ -	265	\$ -
H	1,111	\$ 1.82	1,108	\$ 1.87
<b>Total:</b>	<b>61,366</b>		<b>61,369</b>	
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# Zone 2B Boundary: CSIP & SVRP



# FY27 Rate : Zone 2B

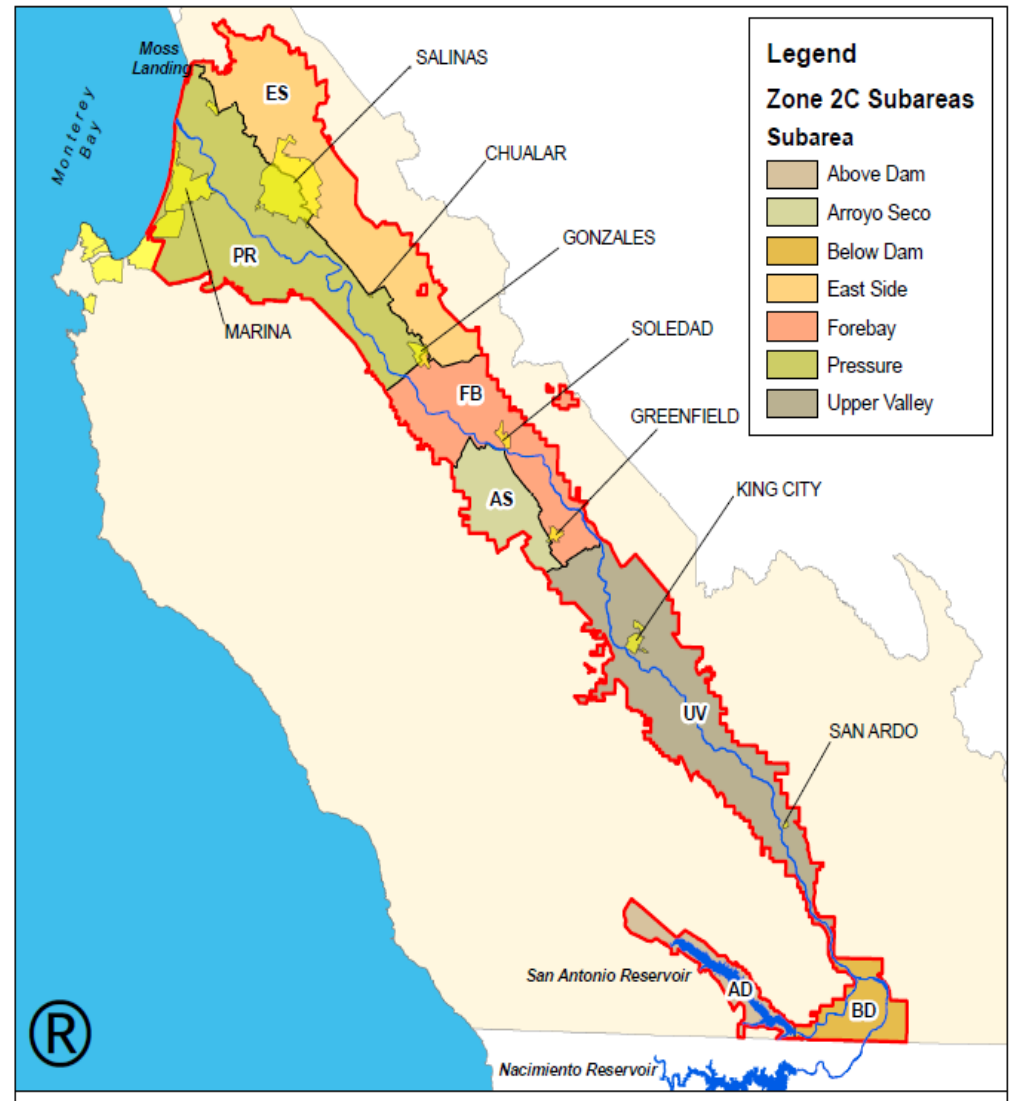
ZONE 2B BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS				
Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	194	\$ 365.04	191	\$ 374.17
B	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
C	0	\$ -	36	\$ -
D	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
H	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
<b>Total:</b>	<b>194</b>		<b>227</b>	
A = Net Irrigated Agricultural (vicinity of Castroville)				
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)				



# Discussion

- Ordinance No. **4203** :
  - Assessments in **Zone 2C** for the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) to fund **Operations and Maintenance at Nacimiento Dam and San Antonio Dam**.
  - Assessment rates be increased annually as a cost-of-living Adjustment (**COLA**) by the Consumer Price Index (**CPI**) of the **San Francisco Bay Area** measured from **March 1 of each year to March 1** of the next year.
  - COLA adjustments be applied to the Operation and Maintenance and the Administration components **only**.
- On **March 11, 2026**, the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics released the February 2026 Consumer Price Index which increased **2.5%** from last year.

# Zone 2C Boundary:



# FY27 Rate : Zone 2C

## Operation & Maintenance

<b>ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS</b>							
<b>O&amp;M of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams</b>							
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2026-2027</b>						
<b>Subarea</b>	<b>Ext. Upper Valley Above Dam</b>	<b>Ext. Upper Valley Below Dam</b>	<b>Upper Valley</b>	<b>Forebay</b>	<b>Pressure</b>	<b>East Side</b>	<b>Arroyo Seco</b>
<b>Factor</b>	<b>Charge Per Acre</b>						
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							



# FY27 Rate : Zone 2C Administration

<b>ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS</b>							
<b>Administration</b>							
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
D	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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							



# FY27 Rate : Zone 2C

## Spillway Modification

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Nacimiento Spillway Modification ( <u>NO COLA</u> )							
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	-
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							



# FY27 Rate : Zone 2C

## Diversion Facility Construction

ZONE 2C BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS							
Diversion Facility Construction ( <u>NO COLA</u> )							
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	-
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							



# FY27 Recommended Budget

MCWRA FY27 Unassigned Fund Balance Summary										
NEW Fund	CGI Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Estimated Add (Use)	FY26 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimated Beginning Balance	FY27 Budgeted Expense	FY27 Budgeted Revenue	FY27 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimate Ending Balance
1501	111	Administration Fund		598,662	(145,809)	5,103,687	7,929,719	5,871,248	(2,058,471)	3,045,216
1502	112	Pajaro Levee	1/1A	426,443	(204,496)	1,396,486	734,363	620,174	(114,189)	1,282,297
1503	116	Dam Operations	2C	1,660,288	(626,591)	2,734,104	14,602,612	13,941,763	(660,849)	2,073,255
1504	121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	69,802	2,802	376,312	57,761	102,744	44,983	421,295
1505	122	Reclamation Ditch	9	179,210	(333,348)	1,225,437	2,372,119	1,838,741	(533,378)	692,059
1506	124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	10,095	(6,133)	40,560	37,688	39,699	2,011	42,571
1507	127	Moro Cojo Slough	17	(49,900)	(321,329)	301,875	730,946	536,188	(194,758)	107,117
1508	130	Hydro-Electric Ops		676,354	(644,361)	2,109,875	1,733,457	1,365,496	(367,961)	1,741,914
1509	131	CSIP Operations	2B/Y	(729,644)	(240,935)	1,468,745	7,193,323	6,653,731	(539,592)	929,153
1510	132	SVRP Operations	2B/Z	(251,337)	(730,810)	1,673,239	6,348,903	6,165,240	(183,663)	1,489,576
1511	134	SRDF Operations		(503,314)	(800,686)	1,365,679	2,912,373	2,591,356	(321,017)	1,044,662
1810	303	CSIP Debt Service		-	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
1835	313	SVWP Debt Service		15	-	1,036,760	1,761,213	1,761,213	-	1,036,760
1950	426	Interlake Tunnel		405,534	(116,562)	498,403	222,204	14,952	(207,252)	291,151
Total:				<b>2,492,208</b>	<b>(4,168,258)</b>	<b>20,101,834</b>	<b>48,286,681</b>	<b>43,152,545</b>	<b>(5,134,136)</b>	<b>14,967,698</b>



# TODAY'S ACTION

Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

- 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 on May 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.** to consider approving and adopting the assessment rate 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.





***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**BOARD ORDER No. 26-015**

- 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. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on May 19, 2026, to approve and adopt the assessment rate and charges. )

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried out by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

- 1. 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
- 2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on May 19, 2026, to approve and adopt the assessment rate and charges.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **April 2026**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Matthew Simis, Chair  
Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

**Item No.13**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-119**

April 20, 2026

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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)

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.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Board of Directors:

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.

**BACKGROUND:**

In October 1984, the Agency (then Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District) received an Advanced Feasibility Report (AFR) for the proposed Nacimiento Hydroelectric Project (NHP). The AFR conceived a two unit project, one that would operate at a target flow of 400 cubic-feet per second capable of generating 3,500 kilowatts and a second that would operate at a target flow of 25 cubic-feet per second capable of generating 250 kilowatts. The second unit was included to capture energy from releases made to meet the aquatic and riparian habitat management flow target established by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife. The total estimated capital cost to construct the NHP was \$4,890,000. The AFR concluded the NHP was technically, economically, and environmentally feasible and recommended construction be pursued.

In May 1985, the Board of Supervisors authorized the creation of the Monterey County Power Authority (MCPA) by approving a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) between the County and the Agency. In August 1985, the Agency adopted Resolution 85-485 to introduce an Ordinance to authorize the MCPA to issue revenue bonds to finance the construction of the NHP and to waive the reading requirements in order to meet a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission deadline for an Exemption From Licensing. The authorized Ordinance 3089 was thus adopted in September 1985. The County took parallel actions. And in November 1985, the MCPA adopted Resolution 85-642 authorizing the issuance of Lease Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$4.9 million to finance construction of the NHP. The NHP went into operation in July 1987.

Also in November 1985, the County adopted Resolution 85-678 to authorize execution of a NHP Facility Lease and an Agency and Operating Agreement. A Site Lease between the Agency and MCPA was also executed, with the three separate agreements going into effect on December 1, 1985, to consummate the NHP financing arrangement with the MCPA. The Site Lease essentially made Agency land available to the MCPA to construct the NHP. The term of the lease was to run to December 2, 2005, unless extended or terminated through some other agreement, for a total sum of \$1. The Facility Lease with the County essentially secured the MCPA agreements and covenants adopted in its Resolution 85-642. The term of the lease was to run to December 1, 2005, unless extended or terminated through some other agreement. The rent paid by the County covered the interest and principal payments incurred by the MCPA, plus an additional sum to cover the MCPA administrative costs. The Facility Lease also established that the County would be responsible for maintenance to keep the NHP "in first class operating condition". The Agency and Operating Agreement essentially established the Agency as an agent of the MCPA to construct the

NHP, and an agent of the County to operate and maintain it. All revenue received by the Agency under its agreement with Pacific Gas & Electric was to be transferred to the County when and as received, and the County would then allocate “net proceeds” back to the Agency pursuant to the JPA at the end of each fiscal-year

Resolution 95-250, adopted in June 1995, assigned surplus NHP revenue to the CSIP and SVRP for a broad array of purposes. It also delegated the authority to allocate surplus revenues between the two projects to the General Manager.

**CURRENT POLICY ON UTILIZATION OF NHP NET REVENUE:**

Ordinance 4203, adopted in July 2003, declared the Board of Supervisors intent to adopt separate resolutions (§ Z) to 1) amend Resolution 85-292 and the Joint Powers Agreement for the Monterey County Power Authority to allocate the use of revenue generated by the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Plant following retirement of the Lease Revenue Bonds solely to MCWRA; and to 2) clarify Resolution 95-250 regarding the use of hydroelectric revenue generated by the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Plant.

In July 2003, the Agency adopted Resolution 03-295 to amend previously adopted Resolutions 85-292 and 95-250 based upon the “Recommended Strategy” developed by the Cost Allocation Committee (CAC) for funding the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP) and operation of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs. The CAC was convened by the Agency in 2001 to provide beneficiaries of the SVWP an opportunity to contribute to the development of the SVWP. Over the course of a year, the CAC developed the “Recommended Strategy” to address future SVWP and dam related cost obligations, which, among other things, made recommendations about the allocation and use of NHP net revenue.

The Recitals in Resolution 03-295 provide historical context to the action, which amends Resolution 85-292 to allocate all “net revenue”, including the County’s then existing 20% share, to the Agency; and amends Resolution 95-250 to allow for “up to” \$200,000 per year to be assigned to the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and/or the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), with the remaining balance, up to 100%, assigned to the Nacimiento and San Antonio “Capital Asset Management Program”. The allocation of hydroelectric revenue is to be determined during the Agency’s annual budgeting process.

**FISCAL-YEAR 2026-27 (FY27) ALLOCATION OF NHP NET REVENUE:**

During the annual budgeting process, Agency staff must consider prioritization within funds as well as across funds because while the ability to allocate money from one fund to another is generally limited, the allocation of the human resources necessary to implement fiscal-year priorities can significantly impact the utilization of available revenues and/or fund balances. Therefore, priorities cannot be simply viewed vertically within each fund but also must be considered horizontally across funds to achieve the Agency’s broad array of objectives.

The Hydroelectric Plant Fund 1508 (130) is unique in that it relies almost entirely upon electric generation revenue, which fluctuates significantly depending upon hydrological year type. Over the past 5 years, Fund 1508 has experienced a single year gain of \$634,000 and a single year loss of (\$441,000), a year-over-year swing of over \$1,000,000. In addition to year-over-year

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variability, Fund 1508 can experience successive years of loss, as witnessed during the 2020-2022 drought cycle, wherein Fund 1508 lost nearly \$700,000 over a three-year period. Therefore, when budgeting for NHP activities, it is important to take a multi-year view when considering priorities and forecasting potential expenses, and to maintain a robust fund balance to manage the known financial uncertainty. Based upon the net expenses incurred during the 2020-2022 drought cycle (total expenses – total revenue), staff recommends Fund 1508 maintain a minimum Fund Balance of \$1,600,000, and establish as an appropriate target, an average Fund Balance of \$2,000,000 (a 3-year drought reserve plus a 50% annual Operations & Maintenance reserve).

The NHP is also unique in that it created an unfunded regulatory mandate upon the Nacimiento & San Antonio Dams Operations and Maintenance Fund 1503 (116), the cost of which has grown significantly since creation of the Zone 2C Special Benefit Assessment, by bringing Federal Energy Regulatory Commission jurisdiction over Nacimiento Dam. The 2003 Engineer’s Report that was the basis of Zone 2C did not consider regulatory compliance cost whatsoever. When preparing the proposed FY27 NHP budget, staff began by accounting for the fixed costs (labor, insurance, county charges, etc.), then estimating the costs for needed maintenance. For FY27, those proposed activities absent any net revenue transfer are:

<b>FY27 NHP Fixed Costs</b>	\$ 613,457
<b>FY27 NHP Maintenance Activities</b>	
Facility inspections	\$ 40,000
Maintenance services	\$ 125,000
Meter calibration	\$ 10,000
Chatterbox update	\$ 20,000
PLC update	\$ 75,000
Electrical drawing updates	\$ 150,000
Sub-Total	\$ 420,000
Estimated Change to FB	\$ 332,039
<b>Estimated Ending Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 2,441,914</b>
Fund Balance to Expenses %	236%

Next, staff analyzed the needs of the Nacimiento & San Antonio Dams Operations and Maintenance Fund 1503 (116) and the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project Fund 1509 (131) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project Fund 1510 (132), consistent with Resolution 03-295. As initially developed, Fund 1503 would have had Revenues of \$13,241,763 against projected Expenses of \$14,602,612, which would have had a Fund Balance impact of (\$1,360,849), leaving the estimated FY27 ending Fund Balance at 9% of projected expenses.

Funds 1509 and 1510, as proposed, have estimated Revenues of \$7,553,731 and \$6,165,240 versus projected Expenses of \$7,705,281 and \$6,348,903, respectively. The resulting impact to Fund Balance is estimated to be (\$151,550) and (\$183,663), leaving the respective, estimated FY27 ending Fund Balances at 17% and 23% of projected expenses.

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When considering a recommendation about the potential allocation of net revenue from the NHP, staff weighed the FY27 needs of each program area, and specific fund conditions, and concluded that continuing to transfer \$700,000 from Fund 1508 to Fund 1503, as is the case in the current FY26 adopted budget, had greatest merit. First, the condition of Fund 1503 Fund Balance is among the weakest in the Agency and is in stark contrast to the ongoing and future needs at Nacimiento & San Antonio Dams. The stronger financial situation in Funds 1509 and 1510 is facilitated by a system that allows for annual changes in revenues to recover necessary costs. Fund 1503 has no such mechanism. Additionally, CSIP, as a program, benefits from the annual dedication of approximately \$633,000 of Ad Valorem tax revenue for the repayment of debt for the Salinas Valley Water Project. While this funding relates, in part, to the Salinas River Diversion Facility, and is not the subject of Resolution 03-295, it does, nonetheless, benefit the same community of CSIP landowners and growers that are subject to expenses incurred under Funds 1509 and 1510, and further contributes to the better financial health of the CSIP program overall. For these reasons, staff again recommended the transfer of NHP net revenue to Fund 1503 rather than to 1509 and/or 1510.

**CONSIDERATIONS:**

On April 3, the Agency’s Finance & Administration Committee recommended that, in addition to the staff recommended transfer of \$700,000 from Fund 1508 to Fund 1503, \$200,000 be transferred from Fund 1508 to the CSIP Fund 1509. No specific activity was identified; rather, the additional funding would be to increase CSIP fund balance, though the Committee did discuss the potential of using the increased funding for the Well 11B02 Replacement Project. The proposed changes to fund balances are illustrated below:

<b>BEFORE FUND TRANSFERS</b>					
<b>Fund 1503</b>		<b>Fund 1508</b>		<b>Fund 1509</b>	
Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 13,241,763	Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 1,365,496	Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 7,553,731
Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 14,602,612	Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 1,033,457	Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 7,705,281
Fund Balance Impact	\$ (1,360,849)	Fund Balance Impact	\$ 332,039	Fund Balance Impact	\$ (151,550)
Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,373,255	Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 2,441,914	Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,317,195
Proposed Transfers		Proposed Transfers		Proposed Transfers	
Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,373,255	Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 2,441,914	Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,317,195
Fund Balance to Expense %	9%	Fund Balance to Expense %	236%	Fund Balance to Expense %	17%
<b>STAFF RECOMMENDED FUND TRANSFERS</b>					
<b>Fund 1503</b>		<b>Fund 1508</b>		<b>Fund 1509</b>	
Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 13,241,763	Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 1,365,496	Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 7,553,731
Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 14,602,612	Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 1,033,457	Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 7,705,281
Fund Balance Impact	\$ (1,360,849)	Fund Balance Impact	\$ 332,039	Fund Balance Impact	\$ (151,550)
Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,373,255	Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 2,441,914	Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,317,195
Proposed Transfers	\$ 700,000	Proposed Transfers	\$ (700,000)	Proposed Transfers	
Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 2,073,255	Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,741,914	Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,317,195
Fund Balance to Expense %	14%	Fund Balance to Expense %	169%	Fund Balance to Expense %	17%
<b>FAC RECOMMENDED FUND TRANSFERS</b>					
<b>Fund 1503</b>		<b>Fund 1508</b>		<b>Fund 1509</b>	
Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 13,241,763	Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 1,365,496	Estimated FY27 Revenue	\$ 7,553,731
Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 14,602,612	Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 1,033,457	Estimated FY27 Expenses	\$ 7,705,281
Fund Balance Impact	\$ (1,360,849)	Fund Balance Impact	\$ 332,039	Fund Balance Impact	\$ (151,550)
Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,373,255	Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 2,441,914	Estimated FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,317,195
Proposed Transfers	\$ 700,000	Proposed Transfers	\$ (900,000)	Proposed Transfers	\$ 200,000
Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 2,073,255	Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,541,914	Revised FY27 Ending FB	\$ 1,517,195
Fund Balance to Expense %	14%	Fund Balance to Expense %	149%	Fund Balance to Expense %	20%

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The FAC recommendation raises two important policy questions for the Directors' consideration. First, regarding the additional draw from Fund 1508, if approved, is the fiscal priority to draw from the Fund Balance or to reduce planned maintenance activities for FY27? Staff recommends the former recognizing that the additional draw could impact future activities.

Second, if the Directors' deem the additional recommended draw from Fund 1508 acceptable, why not prioritize the dam safety project needs at Nacimiento & San Antonio? Resolution 03-295 does not fix an allocation of available net revenues between the dams and CSIP/SVRP; rather, based upon the CAC Recommended Strategy, it provides authority to the Agency to establish priorities between these program areas and dedicate available funding accordingly on an annual basis. Given the backlog of Federal Energy Regulatory Commission and State Division of Safety of Dams recommendations, coupled with the weaker financial state of Fund 1503, staff recommends continuing to prioritize dam safety projects.

### STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

The above staff recommendations align with the Board of Directors adopted 2020 Strategic Plan Goal A, Strategies 1 & 3; Goal C, Strategy 3; and Goal D, Strategy 1.

### OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Finance Committee

### FINANCING:

Action on the Finance & Administration Committee recommendation has no effect on the current FY26 budget and undetermined effect on future year budgets.

Prepared and Approved by: Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**BOARD ORDER No. 26-016**

Approve the recommendation from the Finance & Administration Committee )  
to transfer \$200,000 of hydroelectric revenue from Fund 1508 to Fund 1509, )  
the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project. )

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried out by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Approve the recommendation from the Finance & Administration Committee to transfer \$200,000 of hydroelectric revenue from Fund 1508 to Fund 1509, the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **April 2026**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
BY: Matthew Simis, Chair  
Board of Directors

\_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

**Item No.14**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-117**

**April 20, 2026**

**Introduced:** 4/6/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WR General Agenda

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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**Item No.14**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-117**

April 20, 2026

**Introduced:** 4/6/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WR General Agenda

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.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

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.

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Recommended Budget (Budget) for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) totals \$48,286,681 in expenses and \$43,152,545 in revenue, reflecting a 11 percent increase in expenses and a 9 percent in revenue from the prior year. FY27 expenditure exceeds anticipated revenue by \$5,134,136. The deficit will be funded through use of available fund balances.

The Budget funds 45 of the Agency's 57 authorized positions and includes \$10.0 million for salaries and benefits. Cost of consultant and contractor services rises to \$23.2 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 exceeds revenues by \$5.1 million, which will require use of fund balances.

The budget includes fund transfers totaling \$0.9 million. Of this amount, \$0.7 million will be transferred from Fund 1508 (Fund 130) Hydro-Electric Operations to Fund 1503 (Fund 116) Dam Operations to cover regulatory costs. An additional \$0.2 million will be transferred from Fund 1501 (Fund 111) Administration & Countywide Service to Fund 1507 (Fund 127) Moro Cojo Slough to address funding gaps.

MCWRA recommends that the Board hold the public hearing for the Agency's FY27 Budget on May 19, 2026, a date that is different from the County of Monterey's budget hearing. This timing will allow the public to engage specifically in MCWRA's budget and increase opportunities for public

participation.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Staff worked with Monterey One Water for budgets of Agency's recycled water projects.

FINANCING:

Overall, FY27 expenditure exceeds anticipated revenue by \$5.1 million. The deficit will be funded through use of available fund balances. This figure reflects adjustments made to reduce the originally proposed expenses. The Agency's ending fund balance is projected at \$15.0 million. The FY27 Budget maintains funding for 45 positions and leaves 12 positions unfunded to limit additional fund-balance drawdowns and move closer to a structurally balanced budget. Despite these measures, revenue growth remains slower than rising operating and maintenance costs and both current and future repair and replacement needs.

The Agency is developing both interim and long-term strategies to improve financial sustainability, align staffing with service needs, and meet County fiscal guidelines aimed at reducing reliance on fund balances for ongoing operations. FY2027 Budget allocates \$350,000 for such effort.

Agency's FY27 Recommended Budget represents a statutorily balanced budget and meets all requirements for adoption.

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Attachments:

1. MCWRA FY2026-27 Recommended Budget Book
2. BoS Budget Hearing Notice
3. Resolution

# MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

## FISCAL YEAR 2026-27 RECOMMENDED BUDGET



# Monterey County Water Resources Agency

## BACKGROUND

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) is a special district that provides services related to the control of flood and storm waters in Monterey County, conservation, protection of water quality, reclamation of water, and the exchange of water. The Agency's mission is to manage water resources sustainably while minimizing impacts from flooding for present and future generations.

The Agency was established in 1947 as the Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District (MCFCWCD) and organized as a division of the Public Works Department of the County of Monterey through the Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District Act (Chapter 669 of the Statutes of 1947). In 1991 Monterey County Flood Control and Water Conservation District was transformed into Monterey County Water Resources Agency via the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act (Agency Act), California Water Code, Appendix 52.

## PRESENT

The Agency has a nine-member Board of Directors. The board is made up of members appointed by the Monterey County Farm Bureau, Monterey Grower-Shipper Association, the County Agricultural Advisory Committee, five members appointed by the County Board of Supervisors (one from each district), and a member appointed by the Mayor Select Committee. The board is under the governance of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors.

Agency Board of Directors:

Matthew Simis, Chair, by Grower-Shipper Association  
Jason Smith, Vice Chair by Monterey County Farm Bureau  
Mark Gonzalez, District 1, by Supervisor Luis Alejo  
Mike Scattini, District 2, by Supervisor Glenn Church  
John Conatser, District 3, by Supervisor Chris Lopez  
Deidre Sullivan, District 4, by Supervisor Wendy Root-Askew  
Ken Ekelund, District 5, by Supervisor Kate Daniels  
John Baillie, by Agricultural Advisory Committee  
Mike LeBarre by Selection Committee

The Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget aligns with the Agency's 2020 Strategic Plan Goal C: Financial Stability to ensure long term financial stability with sufficient funding to pay for Agency obligations and align expenditures with revenues.

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## MCWRA ACCOUNTING REORGANIZATION IN ORACLE ERP

The County of Monterey plans to replace the current Enterprise Resource Planning system (ERP) from CGI Advantage to Oracle ERP. Its Enterprise Performance Manage (EPM) phase went live in December 2024 and the County utilized Oracle EPM to develop the FY2025-2026 & FY2026-2027 Budgets. The ERP project team plans to have ERP Financial system go live in July 2026 & Human Capital Management (HCM) phase to go live in January 2027.

WRA's Fund and entity numbers will change to the following in Oracle ERP:

### **SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUNDS:**

Fund 1503 – Salinas Valley Water Projects Dam Operations (Zone 2C)

Fund 1509 - Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Operations (Zone 2B & 2Y)

Fund 1510 - Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP) Operations (Zone 2B & 2Z)

Fund 1511 - Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF) Operations (Zone 2B)

### **FLOOD ASSESSMENT FUNDS:**

Fund 1502 - Pajaro Levee (Zone 1 & 1A)

Fund 1504 - Soledad Storm Drain (Zone 8)

Fund 1505 - Reclamation Ditch (Zone 9)

Fund 1506 - San Lorenzo Creek (Zone 12)

Fund 1507 - Moro Cojo Slough (Zone 17)

### **DEBT SERVICE FUNDS:**

Fund 1810 - CSIP Debt Service Fund

Fund 1835 - Monterey County Financing Authority

### **OTHER FUNDS:**

Fund 1501 - Water Resources Agency Administration

Fund 1508 - Hydro-Electric Operations

Fund 1950 - Interlake Tunnel Project

**WRA Accounting Structure Crosswalk between CGI Advantage & Oracle ERP**

Description & Name	CGI – Advantage ERP			Oracle - ERP		
	Fund	Appr Unit	Unit	Fund	Appr Unit	Department
Water Resources Administration	111	WRA001	8267	1501	WRA100	930001
Pajaro Levee	112	WRA002	8484	1502	WRA101	930002
Dam Operations	116	WRA006	8485	1503	WRA102	930003
Soledad Storm Drain	121	WRA011	8486	1504	WRA103	930004
Reclamation Ditch	122	WRA012	8487	1505	WRA104	930005
San Lorenzo Creek	124	WRA014	8488	1506	WRA105	930006
Moro Cojo Slough	127	WRA017	8489	1507	WRA106	930007
Hydro-Electric Plant Operations	130	WRA022	8490	1508	WRA107	930008
CSIP Operations	131	WRA020	8491	1509	WRA108	930009
SVRP Operations	132	WRA021	8492	1510	WRA109	930010
SRDF Operations	134	WRA028	8493	1511	WRA110	930011
Interlake Tunnel Project	426	WRA036	8495	1950	WRA111	930013
Monterey County Financing Authority	313	WRA026	8494	1835	WRA112	930014
CSIP Debt Service Administration	303	WRA025	8267	1810	WRA113	930015

## SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

### SUMMARY:

The Fiscal Year 2026–27 (FY27) Recommended Budget (Budget) for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) totals \$48,286,681 in expenses and \$43,152,545 in revenue, reflecting a 11 percent increase in expenses and a 9 percent increase in revenue from the prior year. FY27 expenditure exceeds anticipated revenue by \$5,134,136. The deficit will be funded through use of available fund balances.

The Budget funds 45 of the Agency's 57 authorized positions and includes \$10.0 million for salaries and benefits. Cost of consultant and contractor services rises to \$23.2 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 exceeds revenues by \$5.1 million, which will require use of fund balances.

### EXPENSE:

Agency's FY27 Budget totals \$48.3 million in expense and \$43.2 million in revenue, with 45 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions funded out of 57 authorized across all 14 Agency Funds. The Recommended Budget reflects an approximate 11 percent increase in expenditure and a 9 percent increase in revenues compared to the amended Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Budget.

For FY27, salaries and benefits total \$10.0 million, a 16 percent increase from \$8.6 million in FY26 and representing 21 percent of the Agency's total expenditure. The Agency remains authorized for 57 FTEs, although the Budget funds 45 positions and leaves 12 unfunded. A Program Manager II position is created to oversee the Recycled Water Projects, and one Associate Water Resources Engineer position is eliminated.

Consultant and contractor services total \$23.2 million in FY27, which is an increase of about \$2.5 million from FY26. The Monterey One Water contract decreases to \$8.5 million, while grant-funded consultant services rise to \$8.2 million, and other contracted services increases to \$6.5 million.

Insurance costs for general liability and pollution coverage decrease to \$1.6 million, reflecting a 24 percent reduction from FY26. County Cost Plan charges increased significantly from \$0.3 million in FY26 to \$1.0 million in FY27, consistent with the charge methodology that relies on actuals from two fiscal years prior.

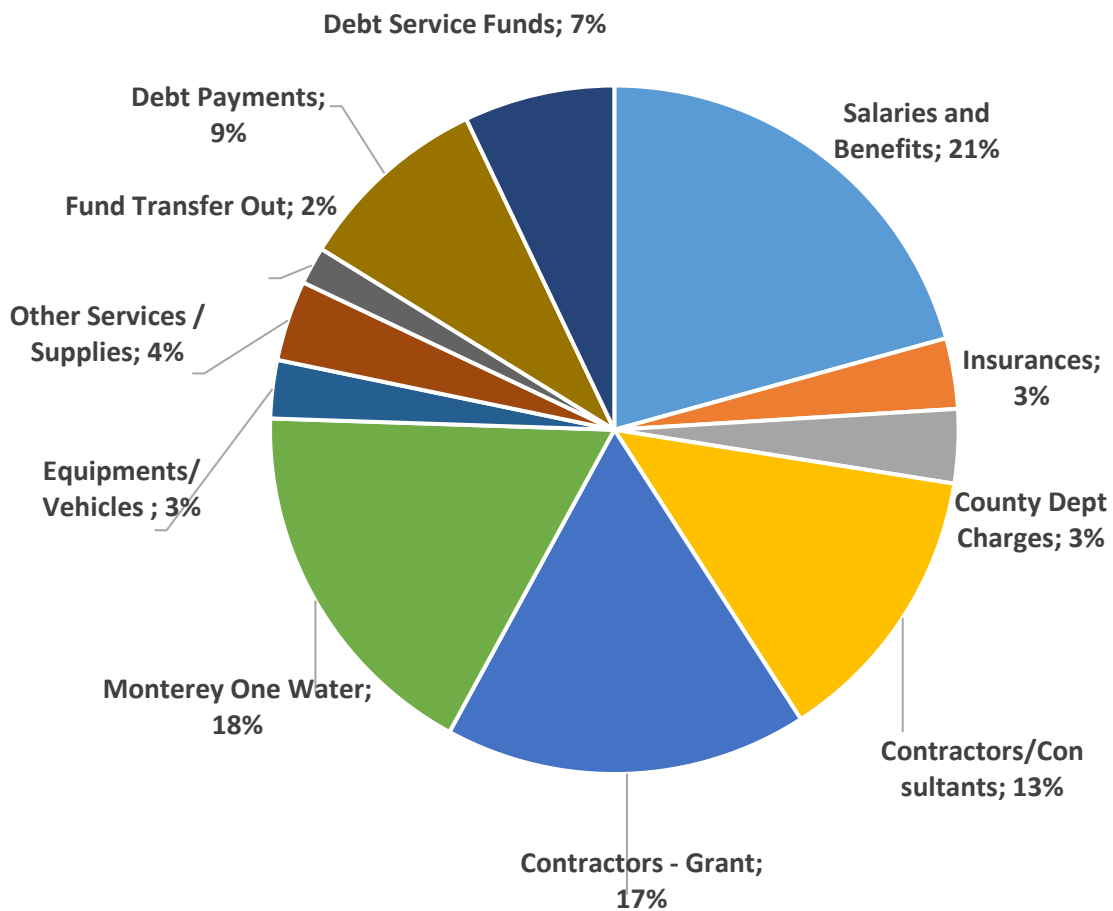
Debt service payments total \$4.4 million in FY27 for the Salinas Valley Water Project (SVWP), the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project, and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project. Interfund

transfers of \$3.4 million for CSIP loans and SVWP bonds to the Debt Service Funds are consistent with FY26 levels.

Other operating expenditures include \$1.3 million for equipment and vehicles and \$1.8 million for external services and supplies. The budget also includes cost-share commitments of \$0.5 million to the Pajaro River Flood Management Agency in Fund 1502 (Fund 112) Pajaro Levee.

The budget includes fund transfers totaling \$0.9 million. Of this amount, \$0.7 million will be transferred from Fund 1508 (Fund 130) Hydro-Electric Operations to Fund 1503 (Fund 116) Dam Operations to cover regulatory costs. An additional \$0.2 million will be transferred from Fund 1501 (Fund 111) Administration & Countywide Service to Fund 1507 (Fund 127) Moro Cojo Slough to address funding gaps.

### **FY27 Expense Distribution**



## **REVENUE:**

The FY27 Budget estimates total revenue of \$43.2 million, which reflects a 9 percent increase from FY26. The Agency's assessment revenue is estimated using a 2.5 percent annual cost-of-living adjustment adopting the Consumer Price Index for the San Francisco Bay Area measured from February through February, which was released on March 11, 2026.

Ad-Valorem tax revenue is estimated at \$3.7 million, and special assessments total \$17.9 million.

Combined revenue from Water Delivery and Water Service charges total \$4.1 million. This reflects the recommended increases of the Water Delivery Charge to \$100.24 per acre-foot and the Water Service Charge to \$113.57 per acre-foot of water delivered. These increases help to fund the new Program Manager II position and address funding deficit of the Recycled Water Projects (RWP).

Program revenues, including the Groundwater Monitoring Program, Boat Dock program and grazing /recreational leases activities, totals \$1.5 million. Hydroelectric revenues are estimated at \$1.3 million based on current water level at Nacimiento Reservoir. Grant revenue increases substantially to \$8.8 million from a wide range of state and federal programs, including the Nacimiento Projects, SB 104 Dam Safety, IRWM, Forecast-Informed Reservoir Operations, and Proposition 1 Well Destruction, as well as federal support for a supplemental well to support the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Projects.

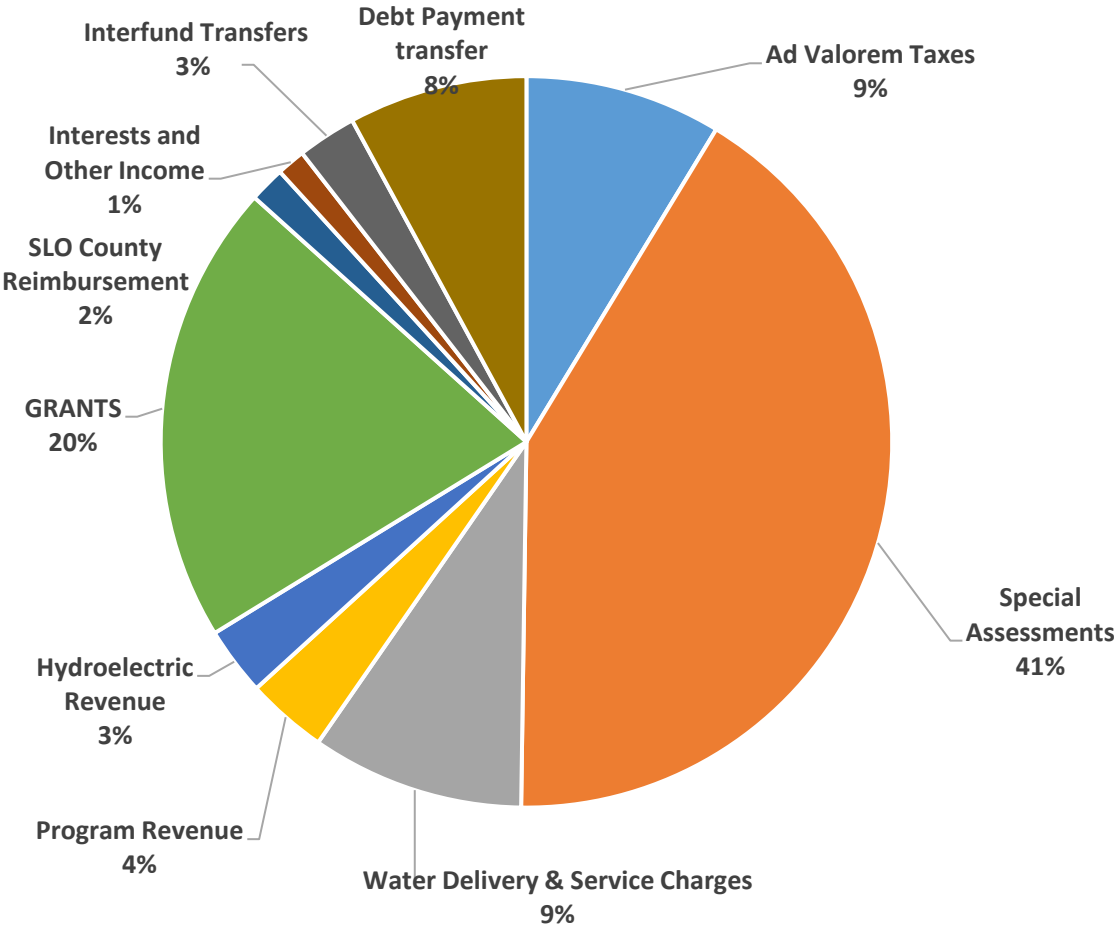
Other revenues include \$0.7 million reimbursement from San Luis Obispo County, \$1.4 million in interest and miscellaneous income, and \$1.1 million in fund transfers from other funds. Fund 1507 (Fund 127) Moro Cojo Slough allocates a transfer-in of \$0.3 million from County Public Works for tide gate construction and a transfer-in of \$0.2 million from Fund 1501 (Fund 111) for operational support. Fund 1503 (Fund 116) Dam Operations receives \$0.7 million from Fund 1508 (Fund 130) Hydro-Electric Operations to pay regulatory costs.

## **FUND BALANCE USE:**

Overall, FY27 expenditure exceeds anticipated revenue by \$5.1 million. The deficit will be funded through use of available fund balances. This figure reflects adjustments made to reduce the originally proposed expenses. The Agency's ending fund balance is projected at \$14.7 million. The FY27 Budget maintains funding for 45 positions and leaves 12 positions unfunded to limit additional fund-balance drawdowns and move closer to a structurally balanced budget. Despite these measures, revenue growth remains slower than rising operating and maintenance costs and both current and future repair and replacement needs.

The Agency is developing both interim and long-term strategies to improve financial sustainability, align staffing with service needs, and meet County fiscal guidelines aimed at reducing reliance on fund balances for ongoing operations. FY2027 Budget allocates \$350,000 for such effort.

**FY27 Revenue Distribution**



## STRATEGIC PLAN: FY27 PRIORITIES

Agency Board of Directors adopted a five-year strategic plan in December 2020. The strategic plan developed and provided updates to the Agency's, vision mission, organizational values, and multi-year goals. Those are outlined below.

### VISION STATEMENT

Be recognized throughout the region as a leader in water resource management through demonstrated knowledge, integrity, and the quality of our actions.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Manage water resources sustainably while minimizing impacts from flooding for present and future generations.

### ORGANIZATIONAL VALUES

**LEADERSHIP:** Set a positive example for others in water resources management and flood control through our knowledge, integrity, and actions.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Operate with financial and environmental responsibility so the Agency continuously succeeds.

**TRANSPARENCY:** Work in ways that are easily understood by stakeholders and the public, communicating effectively about Agency decisions, actions, resources, and progress.

**INTEGRITY:** Act with openness, honesty, and consistency, showing no favoritism and utilizing professional standards for decision making.

**PUBLIC SERVICE:** Work in a way that brings pride upon the Agency, showing that we care about quality and safety, are accountable, think long term, and provide excellent service to the community we serve.

**COLLABORATION:** Work with stakeholders and related organizations to advance our mission and vision.

### MULTI-YEAR GOALS

**GOAL A. INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE:** Properly maintain MCWRA infrastructure to ensure safe and reliable function.

**GOAL B. PLANNING AND NEW PROJECTS:** Plan for future water needs, carry out environmental studies, and plan new capital projects.

**GOAL C. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY:** Ensure long term financial stability with sufficient funding to pay for Agency obligations and align expenditures and revenues.

**GOAL D. EFFECTIVE CORE SERVICES AND ORGANIZATION IMPROVEMENT:** Ensure core services are carried out in a thorough and timely manner.

**GOAL E. COMMUNITY RELATIONS:** Foster transparent and positive relationships with stakeholders to advance the mission and vision of the Agency.

## **PRIORITIES FOR FY27**

The Agency had another successful year of implementing the Strategic Plan that was adopted by both the Agency Board of Directors and Board of Supervisors in November 2020 and December 2020, respectively.

The Agency Board of Directors held an annual Strategic Plan Update Workshop in December 2025 to report on the implementation of the Strategic Plan and provide a forum to engage on current items impacting water resource management. Agency staff have provided an update on each of the Strategic Plan Goals, Strategies, and updates on the 2025 Priorities in the Workshop materials. At the workshop, staff summarized accomplishments and updates on progress for the final year of implementation of the adopted plan. There were also breakout sessions to discuss how to realize opportunities such as: communication and public engagement; the future of recycled water projects; staff recruitment, development and retention; and modeling tools and applications. The group also reviewed the process for developing a new Strategic Plan in 2026. Finally, staff identified the priorities for the coming year which are considered in the proposed budget and summarized below:

### **Administration Section**

- Develop Standard Operation Procedures for BOD and Committee processes
- Support Agency staff in following internal procedures to execute all BOD and Committee processes on time to ensure meetings run smoothly
- Increase staff training on core functions such as effective communication and leadership skills

### **Engineering & Dam Safety Section – Nacimiento**

- Complete Nacimiento Dam’s South Access Road: construction of repairs to damage suffered during the 2023 storms. This is a FEMA authorized and funded project.
- Nacimiento LLOW repairs: replacement of all three Low-level Intake’s valve actuators, and installation of the sixth (6th) outlet valve at the LLOW. Funded by the Nacimiento Maintenance funding agreement with the Department of Water Resources (DWR).
- Nacimiento Lake Drive Road and Spillway Bridge repairs: Finalize scope of work and enter into contracts for necessary repairs to the portion of Nacimiento Lake Drive that the Agency is responsible for through a 1953 MOU between SLO and Monterey Counties. Also included are the maintenance repairs needed to the Nacimiento Dam Spillway Bridge. Completion of repairs for both projects is anticipated in 2027.

Expenses of this work will be eligible for reimbursements by the SB104 Grant Agreement with DWR.

### **Engineering & Dam Safety Section – San Antonio**

- Finalize the PMF Update and Alternatives Analysis for San Antonio Dam Spillway Replacement Project
- Begin San Antonio Spillway Design and Environmental Phase of the San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project
- Begin San Antonio Low Level Outlet Works (LLOW) Improvement Project Work includes design completion of eight subprojects along the San Antonio LLOW. Many of these projects have been conceptually designed (30%) and require DSOD approval. Projects are being prioritized based on their dependent sequencing of one another. This project is funded through the SB104 grant agreement with DWR.
- Complete the revised draft of the San Antonio Emergency Action Plan (“EAP”) for submission to Cal OES for review and adoption.
- Perform annual preventive maintenance of the Nacimiento Power Plant and Switchyard equipment, to include the replacement of obsolete alarm autodialing monitoring system.

### **Finance Section**

- Successful Implementation of Oracle, County’s new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP): Oracle ERP’s Human Capital Management (HCM) is scheduled for go-live in January 2027 and its Payable/General Ledger is scheduled for July 2026 go-live. Agency’s accounting structure will be configured for Program-Project base cost accounting.
- Maximization of Revenue Opportunities: prepare for 1st year billing of the Ground Water Monitoring Program Fees
- Budget control & expense monitoring: improve staff compliance with obtaining fiscal review of MOU, agreements & grant applications and specifying financial impacts on board reports
- Agency training programs: Finance Section will facilitate Agency staff training for Oracle ERP system, including submitting timecards and reporting expense in Oracle and work with Admin Team to complete Agency’s contract SOP and staff training.
- Staffing: recruit Sr. Account Clerk for a permanent, full-time position

### **Hydrology & Environmental Resources Section**

- Complete an Invasive Mussel Prevention Plan for San Antonio Reservoir that meets State requirements and submit it to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife for review.

- Broaden the groundwater extraction reporting program for Water Year 2026 to include water systems of 15 or more connections and agricultural wells in Groundwater Monitoring Program expansion areas.
- Fully implement the Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers.
- Conduct timely and high-quality data collection, analysis, and reporting of groundwater, surface water, water quality, and biological parameters as described in the Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual and Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan.

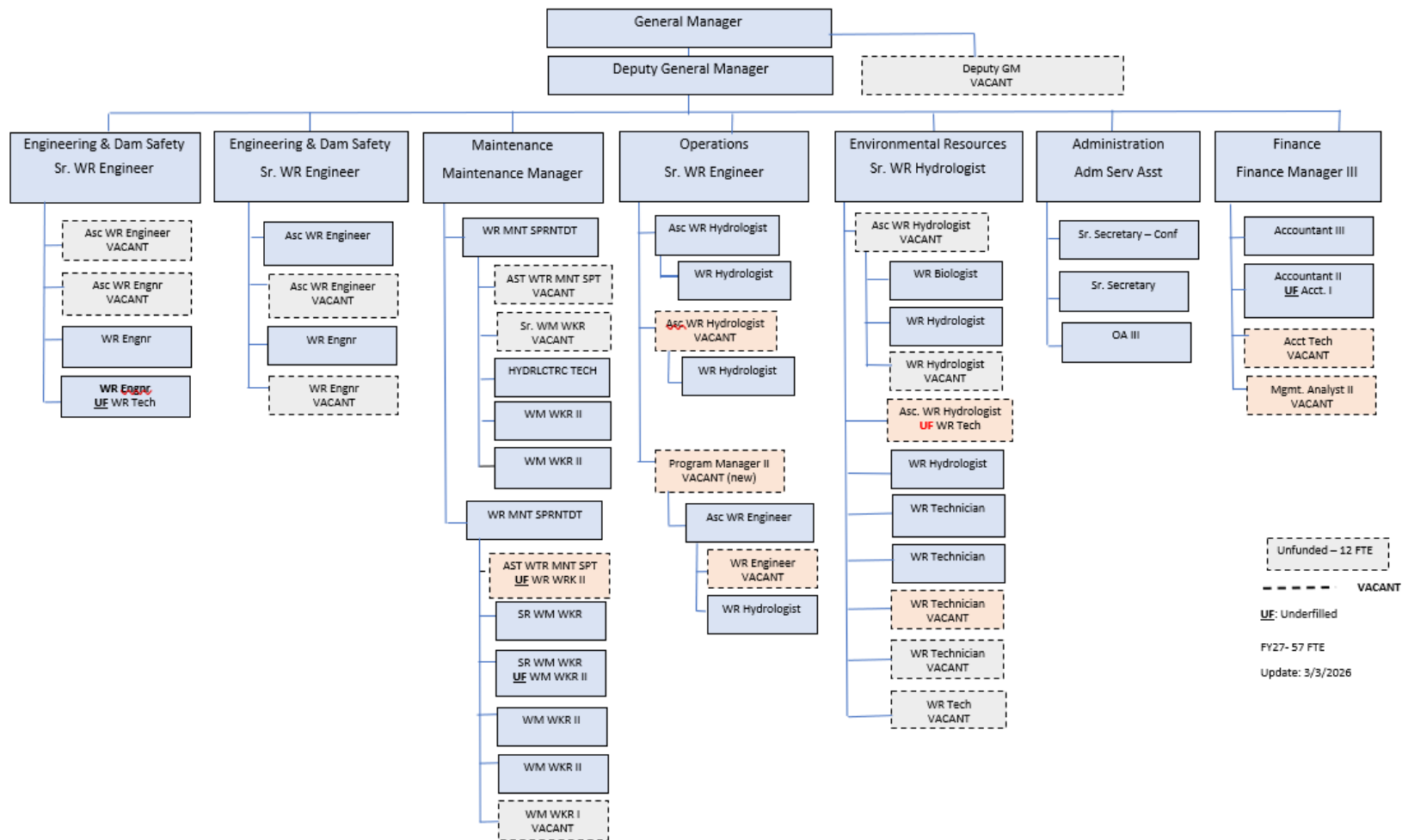
### **Maintenance Section**

- Maintain and optimize staff through continued training, evaluation and skill acquisition. Utilize the flex series to promote from within. And fill the current Water Maintenance Worker vacancy for the dams.
- Maintain Dam Infrastructure. Perform a condition assessment of San Antonio's outlet valve and operating equipment. Develop plan for required rebuilding or replacement as needed.
- Caretaker Infrastructure repairs and improvements at Dams. Replacement of water delivery system to caretaker quarters at Nacimiento Dam. Provide Backup power to both Dam Caretaker quarters.
- Safety improvements at Dams. Evaluate new Technologies to improve staff Safety, efficiency and project quality. Implement Drone spraying program at Dams and evaluate the feasibility of using technology in other areas of the Agency's responsibility such as select areas of the Reclamation ditch.

### **Operations Section**

- Secure funding to complete the Salinas River Operations HCP development
- Analyze and update annual funding for the WRA Recycled Water Projects, to support long-term system reliability and begin to execute critical Capital Improvement Plans.
- Participate in Cal-FIRE Vegetation Management Program and San Luis Obispo Fire Safe Council programs that focus on addressing wildland fire fuel hazards on Agency lands.
- Continue to develop tools and systems to improve operational efficiency of the reservoir release program through the implementation of the grant funded Forecast Informed Reservoir Operations project and CalSIP funded streamgaging enhancements.

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## PERSONNEL POSITIONS & POSITION COSTS

The tables below describe position changes in FY27 from those of FY26

### FUNDED POSITIONS:

Funded Positions	FY26 FTE	FY26 Cost	FY27 FTE	FY27 Cost	Variance from FY26
Accounting Technician	1	137,156	1	157,669	20,513
Accountant II	1	138,423	1	160,351	21,928
Accountant III	1	206,155	1	226,499	20,344
Administration Services Assistant	1	173,821	1	189,324	15,503
Assistant Water Mnt Superintendent	0	-	1	160,289	160,289
Associate Water Resources Engineer	2	414,940	2	451,243	36,303
Associate Water Resources Hydrologist*	4	761,720	2	488,590	(273,130)
Deputy General Manager	1	366,902	1	359,637	(7,265)
Finance Manager III	1	273,536	1	292,559	19,023
General Manager	1	450,304	1	478,244	27,940
Hydroelectric Technician	1	116,559	1	127,604	11,045
Maintenance Manager	1	234,843	1	170,893	(63,950)
Management Analyst II	1	189,164	1	252,364	63,200
Office Assistant III	1	93,965	1	107,554	13,589
Senior Secretary	1	132,617	1	135,764	3,147
Senior Secretary - Confidential	1	91,977	1	128,744	36,767
Senior Water Resources Engineer	3	788,861	3	814,334	25,473
Senior Water Resources Hydrologist	1	245,761	1	254,892	9,131
Senior Water Maintenance Worker	3	318,542	2	242,420	(76,122)
Water Maintenance Superintendent	2	366,891	2	395,376	28,485
Water Maintenance Worker I	1	101,886	1	121,975	20,089
Water Maintenance Worker II	3	323,020	3	338,114	15,094
Water Resources Biologist	1	125,699	1	136,403	10,704
Water Resources Engineer	3	454,769	4	648,343	193,574
Water Resources Hydrologist	5	721,561	5	807,451	85,890
Water Resources Technician	3	305,998	4	478,581	172,583
Program Manager II			1	241,564	241,564
<b>Total Funded Positions</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>7,535,070</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>8,366,780</b>	<b>831,710</b>

**UNFUNDED POSITIONS:**

Unfunded Positions	FY26 FTE	FY27 FTE	FY27 Salary Savings
Associate Water Resources Engineer	4	3	686,109
Associate Water Resources Hydrologist		1	189,824
Assistant Water Mnt Superintendent	2	1	132,710
Deputy General Manager	1	1	365,042
Water Resources Engineer	2	1	181,567
Water Resources Hydrologist	1	1	181,567
Water Resources Technician	2	2	308,390
Water Maintenance Worker I		1	94,764
Water Maintenance Worker II	1	1	109,867
Total Unfunded Positions	13	12	2,249,840

## ALL AGENCY FUNDS: CONSOLIDATED FY27 BUDGET SUMMARY

Agency's FY27 Budget totals \$48.3 million in expense and \$43.2 million in revenue for all 14 Agency Funds. The Recommended Budget is an increase of 11% in expenditure and 9% in revenue from the Amended Budget of FY26.

**Table 1: All Agency Fund FY27 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	3,748,859
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	17,927,080
WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES	4,062,362
PROGRAM REVENUE - (GMP, BDA, LU)	1,545,808
HYDROELECTRIC REVENUE	1,302,200
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	8,805,425
SLO COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT	680,000
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	544,598
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	1,125,000
DEBT TRANSFER (CSIP & SVWP)	3,411,213
TOTAL REVENUES	43,152,545
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	9,984,109
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	1,597,773
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	1,675,141
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	6,537,800
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT	8,223,583
MONTEREY ONE WATER CONTRACT	8,471,860
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	1,317,575
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	1,821,649
FUND TRANSFER OUT	850,000
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	4,395,978
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	3,411,213
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	48,286,681
IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(5,134,136)
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	20,101,834
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	14,967,698

## FUND 1501: ADMINISTRATION & COUNTYWIDE SERVICES

**Zones: Countywide (CW), Nacimiento and San Antonio Non-O&M (2- 2A), Lower Salinas River (3), Merritt Lake (5), N. Monterey County (7), Carmel Valley (11), Arroyo Seco (14), Alisal-Spence Road Drainage (15), Blanco Storm Drain (S2), Gonzales Slough (GS)**

Fund 1501 (Fund 111) supports the Agency's organizational structure and functions and provides Countywide services related to water resources management.

Fund 1501 (Fund 111) houses all activities related to the Groundwater Monitoring Program (GMP) in accordance with Agency Ordinance #5426 to investigate and produce the data necessary to perform a thorough review, or audit, of the hydrologic budget within the monitored area. The GMP fees were adopted in August 2025 by resolution of the Agency Board of Supervisors and there are no changes to the GMP fees in FY27.

In FY27, the Agency will utilize this Fund to centralize employee training and to develop and implement Agency-wide policies and procedures. The Fund also supports activities related to the development of the updated strategic plan, communications plan, and long-term financial planning and funding strategy studies for the Agency.

The range of activities included in FY27 Budget, within this Fund, includes:

- Administration covers the planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and controlling of the Agency's operations, including:
  - FTE: 4.07 FTE
  - Governance related items
  - Employee development, training, safety, policies and procedures
  - \$595,000 contracted services:
    - Strategic plan update
    - Funding planning & funding strategy
    - Communication plan, public engagement & coordination
    - Completion of wage study
    - Agency file management system
  
- Operations and Maintenance of facilities
  - Staffing: 3.3 FTE
  - \$1,020,000 contracted services for:
    - Salinas River Lagoon Levee Repair
    - Repair of Upper Merritt channel & its pump station
    - Replacement of pumps at Lower Merritt and Santa Rita
    - Blanco Storm Drain
    - Salinas River Operation HCP
  
- Groundwater Monitoring Program
  - Staffing: 4.28 FTE
  - \$206,000 services and supplies include

- Well Registration system & its support
  - Water analysis lab
  
- Countywide flood monitoring and flood response:
  - Staffing: 0.3 FTE
  - Emergency Operations Center participation
  - General flood inquiries
  - Community support
  - Flood fight training and supply of materials
  - \$85,000 services and supplies include
    - Real-time storm monitoring
    - ALERT equipment
  
- County of Monterey reimbursable services per a Memorandum of Understanding that includes well permit review and other technical services. 0.05 FTE
- A transfer of \$150,000 to Fund 1507 (Fund 127) to cover a funding gap after a tide gate construction in Moro Cojo Slough.
- Debt Payments totaling \$1,761,213 for SVWP are composed of Ad valorem taxes of \$632,508 and Zone 2C special assessment revenue of \$1,128,705.
- Salinas River Lagoon Levee Repair is financed by County's strategic reserves and repair cost is eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

**Table 2. Fund 1501 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	3,392,060
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	1,128,705
PROGRAM REVENUE - GMP	881,612
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	298,053
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	170,818
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>5,871,248</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	2,469,313
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	265,691
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	464,074
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	1,828,696
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT	263,583
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	345,196
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	381,953
FUND TRANSFER OUT	150,000
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	1,761,213
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,929,719</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(2,058,471)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	5,103,687
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	3,045,216

- \*\$150,000 Transfer-out to 1507-WRA106-930007

## FUND 1502: PAJARO LEVEE (ZONE 1 & 1A)

The purpose of this fund is to maintain the Pajaro Levee and adjacent river bench as a flood control structure according to US Army Corps of Engineers criteria to reduce potential flooding impacts from the Pajaro River. In addition, this fund supports the watershed management effort of the Pajaro River Watershed Flood Prevention Authority and works with the Army Corps of Engineers to develop 100-year flood protection project.

In 2021 a Joint Powers Authority, the Pajaro Regional Flood Management Agency (PRFMA), was established to coordinate, finance, acquire, construct, improve, operate or maintain flood management infrastructure on the Pajaro River in Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties and the Agency is one of the member agencies. An Operations, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation Assignment Agreement (OMRR&R) to transfer the operation, maintenance, repair, replacement, and rehabilitation of the Project was approved in 2023. A Cost Share Agreement was also approved in 2023 that required the member agencies to make cost share contributions to PRFMA on an ongoing basis.

The Agency and PRFMA staff coordinated on the transition of the activities where the Agency continued to support PRFMA on some general maintenance activities through a contract that expired on June 30, 2025.

In FY27, the Agency does not plan to perform any of these activities that have been successfully transferred to PRFMA. The activities budgeted for FY27 in Fund 1502 are outlined below:

- 0.14 FTE Administrative staff and staff cost, legal support activities, which includes flood assessment-based revenue collection in the zones.
- Disbursement of revenues to PRFMA through a cost share agreement \$548,538

**Table 3. Fund 1502 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	574,612
PROGRAM REVENUE - (GMP, BDA, LU)	10,000
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	35,562
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>620,174</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	141,596
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	8,181
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	9,368
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS -PRFMA CONTRIBUTION	548,538
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	4,100
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	22,580
FUND TRANSFER OUT	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>734,363</b>

<b>IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(114,189)</b>
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,396,486
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,282,297

## **FUND 1503: SALINAS VALLEY WATER PROJECT DAM OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE & ADMINISTRATION (ZONE 2C)**

Fund 1503 (Fund 116) was established to support the Salinas Valley Water Project, and the Nacimiento & San Antonio Dams Operations and Maintenance. This fund also supports the Property Management Program of Agency lands within the Zone and the Nacimiento Boat Dock Program. The primary revenue for this Fund is the Zone 2C Special Benefit Assessment. Fund 1503 (Fund 116) receives additional revenues, some ongoing and more one-time, that are described below. There are several grazing and recreational lease agreements in place as well as a Boat Dock Fee Program that generate revenues to support those programs.

The Salinas River Operations Habitat Conservation Plan is under development and was funded through two Federal Endangered Species Act Section 6 Grants that are now expired, and a State funded Proposition 1 Integrated Regional Water Management Implementation Grant which will be wrapped up in FY27. The Agency applied for the 2025 Federal Endangered Species Act Section 6 grant to continue the efforts towards completion of this project but needs to keep the project moving forward in the meantime. Cost of Habitat Conservation Plan related activities in FY27 will be accounted for in Fund 1501 (Fund 111).

The Agency is currently developing a Salinas River flood inundation mapping tool funded through a DWR Flood Emergency Response grant as well as a forecast informed reservoir operation model tool, which was funded by a federal grant. Both projects will be completed in FY27.

In FY25, the Agency received \$850,000 cash aid from County's strategic reserves to make repairs and improvements to the Nacimiento Dam South Access Road, in response to damages during the 2023 winter storm events. The South Access Road project is scheduled to be completed in FY27 and is eligible for FEMA reimbursement.

The FY27 Budget reflects the Agency's ongoing efforts related to two DWR grant agreements that provide financing for a range of dam maintenance and dam safety projects at the Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams. The Nacimiento Reservoir and Dam Maintenance Project grant, authorized under the Budget Act of 2022 (Stats. 2022, ch. 249, § 207), totals \$6.163 million. All funding has been received, and the grant requires annual progress reporting and a final completion report. This agreement was executed on May 31, 2023, and subsequently amended on October 9, 2024.

The second grant agreement, authorized under the Budget Act of 2023 (Stats. 2023, ch. 189, § 33), provides \$16.15 million to support additional projects at both the Nacimiento and San Antonio facilities. This agreement was executed on May 28, 2024, amended on January 27, 2026, and includes a project completion deadline of December 31, 2027. All project expenditures under this grant are reimbursable and require quarterly progress reporting as well as a final completion report.

The range of activities proposed for the upcoming fiscal year includes:

- Nacimiento and San Antonio Dam Operations
  - Staffing: 4.9 FTE
  - \$241,600 services
  - Inspections, Reporting and Regulatory Compliance
  - Water Rights reporting
  - Salinas River Operations Habitat Conservation Plan
  - Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program
  - \$335,000 services funded by grants
    - Reservoir Operations studies
    - Forecast Informed Reservoir Operation Model Tool Development
    - Flood Inundation Mapping
  
- Nacimiento and San Antonio Dam Maintenance:
  - Staffing: 4.8 FTE
  - \$768,807 contract services
  - Nacimiento Spillway Inspections and Maintenance
  - San Antonio dam performance evaluation
  - South Access Road Repair
  - Repairs & upgrade at Dam caretaker residencies
  - \$2,950,000 services funded by grants:
    - Nacimiento Low Level Outlet Works Intake maintenance & bypass design
    - Nacimiento penstock protection
    - San Antonio Low Level Outlet Works Design Projects
    - San Antonio Buoy line
    - San Antonio communication update
    - San Antonio Drain Repairs
  
- Capital Improvements
  - Staffing: 3.9 FTE
  - \$3,425,000 services and supplies funded by grants
    - San Antonio Spillway Replacement
    - Nacimiento Plunge Pool Protection Project
    - Nacimiento Dam South Access Road Improvements
    - Nacimiento Dam Road & Bridge Repairs
  
- Property Management 0.8 FTE
  - Staffing: 0.8 FTE
  - Recreational leases with County of Monterey and Private groups
  - Property boundaries, access and maintaining lands
  - \$165,000 contract services for
    - Grazing lease program renewal and implementation
    - Vegetation Management
  
- Nacimiento Boat Dock Licensing Program
  - \$50,000 contracted services
  - Staffing, internal services & supplies
  
- Sandbar Management Program 0.3 FTE + \$28,000 services and supplies + vehicles and equipment costs
  
- Administration 3.5 FTE

**Table 4. Fund 1503 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	4,616,155
PROGRAM REVENUE - (GMP, BDA, LU)	654,196
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	7,214,787
SLO COUNTY REIMBURSEMENT	680,000
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	76,625
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS*	700,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>13,941,763</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	4,298,010
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	587,346
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	739,427
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	829,896
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT FUNDED	6,710,000
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	579,712
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	858,221
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>14,602,612</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(660,849)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	2,734,104
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	2,073,255

- \*\$700,000 transfer-in from Fund 1508-WRA107-930008

## FUND 1504: SOLEDAD STORM DRAIN (ZONE 8)

The purpose of Fund 1504 (Fund 121) is to maintain the Soledad Storm Drain and Bryant Canyon Channel in accordance with an agreement with the City of Soledad and the Department of Housing and Urban Development for facilities such as the channel, culverts, and access roadway.

The FY27 budgeted activities include:

- Operations and maintenance of the facilities 0.12 FTE + \$20,500 services and supplies + equipment and vehicles
- Administration 0.02 FTE

**Table 5. Fund 1504 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	91,455
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	11,289
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>102,744</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	25,750
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	6,602
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	4,947
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	3,954
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	16,508
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>57,761</b>

<b>IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>44,983</b>
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	376,312
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	421,295

## FUND 1505: RECLAMATION DITCH (ZONE 9)

The purpose of Fund 1505 (Fund 122) is to operate and maintain Reclamation Ditch No. 1665 (commonly referred to as the Rec Ditch) to reduce flooding impacts. The Rec Ditch watershed consists of an area of approximately 157 square miles. The Rec Ditch flows southeast to northwest, draining a series of generally dry lake beds (e.g., Carr Lake and Merritt Lake) that are farmed when not flooded and are linked by a system of lateral ditches (tributaries) and pumping facilities.

Near Castroville, the Rec Ditch flows into Tembladero Slough and then into the Old Salinas River (OSR) which discharges through tide gates at Potrero Road into Moss Landing Harbor. The Agency maintains sections of the Rec Ditch where the Agency has right-of-way, easements, or facilities.

The FY27 budgeted activities include:

- Operations and maintenance of facilities:
  - Staffing: 4.6 FTE
  - \$ 893,418 services and supplies + equipment and vehicles
    - Erosion control at the Santa Rita pump station
    - Repair and replacement of pumps & equipment
    - Rental equipment and repair
    - Trash removal and site cleanup
- Real-time storm monitoring & water quality study 0.27 FTE & Administration 1.21 FTE

**Table 6. Fund 1505 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	356,799
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	1,447,533
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	34,409
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,838,741</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	1,138,623
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	167,219
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	172,859
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	268,628
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	331,443
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	293,347
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,372,119</b>

<b>IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(533,378)</b>
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,225,437
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	692,059

## FUND 1506: SAN LORENZO CREEK (ZONE 12)

The purpose of Fund 1506 (Fund 124) is to reduce flooding from San Lorenzo Creek at King City and provide storm monitoring. The Agency coordinates with King City to remove silt and debris from the channel and maintains the Bulkhead Wall in the Villa Drive area.

- Operations and maintenance of the facilities 0.09 FTE + \$8,500 services and supplies + equipment and vehicles
- Administration 0.02 FTE

**Table 7. Fund 1506 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	38,482
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	1,217
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>39,699</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	21,680
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	4,428
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	3,135
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	-
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	2,670
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	5,775
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>37,688</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	2,011
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	40,560
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	42,571

## FUND 1507: MORO COJO SLOUGH (ZONE 17)

The purpose of Fund 1507 (Fund 127) is to reduce flooding impacts from Moro Cojo Slough. Fund 1507 supports the maintenance of the existing four tide gates at Moss Landing Road, the berm between Moss Landing Road and Water Tower Hill, and operations and maintenance of the Castroville Pumping Station.

- Operations and maintenance of the facilities
  - Staffing: 0.40 FTE
  - \$596,058 services and supplies + equipment and vehicles
    - Repair of the Moss Landing Road tide gate structure
    - County's public work department will reimburse 50% of construction cost
- Administration 0.09 FTE
- The FY27 budget includes a \$150,000 fund transfer-in from Fund 1501 (Fund 111)

**Table 8. Fund 1507 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	109,987
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	1,201
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS*	425,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>536,188</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	110,980
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	10,121
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	13,787
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	550,000
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	8,850
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	37,208
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>730,946</b>

<b>IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(194,758)</b>
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	301,875
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	107,117

- \*\$150,000 fund transfer-in from Fund 1501-WRA100-930001
- \*\$275,000 fund transfer-in from Public Works department

## FUND 1508: HYDRO-ELECTRIC PLANT

The purpose of Fund 1508 (Fund 130) is to operate and maintain the Nacimiento Dam Hydroelectric Plant and to administer the Power Purchase Agreement. The plant generates hydroelectric power at Nacimiento Dam which results in oversight of the dam by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). This fund supports the operation and maintenance of the Plant facilities and regulatory requirements related to FERC's oversight.

FY27 Budget includes:

- Operations and maintenance of the facilities:
  - Staffing: 1.34 FTE
  - \$420,00 contracted services
    - Facility inspections
    - Maintenance services
    - Meter calibration
    - Chatterbox update
    - PLC update
    - Hydraulic ground update
    - Electrical drawing updates
- A transfer of \$700,000 to Fund 1503 (Fund 116) to reimburse expenses of regulatory activities
- Administration 0.35 FTE

**Table 9. Fund 1508 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
HYDROELECTRIC REVENUE	1,302,200
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	63,296
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,365,496</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	343,388
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	96,104
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	62,466
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	403,000
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	8,400
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	120,099
FUND TRANSFER OUT**	700,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,733,457</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(367,961)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	2,109,875
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,741,914

## FUND 1509: CASTROVILLE SEAWATER INTRUSION PROJECT (CSIP) (ZONE 2B & 2Y)

The purpose of Fund 1509 (Fund 131) is to provide operations and maintenance for the CSIP Distribution System component of the Recycled Water Projects for irrigation use in a coastal region of Monterey County that has been impacted by seawater intrusion in the 180/400-Foot Aquifer groundwater basin.

Facilities include a storage pond connected to a pipeline system with nine monitoring stations, three booster stations, 8 supplemental groundwater wells, assorted valves and other appurtenances, and 113 farm turnouts throughout the 12,000 acres of Zone 2B. A mix of recycled water, treated surface water, and groundwater is delivered to the CSIP customers within the system.

CSIP has been primarily operated by Monterey One Water, with oversight by the Agency, since the project's inception in 1998. In 2015, the Agency and Monterey One Water entered into an Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement to cover operations and maintenance of the Recycled Water Projects through 2045.

Activities in Fund 1509 (Fund 131) are funded with special benefit assessments of Zone 2B and 2Y and Water Delivery Charges from CSIP customers. The Agency recommends the Water Delivery Charge be set at \$100.24 per acre-foot for water delivered in FY27.

FY27 Budget funds the activities outlined below:

### Monterey One Water

- Operations and Maintenance \$1,810,617

### Agency Operations and Maintenance

- Staffing: 2.2 FTE
- \$1,288,000 contract services for a well replacement project, which is to be financed with a grant and a settlement payment from the 2024 financial audit.
- \$1,135,000 contract services for
  - Well maintenance
  - Condition assessment phase II
  - Recycled water permit compliance
  - Title 22 Engineers Report & permit migration project
  - Cathodic Protection
  - ARV Replacement Plan
  - Pond Agitator
  - Repairs and management of equipment (equipment, valves etc)
  - Flow meter recalibration project
  - Operations Review
- USBR loan payments of \$1,650,000
- Administration 0.86 FTE

**Table 10. Fund 1509 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	4,829,778
WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES	879,891
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	900,000
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	944,062
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,653,731</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	828,604
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	296,441
SERVICES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	114,772
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	1,534,042
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT	900,000
MONTEREY ONE WATER CONTRACT	1,810,617
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	12,500
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	46,347
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	1,650,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>7,193,323</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(539,592)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,468,745
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	929,153

## **FUND 1510: SALINAS VALLEY RECLAMATION PROJECT (SVRP) (ZONE 2B & 2Z)**

The purpose of Fund 1510 (Fund 132) is to provide operations and maintenance for the SVRP Recycled Water Treatment Plant component of the Recycled Water Projects. Facilities include a tertiary treatment plant, which produces non-potable tertiary recycled water that meets State Title 22 water quality standards for irrigation of raw food crops.

The SVRP is located at the Monterey One Water Regional Treatment Plant. Monterey One Water (M1W) is the wastewater treatment provider in northern Monterey County where wastewater flows are cleaned and safely reintroduced into the environment.

SVRP facilities include pipelines, pumps, coagulation and flocculation basins, filtration systems, and chlorination facilities. The recycled water is then placed in the CSIP distribution storage pond to be delivered to the CSIP customers.

SVRP has been operated by Monterey One Water since the project's inception in 1998. In 2015, the Agency and Monterey One Water entered into an Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement to cover operations and maintenance of the Recycled Water Projects through 2045.

Activities in Fund 1510 (Fund 132) are funded with special benefit assessments of Zone 2B and 2Z and, revenues from Water Delivery Charges from CSIP customers. The Agency recommends the Water Delivery Charge be set at \$100.24 per acre-foot for water delivered in FY27.

Funded activities in FY27 are outlined below:

### Monterey One Water

- Operations and Maintenance activities \$4,917,307 staffing, services and supplies
- Capital Outlay \$300,000

### Agency activities:

- Partial funding for pond agitators
- Reimbursement of M1W USBR loan payments \$984,75

**Table 11. Fund 1510 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	5,090,373
WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES	1,024,670
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	-
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	50,197
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>6,165,240</b>

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	-
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	89,192
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	6,989
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	50,000
MONTEREY ONE WATER CONTRACT	5,217,307
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	650
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	984,765
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>6,348,903</b>

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(183,663)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,673,239
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,489,576

## **FUND 1511: SALINAS RIVER DIVERSION FACILITY (SRDF) OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE (ZONE 2B)**

The purpose of Fund 1511 (Fund 134) is to provide for operations and maintenance of the SRDF surface water diversion component of the Recycled Water Projects. Facilities include an instream inflatable dam, fish bypass system, diversion pump station with 4 diversion pumps, pipeline, standpipe, filtration system, and chlorination system. The SRDF filtration system and chlorination system are located at the Monterey One Water Regional Treatment Plant, where the filtered and chlorinated surface water is mixed with the recycled water from the SVRP in the CSIP Storage Pond and then delivered through the CSIP Distribution System.

The SRDF is a component of the Agency's Salinas Valley Water Project and operations began in 2010. The Agency operates the Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoir to deliver the previously stored water to the SRDF site during the irrigation season, in compliance with State and Federal regulatory requirements. Those operations are permitted from April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The operations are funded by Water Services Charges, which was approved through Proposition 218 process and adopted by Resolution 10-188. The Resolution indicates that the Water Service Charge is subjective to an annual CPI for the first five years and thereafter based on an evaluation by the Agency.

The Fund also captures expense related to a grant funded well destruction project for Zone 2B.

In FY27, the Agency recommends that the Water Service Charge be increased to \$113.57 per acre foot of water delivered, to cover a funding gap.

Monterey One Water, with management and oversight by the Agency, has operated the SRDF facility, since 2010. In 2015, the Agency and Monterey One Water entered into an Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement to cover operations and maintenance of the Recycled Water Projects through 2045.

Debt payments of Salinas Valley Water Project are funded with Ad Valorem and Zone 2C special assessments, in the amount of \$637,669 and \$1,122,045, respectively, from Fund 1501 (Fund 111).

FY27 budgeted activities in Fund 1511 are outlined below:

### Monterey One Water:

- Operations and Maintenance activities \$1,382,686 staffing, services and supplies
- Capital Outlay \$61,250

### Agency Operations and Maintenance activities:

- Staffing: 1.07 FTE
- \$445,000 contracted services
  - Filtration Improvement Project
  - CABM Scour Repair Engineering and Design
  - Operations Review
  - SRDF Wet well cleanout, Weir torquing
  - Pond Agitators
  - Air compressor replacement 1

- Grant Funded Activities:
  - Well Destruction Project 0.26 FTE + \$350,000 services and supplies
- Administration 0.46 FTE

**Table 12. Fund 1511 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
AD VALOREM TAXES	-
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS	-
WATER DELIVERY & SERVICE CHARGES	2,157,801
GRANTS - LOCAL, STATE AND FEDERAL	392,585
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	40,970
AGENCY & COUNTY INTERFUND TRANSFERS	-
TOTAL REVENUES	2,591,356

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	473,657
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	66,448
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	73,621
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	445,000
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS - GRANT FUNDED	350,000
MONTEREY ONE WATER CONTRACT	1,443,936
EQUIPMENT & VEHICLES	20,750
SERVICES & SUPPLIES - EXTERNAL	38,961
FUND TRANSFER OUT	-
DEBT PAYMENTS (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,912,373

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	(321,017)
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ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	1,365,679
ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,044,662

## FUND 1950: INTERLAKE TUNNEL AND SPILLWAY MODIFICATION DWR GRANT PROJECT/STUDY (ILT)

The purpose of Fund 1950 (Fund 426) is to track the DWR’s \$10 million grant to study the feasibility of an Interlake Tunnel between Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs with modifications to the Nacimiento Spillway. Operationally, the Interlake Tunnel would divert water from Nacimiento Reservoir to San Antonio Reservoir that would have otherwise been spilled at Nacimiento Dam. The Nacimiento River basin produces nearly three times the average annual flow of the San Antonio River basin, therefore, capturing high Nacimiento River flows and diverting those flows to San Antonio Reservoir increases the overall storage capacity of the system.

The grant has now expired, and the Agency continues the efforts towards completion of the grant.

Activities covered by this fund are guided by the scope and deliverables of the grant agreement with DWR, including:

- Grant administration & completion report
- Water rights
- Draft engineer’s report

**Table 13. Fund 1950 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
INTERESTS AND OTHER INCOME	14,952
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>14,952</b>
EXPENSES	AMOUNT
EMPLOYEE COST - SALARIES AND BENEFITS	132,508
GL & POLLUTION INSURANCES	
SERVICE CHARGES - COUNTY DEPARTMENTS	9,696
CONTRACTORS/CONSULTANTS	80,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>222,204</b>
<b>IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>(207,252)</b>
ESTIMATED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	498,403
<b>ESTIMATED ENDING FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>291,151</b>

## FUND 1810: CSIP DEBT SERVICE

Fund 1810 (Fund 303) issues debt service payments to the United States Bureau of Reclamation loan that funded the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project.

**Table 14. Fund 1810 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
DEBT TRANSFERS (CSIP & SVWP)	1,650,000
TOTAL REVENUES	1,650,000

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
DEBT PAYMENT (INTERESTS & PRINCIPLE)	1,650,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,650,000

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	0
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## FUND 1835: SALINAS VALLEY WATER PROJECT DEBT SERVICE

The purpose of Fund 1835 (Fund 313) is to issue payments of SVWP, which is financed by partial Ad Valorem taxes and Zone 2C Special Assessments from Fund 1501 (Fund 111). Debt for SVWP was issued by Monterey County Financing Authority.

**Table 15. Fund 1835 Revenues & Expense**

REVENUES	AMOUNT
DEBT TRANSFERS (CSIP & SVWP)	1,761,213
TOTAL REVENUES	1,761,213

EXPENSES	AMOUNT
DEBT PAYMENT (INTERESTS & PRINCIPLE)	1,761,213
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,761,213

IMPACT TO FUND BALANCE	0
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## CONSOLIDATED FUND BALANCE SUMMARY

**Table 16. Agency’s Unassigned Fund Balances Summary**

<b>MCWRA FY27 Unassigned Fund Balance Summary</b>									
Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Estimated Add (Use)	FY26 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimated Beginning Balance	FY27 Budgeted Expense	FY27 Budgeted Revenue	FY27 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimate Ending Balance
1501	Administration Fund		598,662	(145,809)	5,103,687	7,929,719	5,871,248	(2,058,471)	3,045,216
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1505	Reclamation Ditch	9	179,210	(333,348)	1,225,437	2,372,119	1,838,741	(533,378)	692,059
1506	San Lorenzo Creek	12	10,095	(6,133)	40,560	37,688	39,699	2,011	42,571
1507	Moro Cojo Slough	17	(49,900)	(321,329)	301,875	730,946	536,188	(194,758)	107,117
1508	Hydro-Electric Ops		676,354	(644,361)	2,109,875	1,733,457	1,365,496	(367,961)	1,741,914
1509	CSIP Operations	2B/Y	(729,644)	(240,935)	1,468,745	7,193,323	6,653,731	(539,592)	929,153
1510	SVRP Operations	2B/Z	(251,337)	(730,810)	1,673,239	6,348,903	6,165,240	(183,663)	1,489,576
1511	SRDF Operations		(503,314)	(800,686)	1,365,679	2,912,373	2,591,356	(321,017)	1,044,662
1810	CSIP Debt Service		-	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
1835	SVWP Debt Service		15	-	1,036,760	1,761,213	1,761,213	-	1,036,760
1950	Interlake Tunnel		405,534	(116,562)	498,403	222,204	14,952	(207,252)	291,151
<b>Total:</b>			<b>2,492,208</b>	<b>(4,168,258)</b>	<b>20,101,834</b>	<b>48,286,681</b>	<b>43,152,545</b>	<b>(5,134,136)</b>	<b>14,967,698</b>

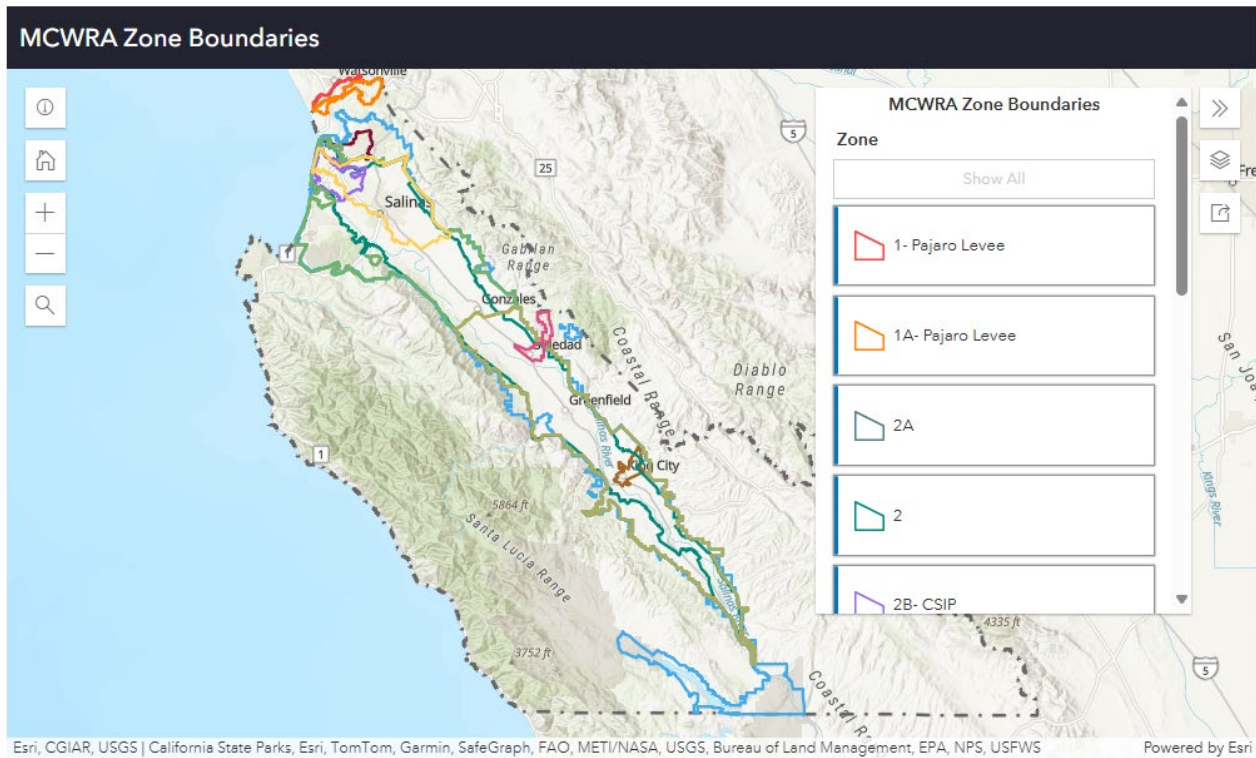
**Table 17 Agency’s Assigned Fund Balances Summary**

<b>MCWRA Assigned Fund Balance Summary</b>						
<b>Fund</b>	<b>Fund Name</b>	<b>BSA</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>FY26 Estimated Ending Balance</b>	<b>Budgeted Change in FY27</b>	<b>FY27 Estimated Ending Balance</b>
1501	Administration Fund	30040	Canyon Del Rey Improvement	12,200	0	<b>12,200</b>
1503	Dam Operations	30040	Cloud Seeding Reserve	125,000	0	<b>125,000</b>
1503	Dam Operations	30040	Capital Project	840,000	0	<b>840,000</b>
1505	Reclamation Ditch	30040	Markeley Swamp Reserve	245,158	0	<b>245,158</b>
1509	CSIP Operations	22430	USBR Loan Reserve	254,187	0	<b>254,187</b>

## AGENCY ZONE MAPS

An interactive map displaying Agency's Zone boundaries is available on Agency's website:

<https://www.countyofmonterey.gov/government/government-links/water-resources-agency/about/assessment-zones>



# **NOTICE OF MCWRA BUDGET PUBLIC HEARINGS**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings on the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Recommended Budget for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”), setting forth individual estimates and tabulations; and

**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, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**Resolution No. 26-\_\_\_\_\_**

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to:

Approve and adopt the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget.

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code sections 29088-29092 provide that the Board of Supervisors of each county shall adopt, by resolution, the budget; and

**WHEREAS**, after giving due notice as required by law, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors has held public hearings for the purpose of developing the Adopted Budget for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27); and

**WHEREAS**, at said public hearing held on May 19, 2026, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors heard all requests for the increase, decrease, or other alteration of the FY27 Recommended Budget as presented and in consideration thereof has decided upon all revisions of said Recommended Budget (Budget) which deems advisable; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY27 Budget authorizes a transfer of \$700,000 from Fund 1508 Hydro-Electric Plant Operation (1508-WRA107-930008 in Oracle Fusion ERP; 130-9300-WRA022-8490 in CGI) to Fund 1503 Dam Operations (1503-WRA102-930003; 116-9300-WRA006-8485) to cover regulatory costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY27 Budget authorizes a transfer of \$150,000 from Fund 1501 Agency Administration Countywide Services (1501-WRA930001; 111-9300-WRA001-8267) to Fund 1507 Moro Cojo Slough (1507-WRA106-930007; 127-9300-WRA106-8489) to cover funding gaps; and

**WHEREAS**, the record of such decisions is in final form in the possession of, and will be published by the Monterey County Auditor-Controller; and

**WHEREAS**, the minimum requirements as set forth in Section 29089 of the Government Code of the State of California have been met in the budget document; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 29090 of the Government Code of the State of California permits the adoption of the budget by reference to the financing uses in the budget as finally determined.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:** the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors hereby adopts by reference the Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget as received and approved during the aforementioned public hearing and as officially submitted by the General Manager of the Agency to the Auditor-Controller, with said revised budget for the County of Monterey as the Adopted Budget for the 2026-27 Fiscal Year for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_,  
seconded by Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_, and carried this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
2026, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book \_\_\_ for the meeting on \_\_\_\_\_.

Dated:

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

# FY2026-27 Board of Directors Budget Workshop

March 16, 2026, at 10:00 am



# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. Budget overview
3. Strategic Plan
  - Organizational Goals & Objective for FY26-27
  - Staffing and Organizational Chart
4. Funding Opportunities
5. Highlights – Projects in FY27
  - Fund 1501 (111) Administration & Agency Wide
  - Fund 1505 (122) Rec Ditch
  - Fund 1503 (116) Dam Operations
  - Fund 1508 (130) Hydro plant Operations :
  - Fund 1509/1510/1511 (131/132/134) Recycled Water Projects update including proposed rates
6. Schedule & Next Step





# FY2026-27 Budget Overview

Nan Kim  
Finance Manager



# FY27 Budget Review

## NEW ERP (Oracle) - New Numbers

Fund Name	CGI	Oracle
Water Resources Administration	111	1501
Pajaro Levee	112	1502
Dam Operations	116	1503
Soledad Storm Drain	121	1504
Reclamation Ditch	122	1505
San Lorenzo Creek	124	1506
Moro Cojo Slough	127	1507
Hydro-Electric Operations	130	1508
CSIP Operations	131	1509
SVRP Operations	132	1510
SRDF Operations	134	1511
Interlake Tunnel Project	426	1950
Monterey County Financing Authority	313	1835
CSIP Debt Service Administration	303	1810



# FY27 Budget – Revenue Overview

## Revenues:

Revenue growth does not support expenses needed for increased O&M cost, staffing and major repair and replacement projects

- COLA Increase by CPI
  - Flood Assessments & Special Assessments & Grazing Lease
  - Using CPI 2.5% as a place holder (Actual CPI on March 11, 2026)
- Program Revenue: no rate change in FY27
  - Boat Dock & Groundwater Monitoring Program
- Expense Reimbursements
  - SLO County : \$680,000 San Antonio O&M activities
  - Public Works Department : \$275,000 (50% Fund **1507(127)** Tide gate construction)
  - Grants
- Other Revenue
  - Hydro-Electric Revenue & Ad Valorem Taxes
  - CSIP Funding agreements
  - Water Delivery Charge \$100.24 (increase of \$15/af)
  - Water Service Charge \$113.57 (increase of \$25/af)

# FY27 Budget – Expense Overview

## Expenses:

Expense growth exceeds revenue increase:

- Salaries & Benefits
  - Total 45 Funded Position (net +1 FTE (Program Manager II))
  - County’s labor union negotiation outcomes
  - PERS, UAL & Health Insurance increased by \$.91 million
- Other Charges
  - Insurances \$1.60 million, decreased by \$480,000
  - County’s Cost Plan \$979,541 increased by \$687,358
- Contractor & Consultants
  - Total \$23.74 million
  - Grants reimbursable \$8.22 million (increase of \$5.1 million)
  - Monterey One Water \$8.47million (decrease of \$.88 million)
- Fund Transfers
  - Fund **1501** (111) Admin to Fund **1507** (127) Moro Cojo Slough \$150,000
  - Fund **1508** (130) Hydro plant to Fund **1503** (116) Dam Operations \$700,000

# FY27 Budget Overview

## Total Appropriations :

- **\$48,798,639** Expense
  - **12 % increase** from FY26 \$43,605,537

## Total Revenue :

- **\$44,052,545** Revenue
  - **12 % increase** from FY26 \$39,437,279
  - **2.5% CPI released on March 11, 2026**

## Fund Balance Use:

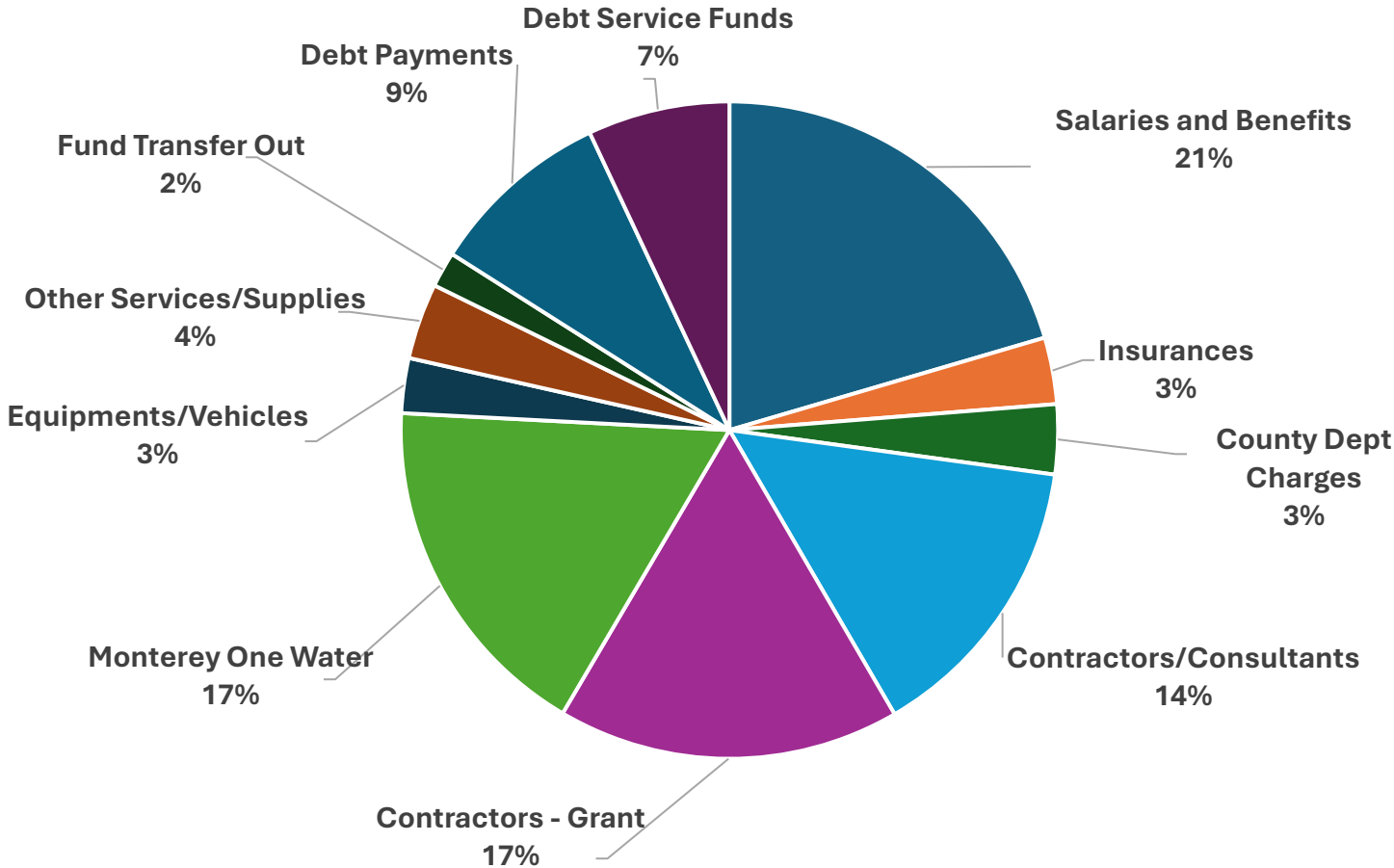
- Statutorily balanced by using \$4,746,094 fund balance to cover funding gaps

# 5 Year Expense History

Expense & Revenue Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Amended	2027 Request
<b>Expenses</b>	34,125,611	40,764,221	34,668,974	43,605,540	48,798,639
<b>Revenue</b>	37,469,653	36,522,351	37,161,181	39,437,279	44,052,545
Employee Cost - Salaries and Benefits	6,212,343	6,215,742	6,774,140	8,594,931	9,984,109
GL & Pollution Insurances	939,570	1,346,512	1,641,786	2,091,787	1,597,773
Service Charges - County Departments	1,035,391	2,382,246	1,072,261	952,095	1,675,141
Contractors/Consultants	3,954,916	4,489,032	2,170,868	5,143,958	7,049,758
Contractors/Consultants - Grant	1,183,350	2,461,651	3,124,945	6,150,000	8,223,583
Monterey One Water Contract	8,019,596	9,557,314	9,163,033	9,357,370	8,471,860
Equipments & Vehicles	1,117,613	1,055,061	1,028,823	1,041,504	1,317,575
Services & Supplies - External	3,401,330	3,856,243	2,137,146	1,744,464	1,821,649
Fund Transfer Out	636,162	1,836,069	-	700,000	850,000
Debt Payments (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	4,308,952	4,271,886	4,264,033	4,419,714	4,395,978
Debt Service Funds	3,316,393	3,292,467	3,291,939	3,409,714	3,411,213
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>34,125,616</b>	<b>40,764,223</b>	<b>34,668,974</b>	<b>43,605,537</b>	<b>48,798,639</b>



# FY27 Budget – Expense Distribution

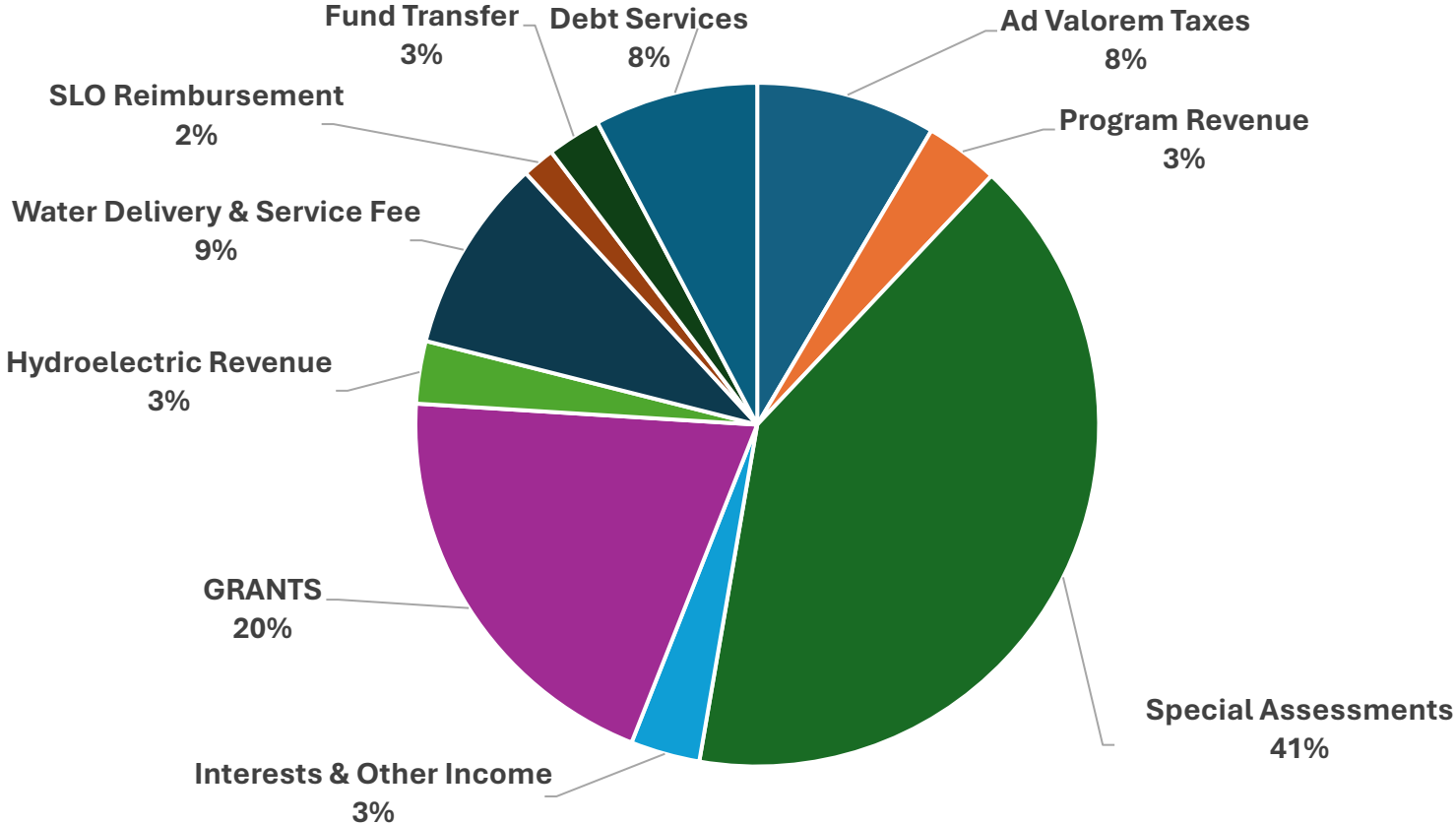


# 5 Year Revenue History

Expense & Revenue Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Amended	2027 Request
<b>Expenses</b>	34,125,611	40,764,221	34,668,974	43,605,540	48,798,639
<b>Revenue</b>	37,469,653	36,522,351	37,161,181	39,437,279	44,052,545
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,360,656	3,516,520	3,674,910	3,558,674	3,748,859
Special Assessments	16,338,356	16,992,670	17,363,699	17,782,840	17,927,080
Water Delivery & Service Charges	1,294,432	2,449,764	2,367,659	3,302,362	4,062,362
Program Revenue - (GMP, BDA, LU)	653,715	996,967	920,344	810,998	1,545,808
Hydroelectric Revenue	634,394	1,345,925	1,446,889	1,100,000	1,302,200
GRANTS - Local, State and Federal	2,158,290	4,710,087	5,474,232	6,360,441	8,805,425
SLO County Reimbursement	582,468	614,071	786,699	750,000	680,000
Interests and Other Income	544,790	680,730	987,482	1,662,250	1,444,598
Agency & County Interfund Transfers	8,586,162	1,923,148	850,000	700,000	1,125,000
Debt TRANSFERS (CSIP & SVWP)	3,316,392	3,292,467	3,289,268	3,409,714	3,411,213
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>37,469,655</b>	<b>36,522,349</b>	<b>37,161,182</b>	<b>39,437,279</b>	<b>44,052,545</b>



# FY27 Budget – Revenue Distribution



# FY27 Budget – Fund Balances

## Fund Balances **ESTIMATES**

Expense & Revenue Category	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Actual	2026 Amended	2027 Request
Expenses	34,125,611	40,764,221	34,668,974	43,605,540	48,798,639
Revenue	37,469,653	36,522,351	37,161,181	39,437,279	44,052,545
Beginning Fund Balance	21,931,812	25,163,601	20,816,727	23,308,935	20,101,765
Use of Fund Balance (Draw)	3,231,789	(4,346,874)	2,492,208	(4,168,258)	(4,746,094)
Estimate Ending Fund Balance *^~	25,163,601	20,816,727	23,308,935	19,140,677	15,355,671

\* includes unspent strategic reserve from the County for 2023 winterstorm event (estimated at \$1.8 M)

^ Ending Fund Balance for FY22, F23 & F24 is actual

~ Ending Fund Balance for FY25 & FY26 is estimated

2026 Amended reflects a budget amendment for GMP

# Fund 1501 (111) – Administration & Agencywide Service

FUND 111	2027 Request
Expenses	7,929,719
Revenue	5,871,248
Employee Cost - Salaries and Benefits	2,469,313
GL & Pollution Insurances	265,691
Service Charges - County Departments	464,074
Contractors/Consultants	1,828,696
Contractors/Consultants - Grant	263,583
Equipments & Vehicles	345,196
Services & Supplies - External	381,953
Fund Transfer Out	150,000
Debt Payments (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	1,761,213
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>7,929,719</b>
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,392,060
Special Assessments	1,128,705
Program Revenue - GMP	881,612
GRANTS - Local, State and Federal	298,053
Interests and Other Income	170,818
Agency & County Interfund Transfers	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>5,871,248</b>

## Budgeted Activities in FY27:

- Salinas River Lagoon Rd Repair
- Groundwater Monitoring Program
- Alert Services & Supplies
- Financial Planning & Strategies
- Communication Plan
- Filing System
- Agencywide staff training
  
- Transfer to Moro Cojo 1507 (127)
- SVWP debt payment
  
- Upper Meritt Plump Station Repair
- Pump replacements



# Fund 1503 (116) – Dam Operations

FUND 116	2027 Request
Expenses	14,602,612
Revenue	13,941,763
Employee Cost - Salaries and Benefits	4,298,010
GL & Pollution Insurances	587,346
Services - County Departments	739,427
Contractors/Consultants	829,896
Contractors/Consultants - Grant	6,710,000
Equipments & Vehicles	579,712
Services & Supplies - External	858,221
Debt Payments (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>14,602,612</b>
Ad Valorem Taxes	-
Special Assessments	4,616,155
Program Revenue-Lease, Boat Dock	654,196
GRANTS - Local, State and Federal	7,214,787
SLO County Reimbursement	680,000
Interests and Other Income	76,625
Agency & County Interfund Transfers	700,000
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>13,941,763</b>

## Budgeted Activities in FY27:

- Boat Dock Program
- Land Management
- Old Salinas River Management
- Facility Equipment Management
- Naci South Access Road Repair
- Naci spillway inspection & maintenance
  
- Grants:
  - FIRO, Flood Map & IRWMP
  - Naci Maintenance grant
    - Plunge Pool
    - LLO bypass
- SB 104
  - Naci Road & Bridge Repair
  - Naci High-level gate
  - SAD Buoy line
  - SAD 12' drain
  - SAD LLO designs
  - SAD Spillway replacement project



# Fund 1509/1510/1511 (131/132/134) – RWP

<b>WRA Recycled Water Program</b>	<b>FY27 Budget CSIP</b>	<b>FY27 Budget SVRP</b>	<b>FY27 Budget SRDF</b>
Employee Cost - Salaries and Benefits	828,604	-	473,657
GL & Pollution Insurances	296,441	89,192	66,448
Services - County Departments	114,772	6,989	73,621
Contractors/Consultants	2,046,000	50,000	445,000
Contractors/Consultants - Grant	900,000	-	350,000
Monterey One Water Contract	1,810,617	5,217,307	1,443,936
Equipments & Vehicles	12,500	-	20,750
Services & Supplies - External	46,347	650	38,961
Debt Payments (SVWP, CSIP, SVRP)	1,650,000	984,765	-
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>7,705,281</b>	<b>6,348,903</b>	<b>2,912,373</b>
Ad Valorem Taxes	-	-	-
Special Assessments	4,829,778	5,090,373	-
Water Delivery & Service Charges	879,891	1,024,670	2,157,801
GRANTS - Local, State and Federal	900,000	-	392,585
Interests and Other Income	944,062	50,197	40,970
Agency & County Interfund Transfers	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>7,553,731</b>	<b>6,165,240</b>	<b>2,591,356</b>
Beginning Fund Balance	1,468,745	1,673,239	1,365,679
Use of Fund Balance (Draw)	(151,550)	(183,663)	(321,017)
Estimate Ending Fund Balance *^~	1,317,195	1,489,576	1,044,662



# FY27 Budget – Summary

MCWRA FY27 Unassigned Fund Balance Summary										
NEW Fund	CGI Fund	Fund Name	Zone	FY25 Estimated Add (Use)	FY26 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimated Beginning Balance	FY27 Budgeted Expense	FY27 Budgeted Revenue	FY27 Budgeted Add (Use)	FY27 Estimate Ending Balance
1501	111	Administration Fund		598,662	(145,809)	5,103,687	7,929,719	5,871,248	(2,058,471)	3,045,216
1502	112	Pajaro Levee	1/1A	426,443	(204,496)	1,396,486	734,363	620,174	(114,189)	1,282,297
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1504	121	Soledad Storm Drain	8	69,802	2,802	376,312	57,761	102,744	44,983	421,295
1505	122	Reclamation Ditch	9	179,210	(333,348)	1,225,437	2,372,119	1,838,741	(533,378)	692,059
1506	124	San Lorenzo Creek	12	10,095	(6,133)	40,560	37,688	39,699	2,011	42,571
1507	127	Moro Cojo Slough	17	(49,900)	(321,329)	301,806	730,946	536,188	(194,758)	107,048
1508	130	Hydro-Electric Ops		676,354	(644,361)	2,109,875	1,733,457	1,365,496	(367,961)	1,741,914
1509	131	CSIP Operations	2B/Y	(729,644)	(240,935)	1,468,745	7,705,281	7,553,731	(151,550)	1,317,195
1510	132	SVRP Operations	2B/Z	(251,337)	(730,810)	1,673,239	6,348,903	6,165,240	(183,663)	1,489,576
1511	134	SRDF Operations		(503,314)	(800,686)	1,365,679	2,912,373	2,591,356	(321,017)	1,044,662
1810	303	CSIP Debt Service		-	-	770,672	1,650,000	1,650,000	-	770,672
1835	313	SVWP Debt Service		15	-	1,036,760	1,761,213	1,761,213	-	1,036,760
1950	426	Interlake Tunnel		405,534	(116,562)	498,403	222,204	14,952	(207,252)	291,151
Total:				<b>2,492,208</b>	<b>(4,168,258)</b>	<b>20,101,765</b>	<b>48,798,639</b>	<b>44,052,545</b>	<b>(4,746,094)</b>	<b>15,355,671</b>



# FY27 Budget – Reserved Funds

## Assigned Funds

MCWRA Assigned Fund Balance Summary							
New Fund	CGI Fund	Fund Name	BSA	Description	FY26 Estimated Ending Balance	Budgeted Change in FY27	FY27 Estimated Ending Balance
1501	111	Administration Fund	3123	Canyon Del Rey Improvement	12,200	0	<b>12,200</b>
1503	116	Dam Operations	3123	Cloud Seeding Reserve	125,000	0	<b>125,000</b>
1503	116	Dam Operations	3123	Capital Project	840,000	0	<b>840,000</b>
1505	122	Reclamation Ditch	3123	Markeley Swamp Reserve	245,158	0	<b>245,158</b>
1509	131	CSIP Operations	2569	USBR Loan Reserve	254,187	0	<b>254,187</b>





# FY2026-27 Budget Strategic Plan and Organizational Goals

Shaunna Murray

Deputy General Manager



# FY27 Strategic Plan Implementation

## 2020 Strategic Plan:

- This plan still guides us through the multi-year goals
  - **GOAL A. INFRASTRUCTURE MAINTENANCE**
  - **GOAL B. PLANNING AND NEW PROJECTS**
  - **GOAL C. FINANCIAL SUSTAINABILITY**
  - **GOAL D. EFFECTIVE CORE SERVICES AND ORGANIZATION IMPROVEMENT**
  - **GOAL E. COMMUNITY RELATIONS**
- Staff sets annual priorities to meet these goals
- The FY27 proposed budget considers these priorities, including updating the plan to meet future objectives

# FY27 Strategic Plan Priorities

## Administration Section

- Develop **Standard Operation Procedures** for BOD and Committee processes
- **Support Agency staff** in following **internal procedures** to execute all BOD and Committee processes on time to ensure meetings run smoothly
- Increase **staff training** on core functions such as **effective communication and leadership skills**

## Finance Section

- Successful **Implementation of Oracle**, County's new Enterprise Resource Planning (**ERP**) in spring of 2026
- Maximization of Revenue Opportunities: prepare for **1st year billing of the GMP Fees**
- Improve budget control & expense monitoring internally
- Recruit for a **Senior Account Clerk**

### Where in the FY27 Budget?

- **STAFF TIME**
- **STAFF TIME**
- **TRAINING, FUND 1501 (111)**
- **STAFF TIME and COUNTY CHARGES**
- **REVENUE, FUND 1501 (111)**
- **STAFF TIME**
- **SALARIES, VARIOUS FUNDS**

# FY27 Strategic Plan Priorities

## Engineering & Dam Safety Section – Naci

- Complete Nacimiento Dam’s **South Access Road** repairs
- Replacement of all **3 Low-level Intake’s valve actuators**, and installation of the sixth **outlet valve**
- **Nacimiento Lake Drive Road and Spillway Bridge** repairs, with completion anticipated in 2027

## Engineering & Dam Safety Section – San Antonio

- Finalize the **PMF Update and Alternatives Analysis** for San Antonio Dam **Spillway Replacement** Project
- **Begin** San Antonio Spillway **Design and Environmental** Phase of the San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project
- Begin San Antonio **Low Level Outlet Works (LLOW)** Improvement Project Work of eight subprojects
- Complete the revised draft of the SA **Emergency Action Plan**
- Perform **annual preventive maintenance** of the Nacimiento **Power Plant** and Switchyard equipment

### Where in the FY27 Budget?

- **FUND 1503** (116), FEMA
- **FUND 1503** (116), GRANT
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- **FUND 1503** (116), GRANT
- **STAFF TIME**
- **FUND 1508** (130)



# FY27 Strategic Plan Priorities

## Hydrology & Environmental Resources

- Complete an **Invasive Mussel Prevention Plan** for San Antonio Reservoir
- **Broaden the groundwater extraction reporting program** to water systems and **expansion areas**
- Fully implement the **Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers**
- Implement the **GMP** and **Low Effect HCP**

## Maintenance Section

- **Fill** current **Water Maintenance Worker** vacancy
- Perform a **condition assessment and rehabilitation plan** of **SA's outlet valve and operating equipment**
- Perform **caretaker infrastructure** repairs and improvements at Dams
- Evaluate **drone spray program** and feasibility of using technology **in other areas**

### Where in the FY27 Budget?

- FUND **1501** (111), GRANT
- STAFF TIME
- FUND **1501** (111), GMP
- FUND **1501** (111)
- FUND **1503** (116)
- SALARIES, FUND **1503** (116)
- FUND **1503** (116), GRANT
- FUND **1503** (116)
- STAFF TIME

# FY27 Strategic Plan Priorities

## Operations Section

- Secure **funding** to complete the **Salinas River Operations HCP development**
- Analyze and **update annual funding** for the **WRA Recycled Water Projects** for long -term support
- **Participate in** Cal-FIRE Vegetation Management Program and San Luis Obispo Fire Safe Council programs that focus on **addressing wildland fire fuel hazards on Agency lands**
- Continue to **develop tools and systems** to improve **operational efficiency** of the reservoir operations

### Where in the FY27 Budget?

- **STAFF TIME**
- **STAFF TIME**
- **FUND 1503 (116)**
- **FUND 1503 (116), GRANT**

# Strategic Plan December Workshop

Breakout Groups: Agency staff are working on addressing opportunities discussed through various new initiatives.

## 1. Communication and public engagement

- Developing an outreach and engagement plan to help educate the community about the Agency and to support future financing needs

## 2. The future of WRA Recycled Water Projects

- Staff will continue hosting biennial landowner outreach meetings
- Evaluating and piloting one-time revenue options to support projects

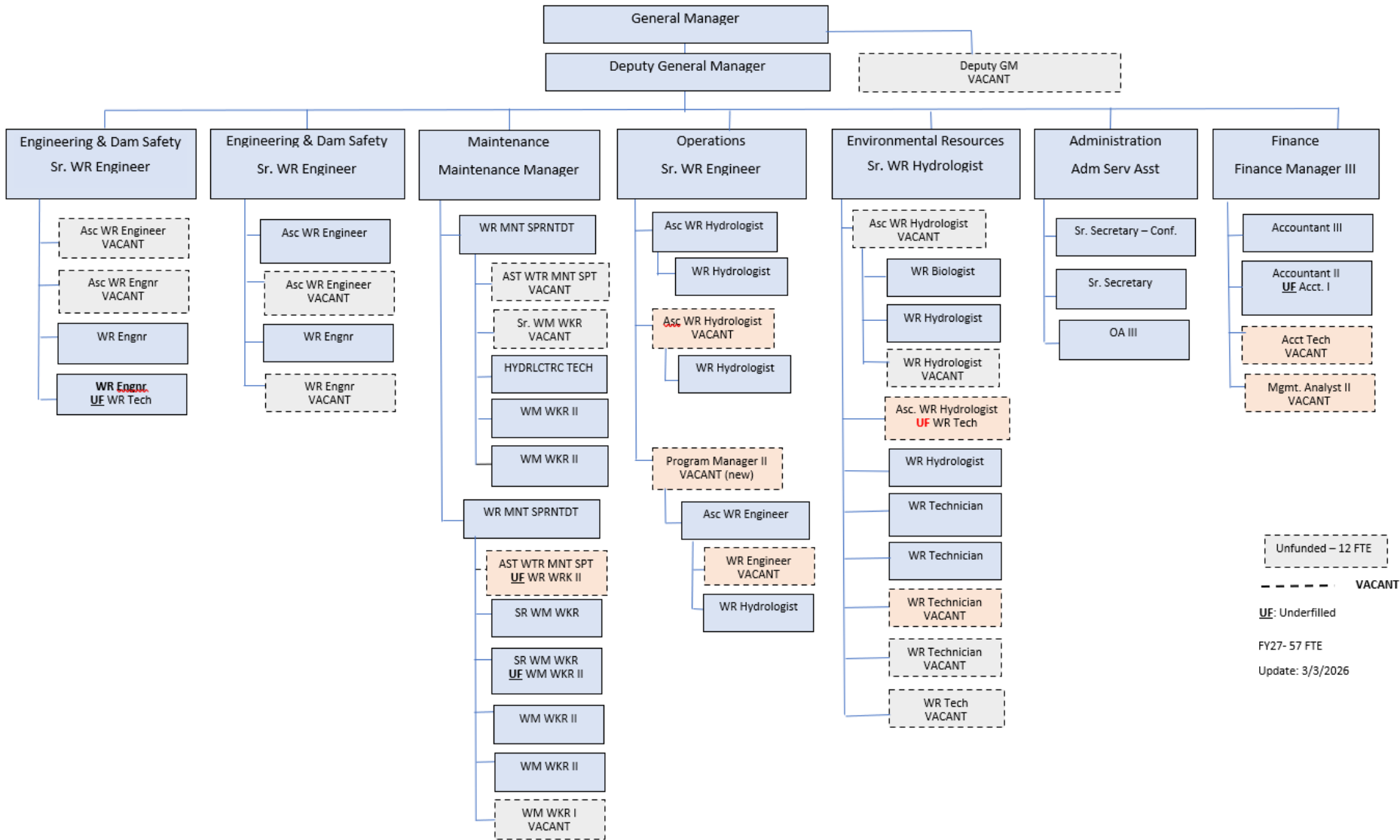
## 3. Staff recruitment, development and retention

- Investigate opportunities to collaborate with partner agencies to increase efforts
- Working with Human Resources to develop an Agency-specific compensation philosophy to address our unique job classifications

## 4. Modeling tools and applications

- A presentation to the full Board of Directors, is being considered for the spring

# Monterey County Water Resources Agency FY27 Recommended Positions



Unfunded – 12 FTE

--- VACANT

UF: Underfilled

FY27- 57 FTE

Update: 3/3/2026





# FY2026-27 Budget Funding Opportunities

Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# Funding Opportunities – Grants

## Current Grants & Status

<b>Grant Summary</b>				
<b>Grant Name</b>	<b>Total Grant Share</b>	<b>YTD total grant exp (thru December 2025)</b>	<b>YTD Rev Total</b>	<b>Remaining billable</b>
DWR-SVBGSA Subgrant R2	400,000	284,547	249,205	115,453
DWR-Carmel River Flooding impact Study	230,000	100,909	230,000	129,091
NOAA/ CA Marine Sanctuary	192,479	10,871	3,167	181,608
DWR-IRWM	1,096,284	740,775	733,157	355,509
Nacimientto Maintenance Project	6,163,000	2,146,788	6,163,000	4,016,212
USBR-FIRO Grant	400,000	46,813	0	400,000
DWR-Flood Emergency Response Grant	180,000	145,871	34,593	34,129
CalSIP Grant	74,914	7,659	5,993	67,256
DWR-SB104 (NACI & SA)	16,150,000	525,071	162,520	15,624,929
CDWF-Invasive Mussel Prevention	77,727	196	0	77,531
PROP 1 Well Destruction-Fund 134	2,986,943	2,169,423	2,087,010	817,520
DWR-Interlake Tunnel	10,000,000	9,876,000	10,000,000	124,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,951,347</b>	<b>16,054,921</b>	<b>19,668,644</b>	<b>21,943,239</b>
<b>Funding Awarded - Pending Agreement</b>				
Federal Aid (EPA CSIP)-Fund 131	900,000	38,657	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>900,000</b>	<b>38,657</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



# Future Funding Opportunities

- **Federal Requests submitted**

- Senators Padilla & Schiff, Representatives Lofgren & Panetta
- \$6 million for the Low Level Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project @ San Antonio Dam
- \$2.1 million for the Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project
- \$500,000 for the Reclamation Ditch Restoration Project
- In the 2025 federal legislative cycle, Senator Padilla picked up the Agency's request for the San Antonio Dam Low Level Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project but, ultimately, it was not included in the final budget package signed by President Trump in January.

- **State Funding Opportunities**

- California Department of Water Resources (DWR) Dam Safety and Climate Resilience (DSCR) Local Assistance Program
- 2026-27 Legislative Appropriations



# FY2026-27 Budget Highlight: Projects & Programs

Ara Azhderian, General Manager

Rob McKay, Maintenance Manager

Mark Foxworthy, Senior Water Resources Engineer

Elise Harden, Senior Water Resources Engineer





# Fund **1501** (111)

## – Dam Safety & Operations Funding Strategy

- **Focused Studies** - \$220,000:
  - Dam Owner Regulatory Program Cost Study
  - Dam Materiality General Benefits Study
  - Flood Reduction Benefits Study
  - Groundwater Recharge Benefits Study
- **Communications Program** - \$150,000:
  - Agency Branding
  - Outreach & Education
  - Polling
- **Legal Compliance** - \$50,000:
  - Municipal Finance Advisor, Bond Counsel

# Fund **1505** (122)- Maintenance Projects & Activities.

- **Santa Rita Pump station**
  - Rebuild out of service 100 HP pump.
  - Install a new 75 HP submersible pump with control system.
  - Install Low HP pump System with controls.
  - Build and install trash racks.
- **Lower Merritt Pump Station**
  - Install low HP Pump with controls.
- **Equipment rental and Maintenance.**
  - Quinn, Hertz and A-tool.
  - Henningsen construction.
- **Facility trash removal and Cleanup**
  - Smith & Enright Landscaping.



# Fund **1503** (116) – SB104 Dam Safety Project Grant

- The **SB104** original agreement : **\$16.1 million** dollars to fund dam safety projects of the San Antonio Dam and the Nacimiento Dam
  - **San Antonio Spillway** Replacement Project : **\$3 million**
  - **Nacimiento Plunge Pool** Project : **\$14 million**
- **Amendment No. 1**: executed on January 26, 2026
  - Allows the Agency to utilize **more funding toward Dam Safety Projects** as opposed to only two specified projects.

## Summary Budget: Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoir Dam Safety Projects

Subproject Title	State Funds	Agency Cost	Total Project Cost
Nacimiento Dam Safety Projects	\$ 6,550,000.00	\$ 1,000,000.00	\$ 7,550,000.00
San Antonio Dam Safety Projects	\$ 9,600,000.00	\$ 5,000,000.00	\$ 14,600,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$ 16,150,000.00</u></b>	<b>\$ 6,000,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 22,150,000.00</b>

# Fund **1503** (116) – SA LLOW Projects

In FY 2027, the Agency will begin work on the **8 LLOW Projects**:

- Estimate: \$8,000,000
- Funding: \$6,000,000 SB104
- FY 2027: \$1,750,000

Projects beginning include:

## **Construction**

- Boat Barrier Buoy Line
- Bulkhead Gate
- Air Vacuum Release Valves

## **Design**

- Trash Racks
- Access Hatches (confined space entry)

## **Condition Assessments and Repairs**

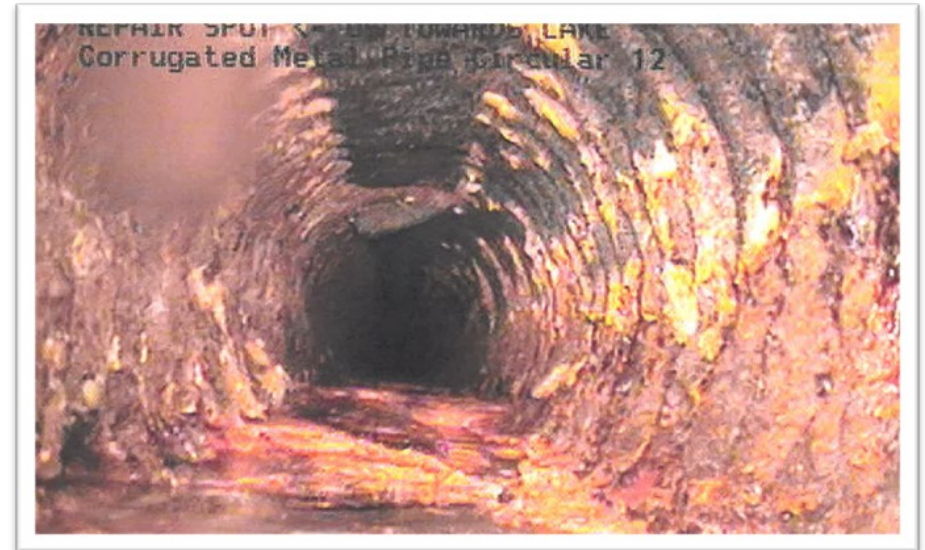
- Howell Bunger Valve



# Fund 1503 (116) – SA 12" Horizontal Drain Repair

In FY 2027, the Agency will complete the repair of the 12" Horizontal Drain.

- Estimate: \$525,000
- Funding: Remaining work will be 100% SB104
- DSOD requires a full application, considered a HIGH Priority.
- Anticipated Construction: FY 2027, highly dependent on DSOD review timeline / comments.
- Dam Safety Project: Located at the toe of the dam
- Conveys sidehill drainage from reaching the SA Tunnel



# Fund **1503** (116) – Nacimiento Dam Spillway Bridge Repair



In FY 2027, the Agency will complete the repairs to the Nacimiento Dam Spillway Bridge.

- Estimate: \$500,000
- Funding: 100% **SB104**
- No DSOD or FERC review needed
- Anticipated Construction FY 2027
- Dam Safety Project: Located on Nacimiento Lake Dr. over spillway dam
- County Road open to the public

# Fund **1503** (116)– Nacimiento Dam Penstock Protection Wall

In **FY 2027**, the Agency will complete construction of the protection wall.

- Estimate: \$480,000 (construction)
- Funding: 100% \$6.1million State Funding Agreement
- FERC & DSOD review and approval required
- Dam Safety Project: Located at the toe of dam
- Penstock supply water to LLOW valves, and feedwater to hydro plant



## Fund **1503** (116)– Nacimiento Dam Plunge Pool Erosion Protection

In FY 2027, the Agency will complete the design of the spillway Plunge Pool Erosion Protection Project

- Estimate: \$500,000 (FY27)
- Funding: 100%  
\$6.1 mil State Funding Agreement
- FERC & DSOD review, and approval required
- No construction date; dependent on FERC, DSOD, and funding
- Dam Safety Project: Located at the toe of the dam and end of the spillway.
- Receives water from spillway during releases operations

# Fund 1508 (130) – Hydro-Electric Plant Operations

FUND 130	2027 Request
Expenses	1,733,457
Revenue	1,365,496
Employee Cost - Salaries and Benefits	343,388
GL & Pollution Insurances	96,104
Services - County Departments	62,466
Contractors/Consultants	403,000
Equipments & Vehicles	8,400
Services & Supplies - External	120,099
Fund Transfer Out	700,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>1,733,457</b>
Ad Valorem Taxes	-
Special Assessments	-
Hydroelectric Revenue	1,302,200
GRANTS - Local, State and Federal	-
Interests and Other Income	63,296
Agency & County Interfund Transfers	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1,365,496</b>

## Budgeted Activities in FY27:

- Meter calibrations
- Upgrade chatterbox
- Upgrade PLC
- Hydraulic ground upgrade
- Update electrical drawing
- Transfer to Dam Ops 1503 (116)



# Fund **1508** (130)– Hydroelectric Revenue Utilization

In July **2003**, the Agency's Board of Supervisors adopted:

- Ordinance 4203 and Resolution 03-295

**Ordinance 4203** declared the BOS intent to:

- Adopt separate resolutions to amend Resolution 85-292 and the Joint Powers Agreement for the Monterey County Power Authority to allocate the use of revenue generated by the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Plant following retirement of the Lease Revenue Bonds solely to MCWRA; and
- To clarify Resolution 95-250 regarding the use of hydroelectric revenue generated by the Nacimiento Hydroelectric Plant.

**Resolution 03-295** provides historical context and:

- Amends Resolution 85-292 to allocate all “net revenue” including the County’s then existing 20% share, to the Agency.
- Amends Resolution 95-250 to 1) allow for “up to” \$200,000 per year to be assigned to the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and Salinas Valley Reclamation Project; and
- 2) assigns the remaining balance of “net revenue”, up to 100%, to the Nacimiento and San Antonio “Capital Asset Management Program”.
- The assignment is to be determined through the annual budget process.

# Fund **1508** (130)– Hydroelectric Revenue Utilization

## 2026-27 Fiscal-year Staff Determinations:

- Nacimiento and San Antonio dams are high-hazard, multibillion dollar facilities protecting over 250,000 residents from flood, recharging groundwater in over 400,000 acres, slowing seawater intrusion in the 180/400 foot aquifer subbasin by supplying water to the Salinas River Diversion Facility, and supporting a ~\$5 billion agricultural economy;
- Zone 2C assessments cannot cover current O&M as contemplated in the 2003 Engineer’s Report;
- The 2026-27 Fund **1503** (116) proposed budget:
  - Minimizes routine O&M to essentials;
  - Maximizes reliance upon state grants;
  - Has limited, readily available, alternative revenue sources;
  - Forecasted a ~\$1.36M fund balance draw and fiscal-year ending fund balance of ~\$1.4M.
- *To minimize further, adverse impact to Fund **1503** (116), staff recommends to continue the \$700k transfer from Fund **1508** (130) consistent with Resolution 03-295 to support dam safety and maintenance projects.*

# Fund 1509 (131) – CSIP Proposed Activities


CSIP Projects- Fund 131		Funded	Category
M1W FY26		\$2,014,132	CSIP Operations
M1W Annual Budget FY27		\$1,810,617	CSIP Operations
Difference		-\$203,514	

Ranking	WRA Led Projects		**Reduction made from initial proposal	Ranking	WRA Led Projects		**Reduction made from initial proposal
1	Title 22 Eng Report & Permit Migration Project	\$120,000		8	Operations Review & Revisions/ 30yr update	\$50,000	
2	RW permit compliance (website development, water orders, inspection equipment, materials)	\$75,000		9	Electrical Equipment Cabinet Hazard Replacement (Well Sites)	\$40,000	
3	CSIP Condition Assessment-Phase IIB/ MP Support	\$200,000	**	10	Flowmeter Recalibration Project (15 units)	\$50,000	
4	Above-ground equipment locating project & repairs	\$75,000	**	11	In-field equipment Corrosion Correction (10 turnouts, 2 well sites)	\$50,000	
5	ARV Replacement Plan (10-20 units)	\$50,000	**	12	Well Maintenance, Planning, Repairs (03R02, next well site)	\$200,000	**
6	CSIP Pond Agitators (1/3)	\$50,000		13	Cathodic Protection Maintenance and Repairs (Anode Well, rectifier repairs)	\$100,000	**
7	Isolation Valve Repairs, miscellaneous equipment	\$75,000	**				
	<b>WRA Total</b>	<b>\$1,135,000</b>			<b>Not Funded</b>		
	Offset w/ M1W reduction	\$931,486		14	CMMS Development	\$125,000	
				15	Electrical Upgrades Replacement (Lapis VFDs)	\$170,000	



# Fund 1509 (131) – CSIP Proposed Activities

- Focus on corrosion corrections, repairs, pipeline asset locating, condition assessments, regulatory compliance, asset protection, etc.
- CIP's and improvements are mostly unfunded



MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project

Title 22 Engineering Report for Recycled Water Use and Distribution

**REVISED DRAFT**



# Fund 1511 (134) – SRDF Proposed Activities

## SRDF Projects- Fund 134

M1W FY26	\$1,629,796		SRDF Operations
M1W FY27	\$1,443,936		SRDF Operations
Difference	-\$185,860		

## Category

## Ranking WRA Led

\*\*Reduction made from initial proposal

1	Settlement survey	\$8,000		Regulatory (Yearly)
2	Filtration Improvement Project cont.	\$125,000	**	Deferred Maintenance
3	CABM Scour Repair Engineering and Design	\$125,000	**	Storm Damage Repair Study
4	CSIP Pond Agitators (1/3)	\$50,000		Ops Improvement
5	Operations system review and Revision/ update 16 yr	\$50,000		Ops Improvement
6	SRDF Operational needs, Wetwell cleanout, Weir torquing	\$75,000		Operations and Maintenance
7	Air compressor replacement 1	\$20,000		Maintenance

## Unfunded

8	6th filter equipment	\$200,000		CIP
9	New filter bodies, lid and elbow SS	\$225,000		Deferred Maintenance
10	Cover building & gantry crane	\$200,000		CIP
11	VFD Motor control retrofit design/ implementation	\$100,000		SRDF CIP
12	SRDF Flowmeter retrofit & install	\$120,000		CIP/ Ops

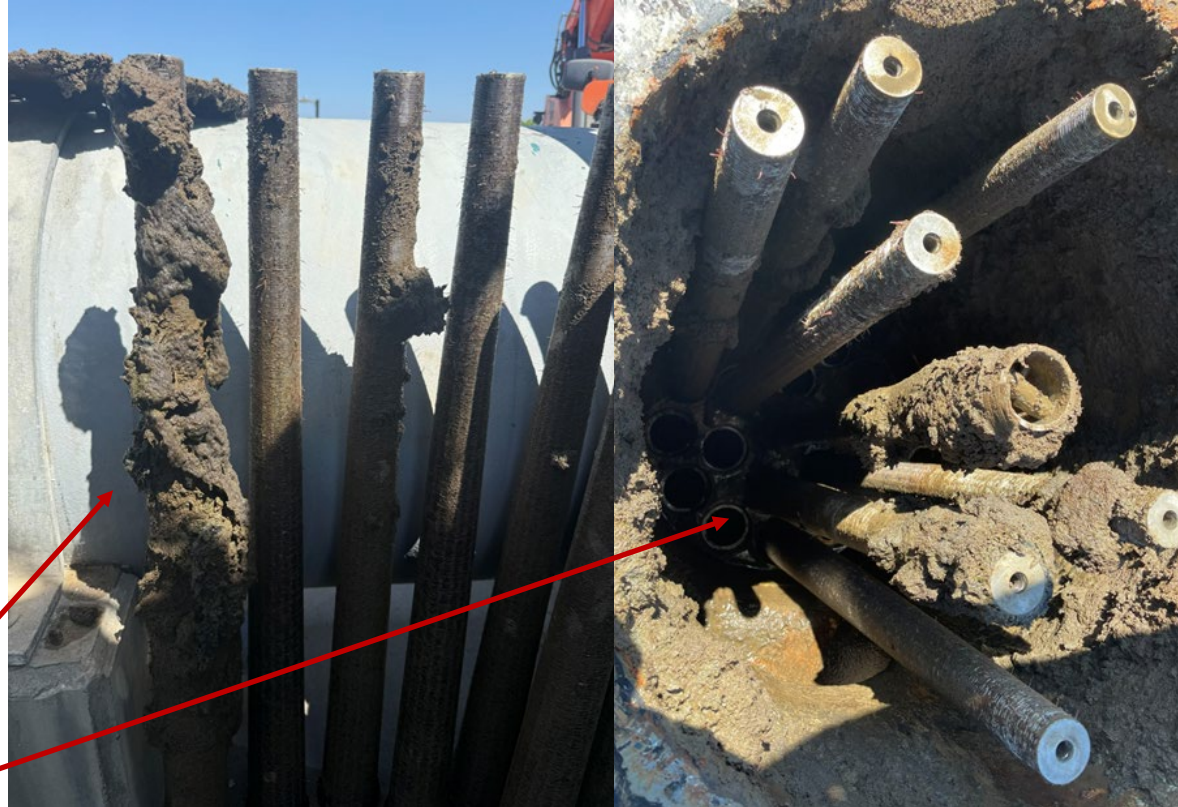
**WRA Total** \$453,000 FY27 Request Min

**Not Funded** \$845,000



# Fund 1511 (134) – SRDF Proposed Activities

- Focus on:
  - Filtration system repairs
    - Valve replacement
    - Corrosion management
    - Operational needs
  - Instream scour repair project design
- No CIP's or significant improvements funded



Filters are not working correctly

# Monterey One Water FY27 Budget Request Summary

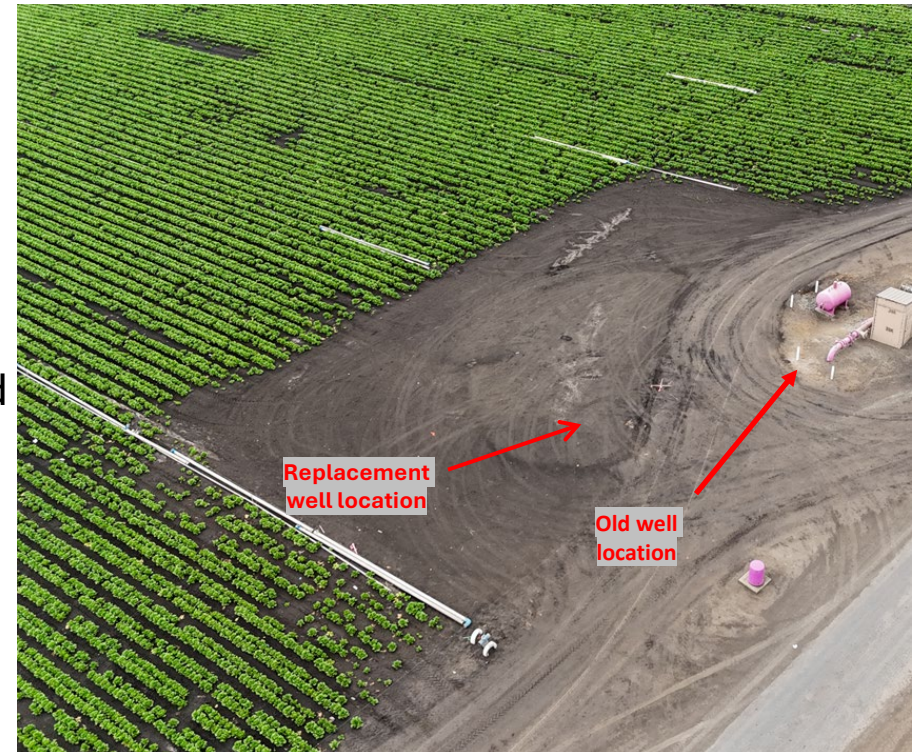
Program	O&M	Capital Projects	Total
<b>CSIP</b>	1,810,617		1,810,617
<b>SVRP</b>	4,917,307	300,000	5,217,307
<b>SRDF</b>	1,382,686	61,250	1,443,936
<b>Total</b>	8,110,610	361,250	8,471,860



# Well Replacement Project & Funding Agreement

## CSIP Well 11B02 Replacement

- Replacing collapsed and now destroyed well 11B01
- Initial design and project came in for low bid at \$1,542,295
- After the exploratory borehole project, updated design reduced the cost to approximately \$1.2mil
- Partially Grant funded: \$900k
- Reconnection and outfitting estimated to be an additional \$600k
- Current, estimated total project cost: \$1.8mil
- Current, estimated funding shortfall: \$900k
- CSIP Landowner Funding Agreements in the works to supply the shortfall



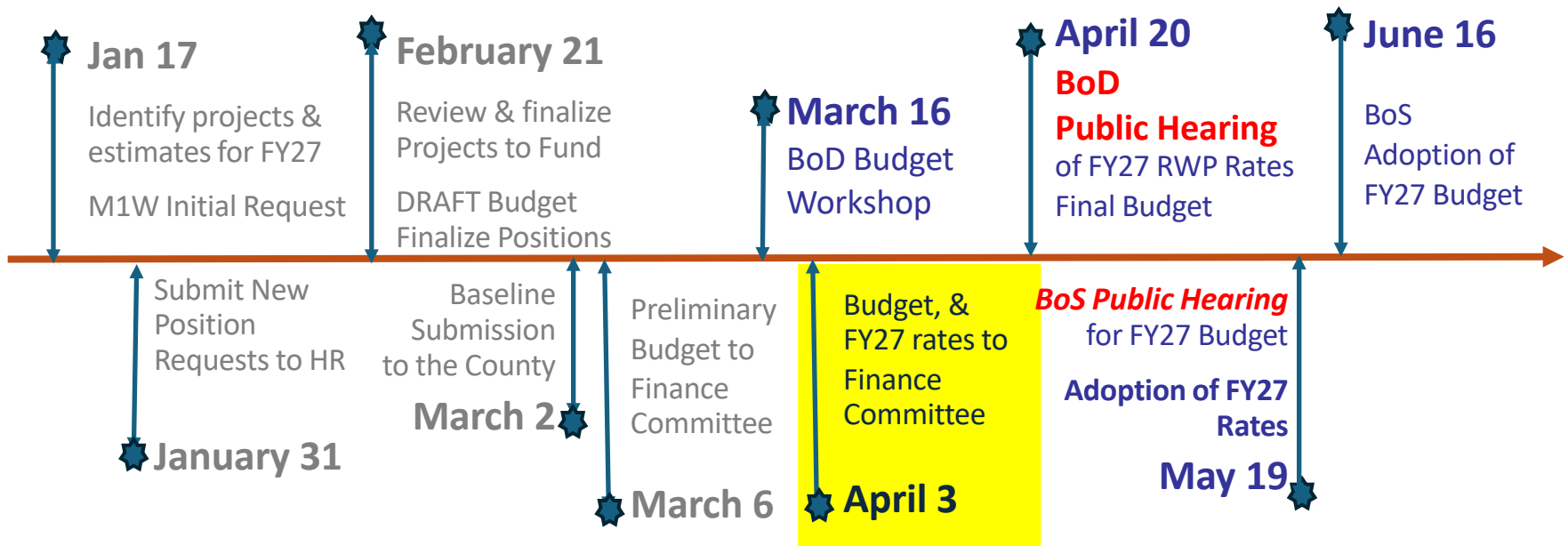
# FY27 Rates :

## Recommended Water Delivery & Service Charge

<b>WATER DELIVERY &amp; SERVICE CHARGES</b>		
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>2026-2027</b>
Water Delivery Charge	\$85.24	\$100.24
Water Service Charge	\$88.57	\$113.57
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$173.81</b>	<b>\$213.81</b>



# FY27 Budget Schedules



MCWRA: CSIP Grower's Workshop

March 2026





***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency  
County of Monterey, State of California***

**BOARD ORDER No. 26-017**

Recommend that 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. )

Upon motion of \_\_\_\_\_, seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, and carried out by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

1. Recommend that 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.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **20th** day of **April 2026**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

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BY: Matthew Simis, Chair  
Board of Directors

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ATTEST: Ara Azhderian  
General Manager



# County of Monterey

## Item No.15

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-127

April 20, 2026

**Introduced:** 4/13/2026

**Version:** 1

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Matter Type:** WR General Agenda

May 2026 Calendar

# May 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Apr 26	27	28	29	30 [Redacted] 1:30 PM Water Resource	May 1 9 AM Finance and Admi	2
3	4	5	6 10 AM Planning Commit	7 [Redacted]	8	9
10	11 1 PM Joint Water Resource	12	13	14 [Redacted]	15	16
17	18 Board of Directors Meet 12 PM Board of Director's I	19	20	21 [Redacted]	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26	27	28 [Redacted]	29	30
31	Jun 1	2	3 10 AM Planning Commit	4 [Redacted]	5 9 AM Finance and Admi 11 AM SPECIAL MEETING-I	6



# County of Monterey

**Item No.16**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

**Legistar File Number: WRAG 26-122**

April 20, 2026

**Introduced:** 4/10/2026

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** WR General Agenda

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

**Personnel:**

First, I'd like to congratulate Chris Calderon on his recent, competitive promotion to Water Resources Engineer. Chris joined the Agency 3 years ago as a technician, starting out in our operations section, before moving over to engineering after his successful completion of an Engineer In Training program. We appreciate Chris' initiative towards improving his skills and service to the Agency and look forward to his continuing success. Next, I want to welcome Joshua Diaz to our northern maintenance crew. Josh comes to us from the County's Public Works Department and began with the Agency on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, diving in with both feet, literally, as he and the northern crew worked to prepare the Old Salinas River slide gate for the 2026 Salinas River Diversion Facility operational season. As Josh settles in with his new team, we wish him great success in the future. Finally, the Agency is working with the County's Human Resources Department on 4 active recruitments: a Water Resources Engineer, a Water Maintenance Worker II, a Water Resources Technician, and a Senior Account Clerk.

**Groundwater Monitoring Program:**

Over the past several months, Agency staff have been working closely in support of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's efforts to develop a number of feasibility studies on projects aimed at advancing groundwater sustainability in the Salinas Valley. This includes Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), Brackish Groundwater Restoration (BGR), Castroville and Eastside Canals and Alternatives (C&E), New Seawater Intrusion Project (NCIP), Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Optimization and Demand Management. All projects are evaluated against a baseline scenario. This work is documented in a series of studies and reports that were submitted to the California Department of Water Resources at the end of March. These materials are the foundation for consideration of projects and management actions (PMA) portfolios over the summer and fall, as the SVBGSA Board of Directors is expected to select a preferred implementation path in Fall 2026 and is preparing periodic evaluations of its Groundwater Sustainability Plans by January 2027.

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, SVBGSA General Manager, Piret Harmon, and I will present to the Agency's Board of Supervisors an overview of the feasibility studies addressing Salinas Valley groundwater challenges, key challenges and findings, and the next steps to evaluate and determine what projects and management actions to carry forward.

On May 18<sup>th</sup>, the SVBGSA and Agency will host a joint boards workshop on the same studies, but over a 2-hour timeframe, and with staff and consultants present, to allow for more in-depth engagement. A flier for the workshop is attached.

Lastly, following development of the Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers and execution of the related Memorandum of Understanding to implement it, the Agency, SVBGSA, Marina Coast Water District GSA, and the County of Monterey have been collaborating on the development of a Deep Aquifers Management Recommendations Memorandum under a grant secured by Marina Coast. MCWDGSA, as the grantee, will be the first to present the Memorandum to their Board of Directors, which is currently scheduled for May 18<sup>th</sup>. Presentations to the Agency's Board of Directors

and Board of Supervisors are tentatively scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, respectively. The working group is also planning to hold a workshop for Deep Aquifers well owners, which is tentatively scheduled for May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**SVBGSA Advisory Committee Update:**

Deputy General Manager, Shaunna Murray, is the Agency's representative on the SVBGSA Advisory Committees. She reports that the Advisory Committee did not hold a meeting in March and the next scheduled meeting is April 16, 2026. The AC agenda was published prior to the Agency BOD agenda deadline; therefore staff is providing this brief overview of the expected meeting topics. The discussion items begin with a review of the Integrated Implementation Strategy Process Roadmap, which reaffirms that the Advisory Committee's primary goals are to evaluate and deliberate the merits of suite of Projects and Management Actions (PMAs) and to develop consensus-based recommendations for the SVBGSA Board. Next topic is an overview of the Baseline and No Action Alternative Simulation modeling results that all PMAs are evaluated against. The next two items provide a summary of two PMAs: Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR) Feasibility Study Overview and the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Optimization Overview. A special Advisory Committee meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2026, to continue the discussion of additional feasibility studies for PMAs.

**Strategic Plan Update:**

The Agency is now under contract with Jacob Green and Associates to perform an update to the Strategic Plan. The team held a kickoff meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup> and has begun collecting and reviewing documents of the Agency. The next steps are performing a robust stakeholder engagement including one-on-one interviews, small group stakeholder meetings, and surveys for staff and public members. This will then inform a workshop to discuss and formulate the key pieces of the plan, this summer. Staff will continue to work with Planning Committee through this process.



## **SUSTAINABLE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT** **FEASIBILITY STUDIES WORKSHOP**

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency are hosting a joint boards workshop on May 18, at 9:30 a.m., at 1441 Schilling Place, Salinas.

The workshop is intended to bring together our respective Board members, staff, and consultants for a detailed review of the findings from several recently completed feasibility studies on projects aimed at advancing groundwater sustainability in the Salinas Valley. This includes Aquifer Storage and Recovery (ASR), Brackish Groundwater Restoration (BGR), Castroville and Eastside Canals and Alternatives (C&E), New Seawater Intrusion Project (NCIP), Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) Optimization and Demand Management. All projects are evaluated against a baseline scenario. This work is documented in a series of studies and reports that were submitted to the California Department of Water Resources at the end of March. These materials are the foundation for consideration of projects and management actions (PMA) portfolios over the summer and fall, as the SVBGSA Board of Directors is expected to select a preferred implementation path in Fall 2026 and is preparing periodic evaluations of its Groundwater Sustainability Plans by January 2027.

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# County of Monterey

**Item No.17**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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**April 20, 2026**

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Committee Agenda's for March and April 2026.

- Water Resources Agency Water Resources Advisory Committee Agenda March 26, 2026
- Joint Water Resources/ Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee Agenda March 30, 2026
- Water Resources Agency Planning Committee Agenda April 1, 2026
- Water Resources Agency Finance & Administration Committee Agenda April 6, 2026

# **County of Monterey**

Schilling Government Center  
1441 Schilling Place  
Salinas, CA 93901



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Saffron Room - 1441 Schilling Pl, Salinas CA 93901 or Via Zoom**

**Thursday, March 26, 2026**

**1:30 PM**

**SLO County Chair location: Old Courthouse Room 207  
976 Osos St. San Luis Obispo Ca. 93408**

**Water Resources Advisory Committee**

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call

### Public Comments

### Committee Member Comments

### Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Minutes of the Water Resources Advisory Committee meeting held on February 26, 2026.

**Attachments:** [draft WRAC Minutes Feb 26th 2026](#)

**Presentations**

2. Review of the 2025 August Trough Groundwater Contours. (Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno.)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Attachment A: August Trough 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 180-Ft, and East Side Shallow Aquifers](#)  
[Attachment B: August Trough 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 400-Ft, and East Side Deep Aquifers](#)

3. Review of the 2025 Seawater Intrusion Maps.(Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow.)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Attachment 1: Historical Seawater Intrusion Map – 2025 – 180-Foot Aquifer](#)  
[Attachment 2: Seawater Intrusion Phases 2025 – 180-Foot Aquifer](#)  
[Attachment 3: One-Year Chloride Concentration Changes in the 180-Foot Aquifer](#)  
[Attachment 4: Historical Seawater Intrusion Map – 2025 – 400-Foot Aquifer](#)  
[Attachment 5: Historical Seawater Intrusion Map with Review Area – 400-Foot Aquifer](#)  
[Attachment 6: Seawater Intrusion Phases 2025 – 400-Foot Aquifer](#)  
[Attachment 7: One-Year Chloride Concentration Changes in the 400-Foot Aquifer](#)

4. Review of the Annual Groundwater Level Contours.(Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno.)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Attachment A: Annual 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 180-Ft and East Side Shallow, Forebay and Upper Valley Aquifers](#)  
[Attachment B: Annual 2025 Groundwater Elevation Contours, 400-Ft and East Side Deep Aquifers](#)  
[Attachment C: Cumulative Groundwater Level Change Chart, 1944-2025](#)  
[Attachment D: Summary of Annual Groundwater Level Changes, 2024 to 2025](#)

5. Overview of Salinas River Flow Prescription and Water Year Type Forecast.(Staff Presenting: Jason Demers.)

**Scheduled Items**

6. 2026 Reservoir Release Schedule.(Staff Presenting: Joey Klein.)

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

### **Staff Reports**

7. Current Reservoir Conditions, Releases, and Downstream Flows. (Staff Presenting:Casey DeLay.)

**Attachments:**     [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report Mar 26](#)  
                          [Reservoir Elevation and Storage Mar 26](#)

8. Invasive Mussel Prevention Activities.(Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow.)

### **Status Reports**

9.   • Reservoir Recreation and Parks Activities  
     • County of San Luis Obispo Activities

### **Calendar**

10. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

### **Adjournment**

# County of Monterey

Saffron Room  
1441 Schilling Place, 1st Floor  
Salinas, Ca 93901



## Meeting Agenda - Final

Saffron Room 1441 Schilling Pl. Salinas Ca. 93901 or Via Zoom

Monday, March 30, 2026

11:00 AM

Monterey County District 3 to host public and participate via  
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Ca. 93930

## Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee

*Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call

### Public Comment

### Approval of Action Minutes

1. Approve the Action Minutes of January 26, 2026.

[JBL 26-007](#)

**Attachments:** [Draft JBL Minutes January 26, 2026](#)

### Regular Agenda

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2. Water Resources Agency & Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency Public Engagements and Activities. (Ara Azhderian & Piret Harmon) [JBL 26-005](#)

**Attachments:** [Salinas Valley Groundwater Sustainability Upcoming Public Engagement & Decision Process](#)

3. Groundwater Management Program Regulatory Fee. (Staff:Ara Azhderian & Piret Harmon) [JBL 26-004](#)

4. Report on Dam Safety Projects and Operations Funding Studies. (Staff: Ara Azhderian, Amy Woodrow, Jason Demers) [JBL 26-006](#)

**Attachments:** [Board Report Dam Ownership Regulatory Program](#)  
[Board Report Dam Materiality](#)  
[Board Report Flood Reduction Benefits Study](#)

5. Water Resources Agency FY27 Budget Overview. (Staff: Nan Kim) [JBL 26-008](#)

**Attachments:** [WRA FY27 Budget Overview](#)

**Committee Member Comments**

**Adjournment**

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## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

**10:00 AM**

**Saffron Conference Room**

**Water Resources Agency Planning Committee**

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

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### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Public Comment**

### **Committee Member Comments**

### **Consent Calendar**

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1. Approve the Action Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on March 4, 2026.

**Attachments:** [Draft Meeting Minutes March 4, 2026](#)

### Scheduled Items

2. Consider recommending that the Board of Directors authorize One Water Econ, LLP's Dam Materiality General Benefits Study. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian and Amy Woodrow)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Draft Dam Materiality General Benefits Study Scope](#)

3. Recommend that the Board of Directors authorize Flow West's Flood Reduction Benefits Study. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian and Jason Demers)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Draft Flow West Scope of Work](#)

### Staff Reports

4. Overview of the Development of a Deep Aquifers Management Recommendations Memorandum. (Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)

5. Overview of Coordination on Groundwater Monitoring and Remedial Measures Plan. (Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

6. San Antonio Spillway Replacement Update. (Staff Presenting: Elise Harden)

7. Receive an update on staff's participation in the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Advisory Committee. (Staff Presenting: Shaunna Murray)

8. Update on the Request for Proposals process for the Strategic Plan Update Consultant. (Staff Presenting: Shaunna Murray)

### Calendar

9. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

### Adjournment

# County of Monterey

*Schilling Government Center  
1441 Schilling Place  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Agenda

**Friday, March 6, 2026**

**9:00 AM**

**Saffron Room**

**1441 Schilling Pl, Salinas, CA 93901**

**Finance and Administration Committee**

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### **Call to Order**

### **Roll Call**

### **Public Comments**

### **Committee Member Comments**

### **Consent Calendar**

1. Approve the Action Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on February 6, 2026.

**Attachments:** [Draft FAC Minutes Feb 6th, 2026](#)

### **Scheduled Items**

2. Consider recommending approval of Amendment No. 1 Pacific Coast Drilling - CSIP Well Repair. (Staff Presenting: Pete Vannerus)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Original Agreement Executed](#)  
[Amendment No. 1](#)

3. Consider recommending approval of Amendment No.2 Pilot Sandblasting and Coating. (Staff Presenting: Pete Vannerus)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Original Agreement Executed](#)  
[Amendment No. 1 Executed](#)  
[Amendment No. 2](#)

### **Staff Reports**

4. Review the FY26 Bi-Annual Hydroelectric Revenue as of October 2025. (Staff Presenting: Nora Cervantes)

**Attachments:** [FY26 Bi-Annual Hydroelectric Revenue as of Oct 2025](#)

5. 2026 State & Federal Funding Requests. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

**Attachments:** [MEMO RE Agency's 2026 Requests for Federal Funding](#)  
[Padilla: Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams/Reservoirs Safety Projects](#)  
[Padilla: Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project](#)  
[Padilla: Reclamation Ditch Restoration Project](#)

6. Budget Preliminary Review. (Staff Presenting: Nan Kim)

**Attachments:** [WRA FY27 Budget Review](#)

7. Review of the Monterey One Water Reports through December 2025. (Staff Presenting: Nan Kim)

**Attachments:** [M1W Expenditures Report December 2025](#)

### **Calendar**

8. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

### **Adjournment**



# County of Monterey

**Item No.18**

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

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



# County of Monterey

Item No.18

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Reservoir Storage and Release Update

### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Board of Directors receives monthly updates on the status of Agency reservoirs.

**RESERVOIR ELEVATION / STORAGE:** As of April 15, San Antonio Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 754.3 feet (NGVD 29), with 212,785 acre-feet of water in storage. Nacimiento Reservoir has a water surface elevation of approximately 773.7 feet, with 243,715 acre-feet of water in storage. San Antonio Reservoir is currently at 64% of storage capacity and Nacimiento Reservoir is at 64% of capacity.

**RAINFALL:** There was no significant rain in March. An early April storm produced a small pulse of renewed inflow to the reservoirs, with provisional peaks of 185 cfs at the Nacimiento River below Sapaque Creek gage and 70 cfs at the San Antonio River near Lockwood gage recorded by USGS.

**SALINAS RIVER LAGOON:** Following warm weather in March and startup of the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF) in early April, the Salinas Lagoon closed to the ocean on April 10, 2026.

**RESERVOIR RELEASES:** Releases of the 2026 conservation release season began from Nacimiento reservoir on March 26, 2026. Conservation releases began from San Antonio Reservoir on April 6, 2026. Releases were increased in steps up to a peak of 360 cfs on April 7, 2026. Once the Salinas Lagoon closed to the ocean on April 10, 2026, releases were reduced to address lower bypass requirements and water buildup in the lagoon.

Releases as of April 15, 2026:

- Nacimiento Reservoir: 280 cfs
- San Antonio Reservoir: 10 cfs

Total releases from both reservoirs to the Salinas River are approximately 290 cfs. The following "provisional" flows have been recorded by the USGS:

- Nacimiento River below Nacimiento Dam: 279 cfs
- Salinas River near Bradley: 263 cfs
- Salinas River near King City: 271 cfs
- Salinas River at Soledad: 168 cfs
- Arroyo Seco below Reliz Creek near Soledad: 0 cfs

- Salinas River near Chualar: 118 cfs
- Salinas River near Spreckels: 86 cfs

Prepared by: Joseph Klein, Hydrologis (831) 755-4860



# County of Monterey

**Item No.19**

## Board Report

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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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March 19, 2026

The Honorable Juan Carrillo  
Chair, Assembly Committee on Local Government  
State Capitol, Room 447  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**RE: AB 2180 (Ward) – SUPPORT**

Dear Chair Carrillo:

On behalf of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) and undersigned organizations, I am writing to respectfully express our strong support for AB 2180, which would clarify how water agencies comply with Proposition 218 when setting water rates. This clarification would provide much needed predictability for water agencies, support California's water-use conservation goals, and minimize unnecessary legal disputes over water rates. ACWA is pleased to sponsor this legislation and appreciates Assemblymember Ward's leadership in advancing this critical issue.

Since the passage of Proposition 218 in 1996, water agencies have been required to ensure that rates do not exceed the proportional cost of service attributable to each parcel. To meet this constitutional standard, water agencies typically engage independent experts and rely on rigorous cost-of-service studies. However, despite these efforts, high-volume water users have continued to challenge the constitutionality of water agencies' rate structures in court. Recent appellate court decisions on this matter have resulted in differing, and in some cases, conflicting, views, creating uncertainty for water agencies about how proportionality must be demonstrated. Because of this conflict, it is now both necessary and appropriate for the Legislature to clarify how the courts and water agencies should interpret the Constitution.

AB 2180 would create clear, consistent standards for water agencies statewide, helping them to confidently develop constitutionally-sound rates and continue to deliver safe and reliable water to their communities. Recent appellate court decisions, like those in *Coziahr v. Otay Water District* (2024) and *Patz v. City of San Diego* (2025), impose rigid interpretations of Proposition 218 that require unfeasible levels of precision at the expense of practical administration of water rates. For example, under these court decisions, water agencies could be forced to trace the flow of water from each source of supply to each parcel, molecule by molecule, even when water supplies are commingled in the distribution system.

Conversely, the court's December 8, 2025 decision in *Dreher v. City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power* (2025) supports a framework that is consistent with Proposition 218 and aligns with longstanding industry practice. AB 2180 respects the wishes of voters by maintaining a rigorous standard of justifying water rates while giving water agencies the flexibility to set rates in a way that reflects the true cost of service and ensures that high-volume water users pay for the infrastructure necessary to provide reliable water supplies during droughts and times of high demand.

Public water and sewer agencies provide essential government services for the benefit of communities, agriculture, industries, and the environment. Collectively, these agencies are

responsible for ensuring a consistent and reliable water supply, safeguarding the quality of drinking water, planning, constructing, and maintaining critical infrastructure, and much more. With climate change presenting unprecedented challenges, these agencies also must adapt and enhance aging infrastructure to mitigate the impacts of increasingly frequent and severe climate-related events. Public agencies throughout California are making generational investments to build 21st Century infrastructure for a 21st Century climate while making every effort to keep water affordable.

Without legislative clarification, water agencies and ratepayers will both continue to face costly and unnecessary legal disputes. The revenue necessary for water agencies to fulfill their essential government functions comes almost entirely from service rates and assessments subject to Proposition 218. The recent rise in litigation has made it increasingly difficult for water agencies to have the financial stability they need to provide reliable, safe, and affordable water to Californians.

For these reasons, ACWA and the undersigned organizations strongly support AB 2180 and respectfully request your “AYE” vote when the bill is heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee. If you have any questions about our position or this bill, please contact Soren Nelson at [SorenN@acwa.com](mailto:SorenN@acwa.com).

Sincerely,

Soren Nelson  
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