

County of Monterey

Saffron Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas Ca. 93901



Meeting Agenda - Final

**SPECIAL MEETING - MCWRA & SVBGSA
JOINT BOARD of DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Monday, May 18, 2026

9:30 PM

**Saffron Room
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, Ca. 93901**

Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

Matt Simis – Chair
Jason Smith – Vice-Chair
Mike LeBarre
Mark Gonzalez
Deidre Sullivan
Ken Ekelund
Mike Scattini
John Baillie
Jon Conatser

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A quorum of these meeting bodies may be present. No action will be taken.

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Accommodations under the ADA

Pursuant to the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), any person in need of any type of special equipment, assistance or accommodations in order to effectively participate in this workshop is asked to make a request to clerk@svbgsa.org or 831-471-7512 no later than 5 p.m. two business days prior.

Agenda Posting

In accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and AB 2647, the agenda was posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting and will be made available at the meeting.

Call to Order at 9:30 A.M.

Staff Presentations

1. Sustainable Groundwater Management Feasibility Studies Workshop. (Ara Azhderian & Piret Harmon)

WRAG
26-157

Attachments: [Agenda Joint Board Workshop](#)

Discussion among Board Members

Questions and Discussion

Public Input

Adjournment



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Item No.1

Board Report

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

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MCWRA & SVBGSA Joint Board Workshop: Sustainable Groundwater Management Feasibility Studies

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Participation in the Meeting

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Board members and the public have the option to send in questions ahead of the meeting. Please send questions to tregenzah@svbgsa.org.

1. Convene

- **Call to Order and Roll Call**

2. Sustainable Groundwater Management Feasibility Studies

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) are hosting a joint Board workshop to bring together both agency's 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 Recover (ASR), Brackish Groundwater Restoration (BGR), Castroville and Eastside Canals and Alternatives (C&E), New Seawater Intrusion Project (NSIP), 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 2026. 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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- **Discussion among Board members**
- **Questions and discussion**
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3. Adjourn

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