

# **County of Monterey**

Government Center - Board Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901



## **Meeting Agenda - Final**

**Tuesday, September 23, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

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address listed above**

## **Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency**

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3*

*Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4*

*Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5*

*Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1*

*Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

## **Participation in meetings**

While the Board chambers remain open, members of the public may participate in Board meetings in 2 ways:

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If you choose not to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting but desire to make general public comment, or comment on a specific item on the agenda, you may do so in 2 ways:

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You will be placed in the meeting as an attendee; when you are ready to make a public comment if joined by computer audio please Raise your Hand; and by phone please push \*9 on your keypad.

**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.**

## **Participación en reuniones**

Mientras las cámaras de la Junta permanezcan abiertas, los miembros del público pueden participar en las reuniones de la Junta de 2 maneras:

- 1. Podrá asistir personalmente a la reunión; o,**
- 2. Puede observar la transmisión en vivo de las reuniones de la Junta de Supervisores en <https://monterey.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, <http://www.mgtvonline.com/>, [www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV](http://www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV) o <https://www.facebook.com/MontereyCoInfo/>**

Si elige no asistir a la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores pero desea hacer comentarios del público en general o comentar un tema específico de la agenda, puede hacerlo de 2 maneras:

a. envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m. el lunes anterior a la reunión de la Junta. Envíe su comentario al Secretario de la Junta a [cob@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:cob@co.monterey.ca.us). En un esfuerzo por ayudar al secretario a identificar el tema de la agenda relacionado con su comentario público, indique en la línea de asunto el cuerpo de la reunión (es decir, la agenda de la Junta de Supervisores) y el número de artículo (es decir, el artículo n.º 10). Su comentario se colocará en el registro en la reunión de la Junta.

b. puedes participar a través de ZOOM. Para participar en ZOOM, únase por audio de computadora en: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>

O para participar por teléfono llame a cualquiera de estos números a continuación:

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Se le colocará en la reunión como asistente; cuando esté listo para hacer un comentario público si se une al audio de la computadora, levante la mano; y por teléfono, presione \*9 en su teclado.

**TENGA EN CUENTA: SI TODOS LOS MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA ESTÁN PRESENTES EN PERSONA, LA PARTICIPACIÓN DEL PÚBLICO POR ZOOM ES ÚNICAMENTE POR CONVENIENCIA Y NO ES REQUERIDA POR LA LEY. SI LA ALIMENTACIÓN DE ZOOM SE PIERDE POR CUALQUIER MOTIVO, LA REUNIÓN PUEDE PAUSARSE MIENTRAS SE INTENTA UNA SOLUCIÓN, PERO LA REUNIÓN PUEDE CONTINUAR A DISCRECIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE.**

**NOTE: All agenda titles related to numbered agenda items are live web links. Click on the title to be directed to the corresponding Board Report.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS: Members of the public may address comments to the Board concerning each agenda item. The timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.**

**9:00 A.M. - Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel**

County Counsel 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. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

**Closed Session**

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
  - a. Pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(d)(4), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation and/or potential initiation of litigation.

**Public Comments for Closed Session**

**The Board Recesses for Closed Session Agenda Items**

Closed Session may be held at the conclusion of the Board's Regular Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting, before or after the scheduled time, announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

**10:30 A.M. - Reconvene on Public Agenda Items**

**Roll Call**

**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.

**General Public Comments**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not

on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may respond briefly to the statement made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a future meeting.

**Consent Calendar**

2. Approve the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Draft Action Meeting Minutes for the following meeting dates: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, and Tuesday, September 16, 2025.

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [DRAFT BOSWRA Minutes 8-26-2025](#)  
                              [DRAFT BOSWRA Minutes 9-16-2025](#)

**Read Out from Closed Session**

Read out by County Counsel will only occur if there is reportable action(s).

**Adjournment**



# County of Monterey

## Item No.1

### Board Report

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

**Legistar File Number: CS 25-045**

**September 23, 2025**

**Introduced:** 9/15/2025

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** Closed Session

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- a. Pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(d)(4), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation and/or potential initiation of litigation.



# County of Monterey

## Item No.2

### Board Report

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

**Legistar File Number: MIN 25-065**

**September 23, 2025**

**Introduced:** 9/15/2025

**Current Status:** General Government -  
Consent

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** Minutes

Approve the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Draft Action Meeting Minutes for the following meeting dates: Tuesday, August 26, 2025, and Tuesday, September 16, 2025.





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**Item No.**

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**Legistar File Number: MIN 25-065**

**September 23, 2025**

**Introduced:** 9/15/2025

**Current Status:** Agenda Ready

**Version:** 1

**Matter Type:** Minutes

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## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Tuesday, August 26, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

### **Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency**

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3  
Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4  
Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5  
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1  
Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

**9:00 A.M. - Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew as Chair  
Supervisor Chris Lopez will arrive later in the meeting.

**Roll Called**

Present: 3 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Kate Daniels will arrive later in the meeting.

**Staff Present**

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Kelly Donlon, Assistant Chief County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

**Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel**

There were no additions and corrections for closed session.

**Closed Session**

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
  - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the General Manager of the Water Resource Agency.
  - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:  
(1) *Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al.*; San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 19CVP-0010

**Public Comments for Closed Session**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

**The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items**

**10:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items**

Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez arrived at 11:06 a.m.

**Roll Called**

**Present:** 5 - Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

**Staff Present**

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Kelly Donlon, Assistant Chief County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

**Announcement of the Interpreter**

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

**Additions and Corrections by Clerk**

There were no additions and corrections for this week's agenda.

**General Public Comments**

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; no comments made.

**Consent Calendar**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to approve Consent Item Number 2.

**ALL AYES**

- 2.** Approve the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors Draft Action Meeting Minutes for the following meeting date: Tuesday, January 9, 2024, Tuesday, January 23, 2024, Tuesday, February 27, 2024, Tuesday, March 19, 2024, Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Tuesday, April 30, 2024, Tuesday, May 21, 2024, Wednesday, May 29, 2024, Tuesday, June 11, 2024, Tuesday, June 20, 2024, Monday, June 24, 2024, Tuesday, June 25, 2024, Tuesday, July 9, 2024, Tuesday, July 16, 2024, Tuesday, August 13, 2024, Tuesday, September 10, 2024, Tuesday, September 17, 2024, Tuesday, October 1, 2024, Tuesday, October 8, 2024, Tuesday, October 22, 2024, Tuesday, November 12, 2024, Thursday, December 12, 2024, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, Tuesday, January 28, 2025, Tuesday, March 18, 2025, Tuesday, April 22, 2025, Tuesday, May 6, 2025, Tuesday, May 20, 2025, Wednesday, May 28, 2025, Tuesday, June 3, 2025, Tuesday, June 17, 2025, Tuesday, June 24, 2025, Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Tuesday, August 5, 2025, Tuesday, August 12, 2025 and Tuesday, August 19, 2025

**Approved**

**Read Out from Closed Session**

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

**Adjourned**

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

**APPROVED:**

\_\_\_\_/s/ Chris Lopez\_\_\_\_\_  
**CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR**

**ATTEST:**

**BY: \_\_\_\_/s/ Valerie Ralph\_\_\_\_\_**

**VALERIE RALPH**

**CLERK OF THE BOARD**

**APPROVED ON: , 2025**

**Please refer to the Board Orders for the approved and adopted Agreement, Resolution and Ordinance numbers.**

# **County of Monterey**

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## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

**9:00 AM**

### **Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency**

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3  
Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4  
Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5  
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1  
Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

**9:00 A.M. - Called to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Kate Daniels and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

**Staff Present**

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

**Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel**

There were no additions and corrections for Closed Session.

**Closed Session**

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
  - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:  
(1) *California-American Water Company, et al. v. Marina Coast Water District et al.* (San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-15-546632)

**Public Comments for Closed Session**

Open for public comments; Bill Lipe commented.

**The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items**

**10:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items**

**Roll Called**

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Kate Daniels and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

**Staff Present**

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

**Announcement of the Interpreter**

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

**Additions and Corrections by Clerk**

There were no additions and corrections for today's agenda.

**General Public Comments**

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; no comments made.

**The Consent Calendar and the A.M. Scheduled Matters trailed to the P.M. Session**

**Consent Calendar**

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to approve Consent Item Number 2.

**ALL AYES**

2. a. Approve and authorize the General Manager to execute a Master Agreement for Professional Services for the Groundwater Monitoring Program and Task Order No. 2025-01, with a retroactive term beginning on March 1, 2025, in the amount of \$802,536 between the MCWRA and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA); and  
b. Adopt a resolution to:
  - i. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller to amend the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (FY26) Adopted Budget for MCWRA Fund 111 (111-9300-WRA001-8267), to increase its appropriations by \$400,000 and to increase revenue by \$199,070 funded by grant revenue and \$802,536 financed via a Master Agreement for Professional Services between MCWRA and SVBGSA (4/5ths vote required); and
  - ii. Authorize and direct the Auditor-Controller's Office to incorporate approved budget modifications to the FY26 Adopted Budget.

**Approved**

**Scheduled Matters**

3. Receive a presentation by David Ceppos on the Department of Water Resources Facilitation Support Services (DWR FSS) Assessment for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP)

**David Ceppos from Public Policy Mediation and Facilitation presented via PowerPoint presentation.**

**Open for public comments; Norm Groot commented.**

**Upon consensus the Board:**



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Received a presentation by David Ceppos on the Department of Water Resources Facilitation Support Services (DWR FSS) Assessment for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP).

4. Consider receiving an update on recommendations from the July 22, 2024, GPP Analytics, Inc. Expense Audit of the Water Recycling Agreement with Monterey One Water.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager and Shauna Murray, Deputy General Manager both from the Water Resources Agency verbally presented. In addition to, Rachel Gaudoin from Monterey One Water.

Open for public comments; no public comments.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received an update on recommendations from the July 22, 2024, GPP Analytics, Inc. Expense Audit of the Water Recycling Agreement with Monterey One Water.

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

APPROVED:

\_\_\_\_/s/ Chris Lopez\_\_\_\_\_  
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: \_\_\_\_/s/ Valerie Ralph\_\_\_\_\_

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED ON: , 2025

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