

County of Monterey

*Saffron Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, Ca 93901*



Meeting Minutes

Friday, February 7, 2025

8:30 AM

Saffron Room 1441 Schilling Place Salinas, Ca 93901

Water Resources Agency Finance Committee

*John Baillie
Mark Gonzalez
Mike LeBarre
Matthew Simis*

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6. If speakers or other members of the public have documents they wish to distribute to the Committee for an agenda item, they are encouraged to submit such documents by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday before the meeting to: WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov. To assist Agency staff in identifying the agenda item to which the comment relates, the public is requested to indicate the Finance Committee date and agenda number in the subject line.

7. If members of the public want to present documents/Power Point presentations while speaking, they should submit the document electronically by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday before the meeting at WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov. (If submitted after that deadline, staff will make best efforts, but cannot guarantee, to make it available to present during the Committee meeting.)

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3. Los miembros del público que desean comentar en un artículo específico de la agenda, mientras que el artículo se este presentando durante la reunión, pueden participar por cualquiera de los siguientes medios: Cuando el Presidente del Comité solicite comentarios públicos sobre un artículo de la agenda, el anfitrión de la reunión Zoom o su designado, primero determinará quién quiere testificar (entre los que están en la reunión por vía electrónica o telefónica) y luego llamará a los oradores (speakers) y activará la bocina para el orador, uno a la vez. Todo orador, será transmitido por audio en altavoz solamente.

4. Si un miembro del público desea comentar sobre un artículo de la agenda en particular, se le es sumamente recomendable que envíe sus comentarios por escrito por correo electrónico a la Agencia de Administración de Recursos del Agua (Agencia) a WRAPublicComment@countyofmonterey.gov. antes de las 5:00 P. M. el Jueves antes de la reunión del Comité. Para ayudar al personal de la Agencia a identificar el número del artículo de la agenda con el cual se relaciona el comentario, se solicita al público que indique la fecha de la reunión del Comité y el número del artículo de la agenda en la línea de asunto. Comentarios recibidos en la fecha limite del Jueves a las 5 P.M, serán distribuidos al Comité y serán colocados en el registro.

5. Los miembros del público que deseen hacer un comentario público general para temas que no están en la agenda del día o que deseen comentar en un artículo específico mientras se

escucha la presentación, lo pueden hacer enviando un comentario por correo electrónico, preferiblemente limitado a 250 palabras o menos, a WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov. Para ayudar al personal de la Agencia a identificar el artículo de la agenda con el cual se relaciona el comentario, se solicita al público que indique el nombre del Comité (por ejemplo: Comité de Finanzas) y el número del artículo de la agenda (por ejemplo: Artículo # 10). Se hará todo lo posible para leer el comentario en el registro, pero algunos comentarios pueden no leerse en voz alta debido a limitaciones de tiempo. Los comentarios recibidos después del cierre del período de comentarios públicos sobre un artículo de la agenda serán parte del registro si se reciben antes que termine la reunión del Comité.

6. Si los oradores u otros miembros del público tienen documentos que desean distribuir al Comité para un artículo de la agenda, se les recomienda enviar dichos documentos antes de las 5:00 P.M. el Jueves antes de la reunión a: WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov. Para ayudar al personal de la Agencia a identificar el número del artículo de la agenda con el cual se relaciona el comentario, se solicita al público que indique la fecha de la reunion del Comité y el número de agenda en la línea de asunto.

7. Si los miembros del público desean presentar documentos o presentaciones de PowerPoint mientras hablan, deben enviar el documento electrónicamente antes de las 5:00 P.M. del Jueves antes de la reunión a WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov (Si se presenta después de ese plazo, el personal hará los mejores esfuerzos, pero no puede garantizar que esté disponible su PowerPoint para presentar durante la reunión del Comité).

8. Las personas con discapacidades que deseen solicitar una modificación o modificación razonable para observar o participar en la reunión pueden realizar dicha solicitud enviando un correo electrónico a WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov. La solicitud debe hacerse a más tardar el mediodía del Jueves antes de a la reunión del Comité para dar tiempo a la Agencia para que atienda la solicitud .

9. El Presidente y / o Secretario pueden establecer reglas razonables según sea necesario para llevar a cabo la reunión de manera ordenada.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis (arrived at 8:32a.m.)
Absent: Mark Gonzalez

Public Comment

None

Committee Member Comments

None

Consent Calendar

Upon motion by Mike LeBarre, Second by John Baillie the committee approved the Consent Calendar of the Finance Committee meeting.

Ayes: John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis

Noes: None

Absent: Mark Gonzalez

Abstained: None

1. Approve the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting on January 17, 2025.

Attachments: [Draft Finance Minutes Jan. 17, 2025](#)

Presentations

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis.

Public Comment: None.

2. Safety of Dams Projects Overview of Financing Options. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Safety of Dams Projects Financing Options PPT](#)
 [2025 MoCo Strategic Grant Services Program](#)
 [2025 MoCo State-Federal Appropriations Requests](#)

Scheduled Items

3. Consider recommending that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement for Services ("Agreement") with Balance Hydrologics for a total contract amount not to exceed \$142,300 to complete hydraulic modeling for the Carmel River Flooding Impacts Study; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Agreement. (Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Resolution No. 24-311](#)
 [Funding Agreement Number 4600015952](#)
 [Agreement For Services Balance Hydrologics](#)

Upon motion by Matthew Simis, Second by John Baillie, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute an Agreement for Services ("Agreement") with Balance Hydrologics for a total contract amount not to exceed \$142,300 to complete hydraulic modeling for the Carmel River Flooding Impacts Study; and authorize the

General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Agreement.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre

Noes: None

Absent: Mark Gonzalez,

Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

4. Consider recommending that the Board of Directors approve an Agreement for Services with FlowWest, Inc. in the dollar amount of \$275,000 for work to be performed related to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Flood Emergency Response Project (Project).
(Staff Presenting: Peter Kwick)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

[FlowWest Agreement DRAFT PSA](#)

Upon motion by John Baillie, Second by Matthew Simis, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors approve an Agreement for Services with FlowWest, Inc. in the dollar amount of \$275,000 for work to be performed related to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Flood Emergency Response Project (Project)

Ayes: John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Matthew Simis,

Noes: None

Absent: Mark Gonzalez,

Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: Matthew Simis

Staff Comments: Ara Azhderian, Jason Demers

Public Comments: None

5. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Don Chapin Company for a dollar amount increase of \$5,000, not to exceed \$131,000 for the repair of a damaged section of culvert at the Blanco drainage ditch. (Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

[Amendment 1 to the Agreement for Services](#)

[Chapin Amendment 1 for Blando Drain Repair PPT](#)

Upon motion by Matthew Simis, Second by John Baillie, the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Services with Don Chapin Company for a dollar amount increase of \$5,000, not to exceed \$131,000 for the repair of a damaged section of culvert at the Blanco drainage ditch.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre,

Noes: None

Absent: Mark Gonzalez,

Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie

Staff Comments: Ara Azhderian

Public Comments: None

6. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Service Agreement with A. Teichert & Son, Inc. dba Teichert Construction for on-call repair services for CSIP, to extend the term length to July 31st, 2027, and a dollar increase of \$150,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1. (Staff Presenting: Pete Vannerus)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Original Agreement](#)
 [Amendment No. 1](#)

Upon motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mike LeBarre, the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors approve Amendment No. 1 to the Service Agreement with A. Teichert & Son, Inc. dba Teichert Construction for on-call repair services for CSIP, to extend the term length to July 31st, 2027, and a dollar increase of \$150,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$250,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre,

Noes: None

Absent: Mark Gonzalez,

Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

7. Consider recommending that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into Amendment No. 3 to the Subgrant Agreement between the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Monterey County Water Resources Agency, related to Grant Agreement Number 4600014638 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant, to increase the subgrant eligible fund amount by \$1,302 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,481,302; and revise the work plan. (Staff Presenting: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Original Subgrant Agreement with SVBGSA](#)
 [Subgrant Agreement Amendment No.1](#)
 [Subgrant Agreement Amendment No. 2](#)
 [MCWRA letter requesting Amendment No.3](#)

Upon motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mike LeBarre, the committee recommended that the Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into Amendment No. 3 to the Subgrant Agreement between the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Monterey County Water Resources Agency, related to Grant Agreement Number 4600014638 Sustainable Groundwater Management Act Implementation Grant, to increase the subgrant eligible fund amount by \$1,302 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$3,481,302; and revise the work plan.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre,
Noes: None
Absent: Mark Gonzalez,
Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: None
Staff Comments: None
Public Comments: None

8. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to initiate an S&P Global Credit Rating Evaluation in the fiscal-year ending 2026. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

Upon motion by Mike LeBarre, Second by Matthew Simis, the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to initiate an S&P Global Credit Rating Evaluation in the fiscal-year ending 2026.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre,
Noes: None
Absent: Mark Gonzalez,
Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: None
Staff Comments: None
Public Comments: None

9. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into an Amended Subgrant Agreement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to receive funding for services in support of Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grants #4600015881 (SVBGSA) and #4600015624 (MCWDGSA), in the amount not to exceed \$400,000; and recommend that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Subgrant Agreement. (Staff Presenting: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Original Agreement](#)
 [SGM R2 Amendment #1 Exhibits A thru C](#)

Upon motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mike LeBarre the committee recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into an Amended Subgrant Agreement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to receive funding for services in support of Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grants #4600015881 (SVBGSA) and #4600015624 (MCWDGSA), in the amount not to exceed \$400,000; and recommend that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Subgrant Agreement.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre,
Noes: None
Absent: Mark Gonzalez,
Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie, Matthew Simis
Staff Comments: None
Public Comments: None

10. Consider receiving the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2023-24 Financial Status Report. (Staff Presenting: Nan K. Kim)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [FY24 Financials Final](#)

Upon motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mike LeBarre the committee received the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2023-24 Financial Status Report.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre,
Noes: None
Absent: Mark Gonzalez,
Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: None
Staff Comments: None
Public Comments: None

11. Consider receiving the Dec 2024 Financials for All Agency Funds. (Staff Presenting Nora Cervantes)

Attachments: [FIN FY25 Monthly Reports](#)
 [WRA Financial BFY2024-25 AP 06 PPT](#)

Upon motion by Matthew Simis, Second by Mike LeBarre the committee received the Dec 2024 Financials for All Agency Funds.

Ayes: Matthew Simis, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre,
Noes: None
Absent: Mark Gonzalez,
Abstained: None

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie
Staff Comments: None
Public Comments: None

Status Reports

12. Monterey One Water Year to Date Financials (Final) thru December 2024. (Monterey One Water Staff Presenting: Lawrence Chiu)

Committee Member Comments: Matthew Simis
Staff Comments: Shaunna Murray, Ara Azhderian, Pete Vannerus
Public Comments: None

13. Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Hydroelectric Revenue Summary. (Staff Presenting: Nora Cervantes)

Attachments: [FY24-25 Hydro Revenue](#)

Committee Member Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Calendar

14. Set next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 a.m. to proceed with the scheduled Personal & Administration meeting, Finance committee meeting reconvened at 10:18 a.m. proceed with remaining Scheduled Items, Status Reports; the meeting adjourned at 11:00a.m.