

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

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:

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: September 23, 2025

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