

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:00 AM

**Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747> or in person at the
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

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

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

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Ingrese este número de ID de reunión: 224397747 cuando se le solicite. Tenga en cuenta que no hay un código de participante, simplemente presione # nuevamente después de que la grabación lo solicite.

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.

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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 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

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 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

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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
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Legistar File Number: CS 25-039

August 26, 2025

Introduced: 8/14/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Closed Session

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- 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



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Item No.2

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Legistar File Number: MIN 25-056

August 26, 2025

Introduced: 8/13/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Minutes

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Item No.2

Board Report

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Legistar File Number: MIN 25-056

August 26, 2025

Introduced: 8/13/2025

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Minutes

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Luis A. Alejo.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew appeared.

Staff Present

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

Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel

There were no additions or corrections to 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)(2), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable read out for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 23, 2024

10:30 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, Interim 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 to today's agenda.

Appointments

Open for public comments; no public comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to appoint/reappoint Item No. 1

ALL AYES

1. Reappoint Mark Gonzalez to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors as a Primary Representative with a term ending on December 10, 2027. (Nominated By District 1, Supervisor Alejo)

Reappointed

General Public Comments

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

Consent Calendar

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 2 and 3.

ALL AYES

2. Adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the Auditor-Controller to:
- a. Amend the Fiscal Year 2023-24 (FY24) Adopted Budget of Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) for Fund 112 (Pajaro Levee), Appropriation Unit WRA002 to increase appropriations by \$1,812,000, financed by \$1,212,000 of increased revenue and \$600,000 unassigned fund balance of Fund 112 (112-3101) (4/5th vote required); and
 - b. Amend the FY24 Adopted Budget for Agency's Fund 112, Appropriation Unit WRA002 to increase revenues by \$1,212,000 with a transfer of \$900,000 from Fund 116 and other reimbursement revenue of \$312,000 (4/5th vote required); and
 - c. Amend the FY24 Adopted Budget for Agency's Fund 116 (Dam Operations), Appropriation Unit WRA006, to increase appropriations by \$900,000, to transfer \$900,000 of unassigned fund balances from Fund 116 (116-3101) to Fund 112 Appropriation WRA002 to finance repair activities of the winter storm events (4/5th vote required).

Adopted

3. Adopt Resolution to:
- a. Authorize the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to execute a funding agreement with the California Department of Water Resources for Nacimiento and San Antonio Safety of Dam Projects; and
 - b. Authorize the Agency's General Manager, and his designees, to accept, execute, and deliver any and all documents necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the purposes of the resolution.

Adopted

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 4 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Chris Lopez

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

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

Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel

There were no additions or corrections to 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) *American Family Connect Property and Casualty, et al. v. County of Monterey*, et al. (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV000215)
 - (2) *Stephen Ray Acosta, et al. v. County of Monterey, et al.* (Monterey Superior Court Case No. 24CV000428)
 - (3) *Mario Gonzalez, et al. v. State of California, et al.* (Santa Cruz Superior Court Case No. 23CV03022)
 - b. 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

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable read out for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____
VALERIE RALPH
CLERK OF THE BOARD
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

10:30 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Emmanuel Santos, Board Clerk were present.

Announcement of the Interpreter

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

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There are no additions and corrections to today's agenda.

General Public Comments

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

Scheduled Matters

1. Consider receiving an update on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Groundwater Extraction Management System and discuss options on how to expand that system consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Sustainability Act requirements related to collecting and monitoring groundwater data; and provide direction to staff.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager of the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; woman (no name provided), Piret Harmon commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received an update on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Groundwater Extraction Management System and discuss options on how to expand that system consistent with the Sustainable Groundwater Sustainability Act requirements related to collecting and monitoring groundwater data; and provide direction to staff.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, March 26, 2024

9:30 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:30 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Chris Lopez

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, Interim 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 v. Marina Coast Water District, et al.* (San Francisco County Superior Court of California Case No. CGC-15-546632)

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable read out from Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

10:30 AM

Supervisor Glenn Church will be appearing remotely from County Administration Building at 810 Court Street, Jackson, CA 95640. Room D on the 2nd floor

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew present with Supervisor Glenn Church appearing remotely from Amador County

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

Ana Rueda de Vdales, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

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

Consent Calendar

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 1 through 4.

Roll call vote taken pursuant to Government Code 54953:

Supervisor Root Askew: AYE

Supervisor Adams: AYE

Supervisor Alejo: AYE

Supervisor Church: AYE

Vice Chair acting as Chair Supervisor Lopez: AYE

1.
 - a. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on May 29, 2024 to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
 - b. 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.

Approved

2.
 - a. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on May 29, 2024 to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and

- b. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. on May 29, 2024 to consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$45.24 per acre-foot of water delivered for Zone 2B for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Plant (SVRP); 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.

Approved

3. a. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on May 29, 2024 to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
- b. 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.

Approved

4. Approve and authorize the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to accept a donation of funding for chain link fencing valued at \$4,500.00 from Cypress Creek Apartments.

Approved

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED ON: , 2025

County of Monterey

*Government Center - Board Chambers
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

10:30 AM

Budget Hearings

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

10:30 A.M. - Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Call

Present: 5 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Mary L. Adams

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

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

General Public Comments

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

Scheduled Matters

1.
 - a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
 - b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.4% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kyung Kim, Finance Manager and Shaunna Murray, Deputy manager both from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.4% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

ALL AYES

2.
 - a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
 - b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 COLA increase of 2.4% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kyung Kim, Finance Manager and Shaunna Murray, Deputy manager both from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 COLA increase of 2.4% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

ALL AYES

3. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Recommended Budget.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kyung Kim, Finance Manager and Shaunna Murray, Deputy manager both from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to:
Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Recommended Budget.

ALL AYES

4.
 - a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
 - b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 COLA increase of 2.4% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
 - c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$45.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kyung Kim, Finance Manager and Shaunna Murray, Deputy manager both from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-25 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.4% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the

water service charge assessment; and

b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 COLA increase of 2.4% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and

c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2024-25 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$45.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

ALL AYES

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

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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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Chris Lopez appeared, in person, with Supervisor Luis A. Alejo appearing remotely pursuant to AB 2499.

Staff Present

Sonia 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) *American Family Connect Property and Casualty, et al. v. County of Monterey, et al.* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV000215)
 - (2) *Clint Miller Farms, Inc. et al. v. State of California, et al.* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV001269)
 - (3) *Mario Gonzalez, et al. v. State of California, et al.* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 23CV004194)
 - (4) *Ojani Benjamin Calderon, et al. v. County of Monterey*, (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV000421)
 - (5) *Rosa Isela Gonzalez, et al. v. Monterey County, et al.* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV000848)
 - (6) *Sonia Corrales, et al. v. State of California, et al.* (Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 23CV03022)
 - (7) *Stephen Ray Acosta, et al. v. County of Monterey, et al.* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV000428)
 - (8) *Willoughby Farms, Inc. v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al.* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 24CV000904)

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

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Chris Lopez appeared, in person, with Supervisor Luis A. Alejo appearing remotely pursuant to AB 2499

Staff Present

Sonia 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 on today'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 Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Consent Calendar Item Number 2.

Roll call vote taken pursuant to Government Code 54953:

Supervisor Lopez: AYE

Supervisor Root Askew: AYE

Supervisor Adams: AYE

Supervisor Alejo: AYE

Chair Supervisor Church: AYE

2. Adopt the Salinas River Lagoon and Sandbar Management Low Effect Habitat Conservation Plan (LEHCP) and associated Incidental Take Permit PER8656461; and authorize the General Manager to implement the LEHCP.

Approved

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable read out for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, June 20, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Emmanuel Santos, Board Clerk were present.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There are no additions and corrections to today'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 Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to approve Consent Calendar Item Number 1.

ALL AYES

1. Adopt a resolution approving the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Fiscal Year 2024-25 Budget.

Adopted

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, June 24, 2024

9:00 AM

Special Meeting

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Supervisor Alejo and Supervisor Lopez will be in shortly.

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.

General Public Comment

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

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 Water Resources Agency General Manager.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; Bill Lipe commented.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There will be no reportable action from Closed Session as they are Executive Performance Evaluations.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned from Closed Session.

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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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew 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) Nacimientto Regional Water Management Advisory Committee v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al. (San Luis Obispo County Superior Court Case No. 19CVP-0010)
 - b. 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

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable read out for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Tuesday, July 9, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 4 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Chris Lopez present.

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

Staff Present

Sonia 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 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

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Reconvened

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

1:30 PM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

1:30 P.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 3 - Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Chris Lopez present.

Absent: 2 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

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

Announcement of the Interpreter

Ana Rueda de Vidales, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

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

General Public Comments

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

Scheduled Matters

1. Consider receiving an update on the development of a Groundwater Monitoring Regulatory Program and Fee and receiving an update on the Groundwater Extraction Management System expansion draft ordinance and providing direction to staff as appropriate.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Piret Harmon and Christopher Bunn commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received an update on the development of a Groundwater Monitoring Regulatory Program and Fee and receiving an update on the Groundwater Extraction Management System expansion draft ordinance and providing direction to staff as appropriate.

2. Update on the San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Elise Ramirez, Senior Water Resources Engineer from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Upon consensus the Board received an:

Update on the San Antonio Spillway Replacement Project and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Adjourned

Chair Church adjourned the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency meeting.

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo present

Staff Present

Ezequiel Vega, Assistant 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 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

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo present

Staff Present

Deborah Paolinelli, Assistant 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 closed session.

General Public Comments

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

Scheduled Matters

2.
 - a. Consider accepting as final the July 22, 2024, GPP Analytics Water Recycling Agreement Expense Audit (Audit); and
 - b. Provide direction to staff to engage Monterey One Water to resolve the Audit's findings and recommendations; and
 - c. Provide direction to staff to engage Monterey One Water to examine other provisions of the Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement between the parties that may require updating; and
 - d. Provide direction to staff to report at least quarterly on progress.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager from Water Resources Agency made open remarks with Julian Metcalf from GPP Analytics presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Rupa Shah, Auditor Controller, Ara Azhderian, General Manager and Paul Shutto, General Manager from Monterey One Water commented.

Open for public comments; Kevin Dayton, John Tilly and Nancy Isakson commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:

- a. Accept as final the July 22, 2024, GPP Analytics Water Recycling Agreement Expense Audit (Audit); and
 - b. Directed staff to continue to engage with Monterey One Water to resolve the Audit's findings and recommendations; and
 - c. Directed staff to engage with Monterey One Water to examine other provisions of the Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement between the parties that may require updating; and
 - d. To report, at least, quarterly on progress; and
- To clearly call out the question on the Reclamation Fund for discussions as it seemed there were two different opinions on this issue.

ALL AYES

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, September 10, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo 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; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

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

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo 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.

Consent Calendar

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 2 and 3.

ALL AYES

2. a. Adopt a resolution authorizing the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to enter into an agreement with the State of California Department of Water Resources to receive \$230,000 in funding for the Carmel River Flood Study; and
b. Authorize the Monterey County Water Resources Agency General Manager, or designee, to execute the agreement and any amendments thereto, and to submit any required documents, invoices, and reports required to obtain State funds on behalf of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Adopted

3. a. Approve and authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to accept donation of monitoring wells DA-1 valued at \$436,645 DA-3 valued at \$475,954 and ISW-1 valued at \$163,352 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 DA-1, DA-3, and ISW-1; and
c. Authorize the Water Resources Agency to use monitoring wells DA-1, DA-3, and ISW-1 for implementation of its Groundwater Monitoring Program.

Approved

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable read out from Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, September 17, 2024

1:30 PM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

1:30 P.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo 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 by Clerk

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

Scheduled Matters

1. Consider:
 - a. Introducing, waiving reading, and setting October 1, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. as the date and time to consider adoption of an ordinance to repeal Ordinance Numbers 3660, 3717, and 3718 and adopt well registration and groundwater reporting requirements;
 - b. Adopting a resolution to implement a Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual; and
 - c. Providing direction to staff as appropriate.

California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") action: Find that adoption of this ordinance and resolution is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA Guidelines as data collection, and no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 can be made.

Amy Woodrow, Senior Hydrologist from the Water Resources Agency verbally presented.

Open for public comments; Thomas Virsik, Christopher Bunn, Eric Robinson and Piret Harmon commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:

- a. Find that adoption of this ordinance and resolution is categorically exempt pursuant to Section 15306 of the CEQA guidelines as data collection, and no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 can be made;
- b. Introduce, waive reading, and set October 1, 2024, at 10:30 a.m. as the date and time to consider adoption of an ordinance to repeal Ordinance Numbers 3660, 3717, and 3718 and adopt well registration and groundwater reporting requirements;
- c. Adopt a resolution to implement a Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual; and
- d. Directed staff to use their redline version of the ordinance with additional allowance of state definition of alternate compliance plan.

ALL AYES

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 1, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 4 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, and Supervisor Chris Lopez present present

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

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(e)(3), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding a liability claim against the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.
(1) Ed Borchard & Sons, LLC
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

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

Roll Called

Present: 4 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, and Supervisor Chris Lopez present present

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

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 to today's calendar.

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 Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to approve Consent Calendar Item Number 2.

ALL AYES (4-0)

Supervisor Alejo absent

2.
 - a. Find that an ordinance to repeal Ordinance Numbers 3660, 3717, and 3718 and adopt well registration and groundwater reporting requirements is categorically exempt per California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines Section 15306 as data collection, and no exceptions pursuant to Section 15300.2 can be made;
 - b. Adopt an ordinance to repeal Ordinance Numbers 3660, 3717, and 3718 and adopt well registration and groundwater reporting requirements; and
 - c. Adopt a resolution to approve and implement the "Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Groundwater Monitoring Program Manual".

Approved

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Tuesday, October 8, 2024

10:30 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo 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 to today'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 Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to approve Item No. 1.

ALL AYES

1. Approve the Agreement for Taxing Entity Compensation ("Master Tax Agreement") with the City of Seaside for distributions of the net unrestricted proceeds from future sales of the properties identified in a Long-Range Property Management Plan of the Redevelopment Agency of the City of Seaside; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement.

Approved

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

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

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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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, November 12, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo present

Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel

There were no additions and corrections 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.

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action from Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

APPROVED:

/s/ Chris Lopez
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: /s/ Valerie Ralph

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 14, 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 Kate Daniels, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Iracema Lopez, Management Analyst 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 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

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action by the Board on 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

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, January 28, 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 Kate Daniels, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative, 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; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

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

Roll Called

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

Staff Present

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

Announcement of the Interpreter

Ana de Rueda Vidales, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There no additions and corrections to this week's agenda.

General Public Comments

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

Appointments

Open for public comments; Bill Lipe commented

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to appoint/reappoint Item Number 2.

ALL AYES

2. Appoint Jon Conatser to the Water Resources Agency Board Of Directors representing District 3 with a term end date of December 31, 2028 (District Specific - District 3, Supervisor Lopez)

Appointed

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened

Roll Called

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

Staff Present

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

Announcement of the Interpreter

Ana de Rueda Vidales, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Scheduled Matters

3. Receive an update on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Monterey One Water Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement reconciliation process.

Ara Azhderian, WRA General Manager and Paul Sciuto, Monterey One Water General Manager presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received an update on the Monterey County Water Resources Agency and Monterey One Water Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement reconciliation process.

Supervisor Church absent

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action by the Board 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

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Tuesday, March 18, 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 Kate Daniels, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Chris Lopez

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) 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; 24CV000848; 24CV000904; 24CV001269; and Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 23CV03022)
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action by the Board 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

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Tuesday, May 6, 2025

10:30 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*

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

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

Roll Called

Present: 4 - Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Chris Lopez

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo

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 to today'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 Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to approve Consent Calendar Item Number 1.

ALL AYES (4-0)

Supervisor Alejo absent

1. Adopt a resolution to:
 - a. Authorize implementation of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Stream Gage Upgrade Project and accept a funding award from the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) through the California Stream Gage Improvement Program (CalSIP) funded by the Budget Act of 2023 (Stats. 2023, Ch. 189, Section 43); and
 - b. Authorize the General Manager or his designee to execute and manage funding documents, and any amendments thereto with DWR, and take such other actions as necessary or appropriate to comply with funding requirements.

Adopted

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Tuesday, May 20, 2025

10:30 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*

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

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

Roll Called

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

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 to the 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 Wendy Root Askew to:
Approve Consent Calendar Item Number 1.

ALL AYES

1.
 - a. Approve and authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to accept donation of monitoring wells 180/400-GDE-1 valued at \$52,797; E-DA-2 valued at \$282,739; L-GWL-2 valued at \$109,355; L-GWL-6 valued at \$109,355; UV-GWL-1 valued at \$81,540; and UV-ISW-1 valued at \$63,923 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 180/400-GDE-1, E-DA-2, L-GWL-2, L-GWL-6, UV-GWL-1, and UV-ISW-1; and
 - c. Authorize the Water Resources Agency to use monitoring wells 180/400-GDE-1, E-DA-2, L-GWL-2, L-GWL-6, UV-GWL-1, and UV-ISW-1 for implementation of its Groundwater Monitoring Program.

Approved

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 28, 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 Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Kate Daniels present

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board 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 to today's agenda.

General Public Comments

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

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened

Roll Called

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

Staff Present

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

Scheduled Matters

1. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint

presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to, as amended, to:

Approve and adopt the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget excluding the \$800,000 of the GMP Fee in Fund 111, which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2025.

ALL AYES

2.
 - a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
 - b. Adopt resolutions approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Michelle Clary commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
- b. Adopt resolutions approving the FY 2024-25 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

ALL AYES

3.
 - a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
 - b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Kate Daniels to:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and

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- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

ALL AYES

4. a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
- c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:

- a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
- b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
- c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge of \$85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

ALL AYES

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

1:30 PM

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*

1:30 P.M. - Called to Order

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

Roll Called

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

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

Kennia Cobos, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Scheduled Matters

1. Consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager made opening/closing remarks with Amy Woodrow, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist both from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Piret Harmon shared her support.

Open for public comments; Mike Weaver, Christopher Bunn, Nancy Isakson and Margie Kay commented.

The original motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, as amended, to:

Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring. Funding help to support the initial registration fee for those wells that need assistance registering.

A substitute motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:

Delay this matter by one month and continue it to Tuesday, July 8, 2025, staff to clarify guidelines of program and research how other wells are doing this:

Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

ALL AYES

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 17, 2025

10:30 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*

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew with her guest Jackson and Supervisor Chris Lopez

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.

Consent Calendar

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:
Adopt a Resolution approving the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Fiscal Year 2025-26
Revised Recommended Budget.

ALL AYES

1. Adopt a resolution approving the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Fiscal Year 2025-26
Revised Recommended Budget.

Adopted

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 24, 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 during closed session.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo,
Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Chris Lopez who arrived during closed session

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 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance
evaluation for the General Manager of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action from the Board 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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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

1:30 PM

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*

1:30 P.M. - Called to Order

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

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Glenn Church who appeared via Zoom pursuant to GC 54953 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 to the agenda.

General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today;

Scheduled Matters

1. a. Consider approving Amendment No. 4 to the 2015 Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement with Monterey One Water to revise Sections 7 and 8 of the Agreement related to financial provisions including budgets, payments, reports and annual reconciliation processes, retroactive to July 1, 2025; and
b. Authorize the Chair of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment No. 4.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager made opening remarks with Shaunna Murray, Deputy General Manager from the Water Resources Agency who presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Paul A. Sciuto, General Manager from Monterey One Water commented.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:
a. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the 2015 Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement with Monterey One Water to revise Sections 7 and 8 of the Agreement related to financial provisions including budgets, payments, reports and annual reconciliation processes, retroactive to July 1, 2025; and

- b. Authorize the Chair of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment No. 4.

Roll Call Vote Pursuant to GC 54953

Supervisor Alejo: AYE

Supervisor Church: AYE

Supervisor Root Askew: AYE

Supervisor Daniels: AYE

Chair Supervisor Lopez: AYE

2. Consider adopting a resolution to:
- Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring, contingent upon execution of a sub-grant agreement between MCWRA and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to provide grant funding as an offset credit for all well owners within the Basin for FY26;
 - Authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY26 Adopted Budget for MCWRA Fund 111 (111-9300-WRA001-8267), to increase its appropriations by \$280,000 and to increase revenue by \$800,000, financed by the Groundwater Monitoring Program fees; (4/5th vote required); and
 - Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to incorporate approved budget modifications to the FY26 Budget.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Ryan Montgomery commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to: Continue this matter to August 2025, as a Consent Item:

- Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring contingent upon execution of a sub-grant agreement between MCWRA and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to provide grant funding as an offset credit for all well owners within the Basin for FY26;**
- Authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY26 Adopted Budget for MCWRA Fund 111 (111-9300-WRA001-8267), to increase its appropriations by \$280,000 and to increase revenue by \$800,000, financed by the Groundwater Monitoring Program fees; (4/5th vote required); and**
- Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to incorporate approved budget modifications to the FY26 Budget.**

Roll Call Vote Pursuant to GC 54953

Supervisor Alejo: AYE

Supervisor Church: AYE

Supervisor Root Askew: AYE

Supervisor Daniels: AYE

Chair Supervisor Lopez: AYE

3. Receive a presentation concerning the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's work on the draft Interlake Tunnel and San Antonio Spillway Modification Assessment Engineer's Report, an update to the 1998 Salinas Valley Historical Benefits Analysis, and publication of the Salinas Valley Hydrologic Models.

Amy Woodrow, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Margie Kay, Christopher Bunn and Nancy Isakson commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received a presentation concerning the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's work on the draft Interlake Tunnel and San Antonio Spillway Modification Assessment Engineer's Report, an update to the 1998 Salinas Valley Historical Benefits Analysis, and publication of the Salinas Valley Hydrologic Models.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 5, 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 had not yet arrived.

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.

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 Water Resources Agency General Manager.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; Bill Lipe and Michelle Clary commented.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

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

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

Kennia Cobos, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There no additions and corrections to this week's agenda.

Consent Calendar

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 3 and 4.

ALL AYES

Item No. 2

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:
Adopt a Resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

In addition, the Board discussed GSA Grant Funds covering de minimis users this year and Legislation is looking into removing de minimis users. Once the Legislation has had an opportunity to review and determine if de minimis user can be removed or not matter to be brought back before the Board for further consideration. If determined they can not be removed the Board shall be prepared to have alternative funding options for future years.

ALL AYES

2. Adopt a resolution to approve the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of \$160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, \$21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, \$64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, \$117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and \$73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

Adopted

3. Adopt a resolution to nominate Monterey County Water Resource Agency Deputy General Manager Shaunna Murray to the Advisory Committee of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Adopted

4.
 - a. Rescind previously adopted Resolutions Numbers 25-251, 25-254 and 25-255 approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17 due to a clerical error in certain rates contained in the Resolutions; and
 - b. Adopt revised resolutions approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17 to address the clerical errors.

Adopted

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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

APPROVED:

_____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

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Tuesday, August 12, 2025

12:00 PM

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*

12:00 P.M. - Called to Order

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

Roll Called

Present: 4 - Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Glenn Church were present

Absent: 1 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo; Arrival time will be later this morning

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 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:
 - (1) *Mario Gonzalez, et al. v. State of CA, et al.* (Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 23CV004194 as lead coordinated case, including subordinate Monterey County Cases: 24CV000215; 24CV000421; 24CV000428; 24CV000848; 24CV000904; 24CV001269; and Santa Cruz County Superior Court Case No. 23CV03022)

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

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

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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 19, 2025

10:30 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*

10:30 A.M. - Called to Order

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

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, 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 closed session.

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 Glenn Church seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Consent Calendar Item Number Item No. 1.

ALL AYES (4-0)

Supervisor Alejo not present when vote taken

1. Authorize the Monterey County Water Resources Agency General Manager to execute a quitclaim deed and any other associated documents to remove a flow ditch easement on a portion of property to the Big Sur Land Trust for the Carr Lake Restoration Project in the City of Salinas.

Approved

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.