

Monterey County

Monterey County Government Center
Board of Supervisor Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor



Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, November 2, 2021

1:30 PM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4

Vice Chair Supervisor Mary L. Adams - District 5

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1

Supervisor John M. Phillips - District 2

Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3

Important Notice Regarding COVID 19

Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, please do the following:

1. While the Board chambers remain open, you are strongly encouraged to observe the live stream of the Board of Supervisors meetings at <https://monterey.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, <http://www.mgtvonline.com/>, www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV or <https://www.facebook.com/MontereyCoInfo/>

If you attend the Board of Supervisors meeting in person, you will be required to maintain appropriate social distancing, i.e., maintain a 6-foot distance between yourself and other individuals.

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

a. submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Board meeting. Please submit your comment to the Clerk of the Board at cob@co.monterey.ca.us. In an effort to assist the Clerk in identifying the agenda item relating to your public comment please indicate in the Subject Line, the meeting body (i.e. Board of Supervisors Agenda) and item number (i.e. Item No. 10). Your comment will be placed into the record at the Board meeting.

b. you may participate through ZOOM. For ZOOM participation please join by computer audio at: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>

OR to participate by phone call any of these numbers below:

- +1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
- +1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
- +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
- +1 253 215 8782 US
- +1 301 715 8592 US

Enter this Meeting ID number: 224397747 when prompted. Please note there is no Participant Code, you will just hit # again after the recording prompts you.

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

3. You are encouraged to participate via Zoom; however, additional seating with audio of the Board meeting will be available in the Monterey Room on the 2nd floor of the County Government Center is needed for overflow.

Aviso importante sobre COVID 19

Según la orientación del Departamento de Salud Pública de California y la Oficina del Gobernador de California, para minimizar la propagación del virus COVID 19, haga lo siguiente:

1. Mientras las cámaras de la Junta permanezcan abiertas, se le recomienda encarecidamente que observe la transmisión en vivo de las reuniones de la Junta de Supervisores en <https://monterey.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, <http://www.mgtvonline.com/>, www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV o <https://www.facebook.com/MontereyCoInfo/>

Si asiste a la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores en persona, se le pedirá que mantenga un distanciamiento social apropiado, es decir, mantenga una distancia de 6 pies entre usted y otras personas.

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

Envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m. el lunes anterior a la reunión de la Junta. Envíe su comentario al Secretario de la Junta a cob@co.monterey.ca.us. En un esfuerzo por ayudar al Secretario a identificar el ítem de la agenda relacionado con su comentario público, por favor indique en la Línea de Asunto, el cuerpo de la reunión (es decir, la Agenda de la Junta de Supervisores) y el número del ítem (es decir, el Ítem No. 10). Su comentario se colocará en el registro en la reunión de la Junta.

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

O para participar por teléfono llame a cualquiera de los siguientes números:

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+1929205 6099 EE. UU. (Nueva York)

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+1 301 715 8592 EE. UU.

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

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

3. Se le anima a participar a través de Zoom; sin embargo, se necesitarán asientos adicionales con audio de la reunión de la Junta en el Salón Monterey en el segundo piso del Centro de Gobierno del Condado para el desbordamiento.

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 COMMENT: 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.

Please refer to the separate agenda for the Board of Supervisors

Pursuant to Governor Newsom’s Executive Order No. N-29-20, some or all Supervisors may participate in the meeting by telephone or video conference.

1:30 P.M. - Call to Order

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.

1:30 P.M. - Scheduled Matters

Other Board Matters

Referral Responses

1. Receive a preliminary analysis report in response to Board Referral No. 2021.18 (Revised) requesting the Board of Supervisors and Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors hold a special joint meeting with other agencies, including but not limited to the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency and Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, to provide a comprehensive overview of regional projects under consideration.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Board Referral No. 2021.18 \(Revised\)](#)

Adjournment



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Item No.16

Board Report

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

Legistar File Number: PAR 21-014

November 02, 2021

Introduced: 10/25/2021

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Preliminary Analysis
Report

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Receive a preliminary analysis report in response to **Board Referral No. 2021.18 (Revised)**, and:
 - 1) Direct that staff proceed with completion of referral based on description in this report; or,
 - 2) Direct that staff:
 - i. Proceed with completion of referral based on modifications by the Board; or,
 - ii. Return to Board with a more comprehensive analysis of referral and anticipated effort for completion; or,
 - iii. Rescind referral.
- b. Provide further direction, as appropriate.

PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS:

Referral Summary & Background:

On September 28, 2021, the Board added Supervisor Adam's Referral No. 2021.18 (Revised) to the Monterey County Board of Supervisor's referral matrix. The purpose of the referral is to hold a special joint meeting of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) Board of Supervisors and Board of Directors along with the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin and Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agencies. The goal of the workshop is to provide an overview of current efforts regarding water management and sustainability and initiate comprehensive discussions on regional water supply issues and solutions. This report is a preliminary analysis of that referral.

As stated in the referral, new information regarding water management and sustainability has come to light through the recently developed Groundwater Sustainability Plans (GSP) that are being circulated for public review. Since last year, Subbasin Planning Committees, appointed by the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability (SVBGSA) Board, have been providing input during the GSP development. The SVBGSA recently released five GSP drafts for public comment: Eastside,

Forebay, Langley, Upper Valley, and Monterey

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These Subbasin GSPs, identified as medium priority by the California Department of Water Resource (DWR), are required to be submitted to DWR.

The 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasin GSP has been approved by DWR. The 180/400-Foot Subbasin is a critically over drafted basin according to DWR.

Proposed Project Description: Because of the logistics of a joint meeting with so many legislative bodies, it is recommended that the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hold a special meeting with invitations extended to the members of stakeholder agencies to participate. The meeting will focus on the municipal water supply needs of North Monterey County, including the 180/400-foot, Monterey, and Eastside subbasins, and areas of North County outside those subbasins. Other special meetings may be called to consider the issues affecting other subbasins or other areas of Monterey County. MCWRA will coordinate with the SVBGSA to develop an agenda, meeting format, presentation materials and proposed date.

Estimated Project Cost: Unknown currently. Coordination and planning for a joint meeting will take significant unbudgeted MCWRA staff time, as well as staff time from other Agencies.

Staffing Level Estimate: The staffing level required to plan, prepare, and conduct the meeting is currently unknown but is probably significant.

Departmental Challenges:

- Finding a meeting date convenient for the potential invitees.
- Determining a suitable meeting structure allowing for COVID protocols and Brown Act requirements.
- Identifying meaningful meeting outcomes.
- Coordinating presentations to ensure a productive meeting in a reasonable timeframe.

Proposed Response Date: MCWRA General Manager will report back to the Board of Supervisors early in 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

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Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

- Economic Development
- Administration
- Health & Human Services
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Approved by: _____
Brent Buche, General Manager, MCWRA, x4860

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**Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Referral Submittal Form**

Referral No. 2021.18 (REVISED)

Assignment Date: 9/28/21

(Completed by CAO's Office)

SUBMITTAL - Completed by referring Board office and returned to CAO no later than noon on Thursday prior to Board meeting

Date: 9-22-21	Submitted By: Supervisor Adams	District #: 5
Referral Title: Board Workshop to Review Regional Water Issues and Potential Solutions		
Referral Purpose: To initiate a comprehensive discussion on regional scale water issues and potential solutions in Monterey County.		
<p>Brief Referral Description (attach additional sheet as required):</p> <p>The Board of Supervisors represents Monterey County in various settings, as the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA), and individually at several water related agencies including SVBGSA, Monterey One Water, Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster, and the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District. There are additional public agencies, regulated utilities, and other entities that operate water systems. To achieve new regional water supply solutions will require better communication among the Supervisors, the agencies they participate in, and a collaborative approach with the involvement of numerous stakeholders.</p> <p>Monterey County faces water supply issues and constraints that require regional strategies to address seawater intrusion, lowering groundwater levels and overdraft conditions in several of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) subbasins. New information has come to light through the recently developed Groundwater Sustainability Plans that are being circulated for public review that warrant discussion by the Board of Supervisors. While much of Fifth District relies on water supplies from the Carmel River, the Seaside Groundwater Basin, and other water projects, the Corral de Tierra area is not connected to these supplies and is part of the SVBGSA Monterey Subbasin. The GSP process has identified the need for this area to participate in regional projects in the future.</p> <p>The Board of Supervisors of the MCWRA is an appropriate body to provide leadership to convene key agencies and stakeholders. This referral is for the Board of Supervisors of the MCWRA to hold a special joint meeting with the MCWRA Board of Directors, the SVBGSA Board of Directors, and the Marina Coast Water District GSA Board for the water agencies' leadership to provide a comprehensive overview of regional projects under consideration by the MCWRA, SVBGSA and MCWD GSA. Elected officials, local agencies, water purveyors, industry representatives, landowners and other stakeholders that may have some oversight or authority, or potential interest in participating in regional solutions should be invited.</p> <p>The goal of this workshop is to gain a common understanding of water supply constraints countywide and in the greater region, to provide better context for other potential County actions on water-related policies, to explore options for water project development, as well as roles and responsibilities across agencies and interested parties, and to define a path forward on potential regional projects and solutions.</p>		
Classification - Implication		Mode of Response
<input type="checkbox"/> Ministerial / Minor <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Social Policy <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Policy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Memo <input type="checkbox"/> Board Report <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Presentation	
	Requested Response Timeline	
	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> 1 month <input type="checkbox"/> 6 weeks <input type="checkbox"/> Status reports until completed <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Hold special meeting within 60 days <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Date: _____	

**ASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO at Board Meeting. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s)
Completed by CAO's Office:**

Department(s): Water Resources Agency	Referral Lead: Brent Buche	Board Date: 9/28/21
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REASSIGNMENT – Provided by CAO. Copied to Board Offices and Department Head(s). Completed by CAO’s Office:

Department(s):	Referral Lead:	Date:
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ANALYSIS - Completed by Department and copied to Board Offices and CAO:

Department analysis of resources required/impact on existing department priorities to complete referral:

Analysis Completed By: _____	Department’s Recommended Response Timeline
Date: _____	

- By requested date
- 2 weeks 1 month 6 weeks 6 months
- 1 year Other/Specific Date: _____

REFERRAL RESPONSE/COMPLETION - Provided by Department to Board Offices and CAO:

Referral Response Date:	Board Item No.:	Referrals List Deletion:
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Note: Please cc Karina Bokanovich, Rocio Quezada and Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio on all CAO correspondence relating to referrals.