

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

10:30 AM

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Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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10:30 A.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.

Consent Calendar

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [MCWRA CalSIP Award Letter](#)
 [Resolution](#)
 [Executed MCWRA Board Order](#)

Adjournment



County of Monterey

Item No.1

Board Report

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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FINANCING:

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Prepared by: Peter Kwiek, Associate Water Resources Hydrologist, (831) 755-4860

Approved by: _____
Ara Azhderian, General Manager, (831) 755-4860

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DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

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February 19, 2025

Peter Kwiek
Associate Hydrologist
Monterey County Water Resources Agency
1441 Schilling Place, North Building
Salinas, California 93901

**APPROVAL OF FUNDING FROM CALIFORNIA STREAM GAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM –
MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY STREAM GAGE UPGRADE PROJECT**

Congratulations. Your request for funding from the Department of Water Resources' (Department) California Stream Gage Improvement Program (Program) for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Stream Gage Upgrade Project (Project) has been approved. The tentative level of funding is \$76,000 and will be confirmed during the agreement process, which is the next step. Additionally, the term of funding will be from the time of agreement execution through March 2027.

This letter serves to inform you of this award and is a reminder that a resolution from your agency's governing body is needed before the agreement can be executed. To confirm you received this approval notification and to confirm your agency is intending on completing the agreement process, we request that you acknowledge receipt of this letter by signing and returning to Jessica Boyt by email at Jessica.Boyt@water.ca.gov within 10 business days.

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Peter Kwiek
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The Department is grateful for your participation in improving the stream gaging network and are hopeful this program helps inform your agency in surface water matters. If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the agreement, please contact Radley Ott by email at radley.ott@water.ca.gov or by phone at (530) 945-0985.

Sincerely,



Teresa Connor
Manager, Northern Region Office
Department of Water Resources

ACCEPTED:

Peter Kwiek, Associate Hydrologist
Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Date: _____

**Before the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
County of Monterey, State of California**

Resolution No. _____

A Resolution of the Monterey County
Water Resources Agency Board of
Supervisors to:

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RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) seeks to implement the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Stream Gage Upgrade Project;

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Stream Gage Upgrade Project is being implemented to support and improve the Salinas River stream gage network and is intended to: (1) provide sound data that accurately informs water management decisions; and (2) supplements publicly available data on natural surface waters;

WHEREAS, the Agency has the legal authority and is authorized to enter into a funding agreement with the State of California;

WHEREAS, the Agency has applied for funding from the California Department of Water Resources for the CALIFORNIA STREAMGAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM; and

WHEREAS, the Agency received notification from the California Department of Water Resources on February 19, 2025 that the Agency's request for funding has been approved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this _____ day of _____, 2025, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof Minute Book _____, on _____.

Dated: _____

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Monterey,
State of California.

By _____
Deputy



***Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency
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BOARD ORDER No. 25-20

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ACCEPT FUNDING AWARD FROM THE
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER
RESOURCES THROUGH THE CALIFORNIA
STREAM GAGE IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM.**

Upon motion of Director John Baillie, seconded by Director Deidre Sullivan, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

Recommend Authorization of Implementation of the Monterey County Water Resources Stream Gage Upgrade Project and accept funding award from the California Department of Water Resources through the California Stream Gage Improvement Program.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this **21st** day of **April 2025**, by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund,
Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, John Baillie, Jon Conatser

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Signed by:

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BY: Mike LeBarre, Chair
Board of Directors

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ATTEST: Ara Azhderian
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Monterey County Water Resources Agency

Date: _____



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- ☐ Provide a means of accurately evaluating and tracking flows affecting the low water crossing at Elm Avenue near the town of Greenfield. Currently, the closest existing gage is about 40 miles up valley, near Bradley, California, and travel times and flow rate changes between Bradley and Greenfield are highly variable and uncertain. A gage at King City will provide a gage about ten miles upstream of the low water crossing, thereby adding precision to conditions assessment and enabling establishment of accurate threshold flows that could trigger closure of Elm Avenue.
- ☐ Help with realtime determination of the timing and rate of inflow to the Salinas River from the tributary San Lorenzo Creek (just upstream of the proposed gage), enhancing flood control efforts by providing the timing of advancement of upper Salinas flood flows and potential impacts to downstream locations.
- ☐ Help track and improve compliance with prescribed releases from Nacimiento and San Antonio Reservoirs to support migration of federally listed Steelhead at all life cycle stages, as required by water rights that authorize MCWRA to stored water in the reservoirs and put it to various beneficial uses.
- ☐ Provide a continuous record of streamflow data which would refine our understanding of surface water-groundwater interaction along this reach of the river and inform water budgets for the Upper Valley.
- ☐ Provide a dataset to support calibration and refinement of modeling tools under development to manage the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin.

MCWRA has initiated a scope of work and cost schedule with DWR. The approximate level of funding is \$76,000, to be finalized upon completion of the agreement between MCWRA and DWR, pending adoption of a resolution by the MCWRA Board of Supervisors (Attachment 2).

This resolution authorizes MCWRA to enter into an agreement with DWR to obtain funding to purchase and install equipment, operate and maintain the streamflow gage and develop a rating, relating stage to flow at the site. It also designates MCWRA staff representatives who have the authority to coordinate with DWR and execute documents on behalf of MCWRA. The anticipated awarded monies are included in the FY 2025-26 Requested Budget, which is scheduled for consideration by the MCWRA Board of Supervisors in May 2025.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

At its April 21, 2025 meeting, the MCWRA Board of Directors recommended that the MCWRA Board of Supervisors consider adopting the subject Resolution. MCWRA will coordinate reporting efforts with the DWR Program Representatives.

FINANCING:

Total project cost is estimated at \$76,000, which will be reimbursable by DWR. The FY 2024-2025 Adopted Budget has sufficient appropriation to fund initial cost of the project and the FY 2025-26 Requested Budget accounts for expenses needed to complete the project in FY 2025-26

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Attachments:

1. California Department of Water Resources California Stream Gage Improvement Program Award Letter.
2. Resolution