

# **County of Monterey**

*Saffron Room  
1441 Schilling Place  
Salinas, Ca 93901*



## **Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, June 16, 2025**

**12:00 PM**

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## **Water Resources Agency Board of Directors**

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Mark Gonzalez  
Deidre Sullivan  
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Mike Scattini  
Jason Smith  
John Baillie  
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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 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.**

**Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order at 12:00p.m.

**Roll Call**

Present: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini (arrived at 12:03 p.m.), Jason Smith (arrived at 12:05 p.m.), John Baillie, Jon Conatser.  
Absent: None

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY CLERK: The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.**

**Public Comment**

None.

**Presentations**

1. 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasin Groundwater Sustainability Plan (GSP) 2025 Evaluation. (Presenter: Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA))

**Attachments:**     [180/400 FT. GSP 5-Year Evaluation PPT](#)

Board of Directors Comments: Mike Scattini, John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Matt Simis, Deidre Sullivan, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre  
Staff Comments: Abby Ostovar (SVBGSA), Ara Azhderian  
Public Comments: Christopher Bunn, Thomas Virsik

2. Carr Lake Restoration Project Updates. (Presenter: Big Sur Land Trust)

**Attachments:**     [Carr Lake PPT](#)

**Board of Directors Comments:** Ken Ekelund, Deidre Sullivan, Mike Scattini, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre

**Staff Comments:** None

**Public Comments:** Mike McCollough

**Consent Calendar**

Upon Motion by Director John Baillie and Second by Director Mark Gonzalez the Board approved the Consent Calendar.

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

**Noes:** None.

**Absent:**

**Abstained:** None

**Recused:** None.

**Board of Director Comments:** None.

**Public Comments:** None.

3. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Professional Services with E2 Consulting Engineers, Inc. to extend the terms of the Agreement to June 30, 2028, to provide hydraulic modeling, analysis, and engineering services for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project's distribution system; and Authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment. (Staff: Guillermo Alvarez)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                          [Agreement for Professional Services](#)  
                          [Amendment No. 1](#)  
                          [Amendment No. 2](#)  
                          [Board Order](#)

4. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Agreement for Professional Services with GEI Consultants, Inc., to extend the terms of the Agreement to June 30, 2028, to provide engineering, permitting, and environmental services related to the design and permitting for repairs of the Agency's Moss Landing Tide Gate Facility; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment. (Staff: Guillermo Alvarez)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                          [Amendment No. 1](#)  
                          [Agreement for Professional Services](#)  
                          [Board Order](#)

5. Approve the purchase order for three intake valve actuators in the amount of \$103,000, to be installed at Nacimiento Dam's Low Level Intake Chamber; and authorize the General Manager to execute the Purchase Order.

(Staff: Mark Foxworthy)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [Agency's Actuator Price Quote Request](#)  
                              [Intake Valve Actuators Price Quote](#)  
                              [Agreement No. 4600015276](#)  
                              [Agreement No. 4600015276-Amend No.1](#)  
                              [Board Order](#)

6. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Professional Services Agreement with JDH Corrosion Consultants, Inc., to increase the dollar amount by \$150,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed \$323,780 and extend the term of the Agreement to June 30, 2028, to provide cathodic protection engineering services for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP); and authorize the General Manager to execute the Amendment. (Staff: Manuel Saavedra)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [Original Professional Services Agreement](#)  
                              [Amendment No. 1](#)  
                              [Amendment No. 2](#)  
                              [Board Order](#)

7. Approve Amendment No. 1 to the Joint Funding Agreement with United States Department of the Interior: United States Geological Survey to increase the dollar amount by \$19,030 for a new contract total not to exceed \$249,090 to accommodate installation of a stream gage on the Salinas River at King City and operation and maintenance of said gage for the remainder of the contract term; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1.  
(Staff: Joseph Klein)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [Original Joint Funding Agreement](#)  
                              [Amendment No. 1](#)  
                              [Board Order](#)

### **Action Items**

Upon Motion by Director Mark Gonzalez and Second by Director Mike Scattini the Board adopted a Resolution to nominate Director LeBarre an Agency representative to serve on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 5 Board of Directors. .

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

Recused: None.

**Board of Director Comments: None.**  
**Public Comments: None.**

8. Consider adopting a Resolution to nominate an Agency representative to serve on the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Region 5 Board of Directors.

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
                              [ACWA Call for Candidate Nominations Memo](#)  
                              [ACWA Election25 Authorized Voting Rep. Form](#)  
                              [Resolution](#)

### **Key Information and Calendar of Events**

9. June, July and August 2025 Calendars.

**Attachments:**     [June 2025](#)  
                              [July 2025](#)  
                              [August 2025](#)

### **General Manager's Report**

**Board of Directors Comments: John Baillie**  
**Staff Comments: Jason Demers**  
**Public Comments: None**

10.        1. GM Report  
              2. Comparison of May & June ARWRA Section 7&8  
              3. 2025-05-19 FINAL Coalition letter  
              4. 2025-06-12 WRA to Sen. Padilla

**Attachments:**     [GM Report](#)  
                              [DRAFT ARWRA Amend #4 \(MAY 2025\)](#)  
                              [DRAFT ARWRA Sections 7&8 Redline \(JUNE 2025\)](#)  
                              [FINAL Coalition Comment Letter ESA Harm Rule](#)  
                              [WRA to Sen Padilla RE SUPPORT for the Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams](#)

### **Committee Reports**

11. Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for May and June 2025:
- Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee
  - Water Resources Personnel and Administration Committee Cancellation Notice
  - Water Resources Agency Finance Committee
  - Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee Cancellation Notice

- Water Resources Agency Planning Committee
- Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee Rescheduling Notice
- County of Monterey Legislative Committee Cancellation Notice

**Attachments:**     [Final ResOps Agenda May 29, 2025](#)  
                              [Final P&A Agenda June 6, 2025](#)  
                              [Final REVISED Finance Agenda June 6, 2025](#)  
                              [BMAC Cancellation Notice June 4, 2025](#)  
                              [Final Planning Agenda June 4, 2025](#)  
                              [JBL June Reschedule Notice](#)  
                              [Legislative Committee Cancellation Notice June 9, 2025](#)

### **Information Items**

12.     Reservoir Storage and Release Update. (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

**Attachments:**     [Reservoir Storage Release Update](#)

### **Correspondence**

13.     1. Letter dated May 19, 2025, to Gina Shultz, Acting Assistant Director for Ecological Services U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, from Stephanie Knight-Dubien Agribusiness and Water Council of Arizona Jim Boyle, President Arizona Dairy Producers Trade Association; Ian Lyle, Director of Federal Relations Association of California Water Agencies Patrick Bray, Executive Arizona Farm and Ranch Group Curtis Lutje, President California Agricultural Irrigation Association Kari Fisher, Senior Director & Counsel, Legal Advocacy California Farm Bureau Beverly Idsinga, Executive Director Dairy Producers of New Mexico; Mike Kohler, Executive Director Dairy Producers of Utah Ken Curtis, General Manager, Dolores Water Conservancy District (COLORADO), Dan Keppen, Executive Director Family Farm Alliance, Nadine Bailey, Chief Operations Officer Family Water Alliance (CALIFORNIA), Johnny Amaral, Chief Operating Officer and Chief of External Affairs Friant Water Authority (CALIFORNIA), Rick Naerebout, Chief Executive Officer Idaho Dairyman's Association, Inc., Paul Arrington, Executive Director & General Counsel Idaho Water Users Association, Neil Maunu Inland Ports and Navigation Group, Janet Bailey, CEO Kansas Dairy Association, Urban Eberhart, General Manager Kittitas Reclamation District (WASHINGTON), Kelley Minty, Chair Klamath County Board of Commissioners (OREGON), Gene Souza, Executive Director Klamath Irrigation District (OREGON), Elizabeth Neilsen, Executive Director Klamath Water Users Association (CALIFORNIA / OREGON), Kevin Abernathy, General Manager Milk Producers Council (CALIFORNIA); Ned Coe, Chairman Modoc County Board of Supervisors (CALIFORNIA), Ara Azhderian, General Manager Monterey County Water Resources Agency (CALIFORNIA), Paul Bleiberg, Executive Vice President, Government Relations National Milk

Producers Federation, Greg Morrison, Executive Vice-President National Water Resources Association; Tammy L. Dennee, CMP, CAE - Executive Director Oregon Cattlemen's Association; Jeff Stone, Executive Director Oregon Association of Nurseries 6; Greg Addington, Executive Director Oregon Farm Bureau; April Snell, Executive Director Oregon Water Resources Association; Tami Kerr, Executive Director Oregon Dairy Farmers Association; Garrett Edmonds, Director Public Lands Council; William Duncan, President Savary-Little Snake River Conservancy District (WYOMING); Nick Grounds, Manager Shasta View & Malin Irrigation Districts (OREGON) Nancy Ogren, Chair Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors (CALIFORNIA); Craig Caballero, Chief Executive Officer United Dairymen of Arizona; Mauricio Guardado, General Manager United Water Conservation District (CALIFORNIA); Mike Kohler, Executive Director Utah Dairymen's Association Dan Wood, Executive Director; Washington State Dairy Federation; John Stuhlmiller, Executive Director Washington State Water Resources Association; Dennis Nuxoll, Vice President, Federal Government Affairs Western Growers Association; Mark Herke, President Yakima-Klickitat Farm Association (WASHINGTON) Re: Agency Proposed Rule Rescinding the Definition of "Harm" Under the ESA Docket ID: FWS-HQ-ES-2025-0034

2. Letter dated April 29, 2025, to Shaunna Murray, Deputy General Manager from Mark and Maggie Vock re: Roads surrounding Lake Nacimiento.

3. Email Correspondence dated June 11, 2025, to Board of Directors, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Bill Lipe re: Public Comment: Item 2.4 - In Support of Advisory Committee Reforms and Procedural Integrity.

4. Email Correspondence dated June 11, 2025, to Chair Cremers and Board of Directors, SVBGSA and Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Bill Lipe re: Public Comment: Item 2.4 - In Support of Advisory Committee Reforms and Procedural Integrity. (Revised)

5. Email Correspondence dated June 11, 2025, Board of Directors, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Bill Lipe re: Agenda Item 2.5 - AB 1413 (Papan): Sustainable Groundwater Management Act - Groundwater Adjudication.

**Attachments:**     [Western Ag-Irrigation Coalition LTR RE ESA Harm Rule 051925](#)  
[Margie & Mark Vock RE: Roads Lake Nacimiento LTR 042925](#)  
[Email Public Comment RE: In Support of Advisory Committee Reforms](#)  
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[Email RE: AB 1413 \(Papan\) Sustainable Groundwater Management Act](#)

### **Board of Directors Comments**

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:43p.m.