

*Before the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California*

**Resolution No.: 26-160**

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

Approve and adopt a Fiscal Year 2026-27 cost-of living )  
adjustment (“COLA”) increase of 2.5% for Zones 1 and 1A. )

**WHEREAS**, on May 20, 1980, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“Board”) adopted Ordinance No. 2626 entitled “An ordinance providing for the establishment and levy of benefit assessments to pay for costs of providing flood control services in certain zones of the District”, establishing benefit assessments in Zone 1 of the Agency. Thereafter, at an election held on November 4, 1980, the voters in Zone 1, approved Ordinance No. 2626 and the assessments established therein for their respective zones. Ordinance No. 3878 entitled “An ordinance of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency levying annual benefit assessments in Zone 1 (Pajaro) to fund flood control services in that Zone” and Ordinance No. 3881 entitled “An ordinance of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency establishing flood control Zone 1A (Pajaro) and levying annual benefit assessments to fund flood control services and that Zone” supersedes Ordinance No. 2626 with respect to the rate of annual assessment levied on parcels within the Zone 1. All other provisions of Ordinance No. 2626 remain unchanged;

**WHEREAS**, in said Ordinances, the Board authorized and directed the levy of assessments in Zone 1 and 1A, to pay for flood control projects in the Pajaro Valley; and

**WHEREAS**, the Fiscal Year 2026-27 assessments will increase by the San Francisco, Oakland, San Jose Urban Consumer Price Index (“CPI”)/COLA of 2.5%.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that:**

Section 1. Levy of Assessments in Zones 1 & 1A. Pursuant to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”) Ordinance Nos. 2626, 3878, and 3881 assessments for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 are hereby levied on all property in the categories described below located in Zone 1 and 1A, for Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

Benefit assessments for Zones 1 & 1A are hereby fixed and established for the Fiscal Year 2026-27. The assessments are imposed on all land in Zones 1 & 1A of the MCWRA.

## ZONE 1 BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS

Fiscal Year	2025-2026		2026-2027	
Factor	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre	Parcel Count	Charge Per Acre
A	106	\$ 385.31	106	\$ 394.94
B	45	\$ 385.31	45	\$ 394.94
C	191	\$ 96.35	191	\$ 98.76
E	151	\$ 96.35	151	\$ 98.76
F	42	\$ 7.83	42	\$ 8.02
<b>Total:</b>	<b>535</b>		<b>535</b>	
<p>A = Commercial and Industrial                      B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family)                      C = Single Family Residence                      E = Vacant, Agricultural                      F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site</p>				

<b>ZONE 1A BENEFIT ASSESSMENTS</b>				
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>		<b>2026-2027</b>	
<b>Factor</b>	<b>Parcel Count</b>	<b>Charge Per Acre</b>	<b>Parcel Count</b>	<b>Charge Per Acre</b>
A	37	\$ 188.10	37	\$ 192.80
B	5	\$ 188.10	5	\$ 192.80
C	368	\$ 47.04	368	\$ 48.21
E	173	\$ 47.04	173	\$ 48.21
F	399	\$ 3.92	399	\$ 4.02
<b>Total:</b>	<b>982</b>		<b>982</b>	
A = Commercial and Industrial B = Institutional (churches, schools, hospitals, apartments, multi-family) C = Single Family Residence E = Vacant, Agricultural F = Vacant, Undisturbed, Natural Site				

Section 2. Collection of assessments. All County of Monterey officers charged with the duty of collecting taxes shall collect MCWRA assessments and fees with the regular tax payments to the County. The assessments shall be collected in the same form and manner as County taxes are collected and shall be paid to the MCWRA.

Section 3. Lien on property. The benefit assessments fixed herein shall be a lien on all property against which the assessments are imposed. Liens for the assessments shall be of the same force and effect as other liens for taxes, and their collection may be enforced by the same means as provided for the enforcement of liens for state and County taxes.

Section 4. Use of proceeds. The assessments collected pursuant to this resolution shall be used exclusively to pay the costs for the flood control projects in Zones 1 and 1A including, but not limited to, the costs of planning, design, property acquisition, construction, operation and maintenance, and debt service.

Section 5. Certified copies. The Secretary of the MCWRA shall deliver certified copies of this resolution to the Board of Supervisors of Monterey County and to the Auditor of Monterey County.

Section 6. Severability. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of

the remaining portions of this resolution. The Board hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section, subsection, sentence, clause, and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid.

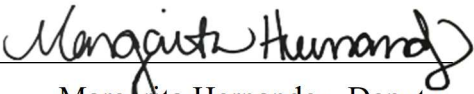
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May 2026, by roll call vote:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Church, Lopez, Root Askew and Daniels  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None

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 of Minute Book 82 for the meeting on May 19, 2026.

Dated: May 26, 2026  
File ID: WRAG 26-138  
Agenda Item No.: 7

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

  
Margarita Hernandez, Deputy