

County of Monterey

*Cayenne Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901*



Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

12:00 PM

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Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

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Mark Gonzalez
Deidre Sullivan
Ken Ekelund
Mike Scattini
Jason Smith
John Baillie*

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artículo de la agenda relacionado con su comentario, por favor indique en la línea de asunto del correo electrónico el cuerpo de la reunión (es decir, la Agenda de la Junta Directiva) y el número de artículo (es decir, el Artículo No. 10). Su comentario se colocará en el registro de la reunión de esta Junta.

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.

THE BOARD RECESSES FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: Closed Session may be held at the conclusion of the Board's 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.

Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.

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

Roll Call

Present: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini (arrived at 1:08 p.m.), Jason Smith, John Baillie.
Absent: None.

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

None.

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
 - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(4), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation and the potential initiation of litigation.
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the General Manager.
 - c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation: *California-American Water Company, et al. v. Marina Coast Water District, et al.*, San Francisco County Superior Court Case No. CGC-15-546632.

Note: Continuance of Closed Session to be held at the conclusion of the Board's Regular

Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

Recess to Closed Session

The Board of Directors recessed to Closed Session at 12:01 p.m.

Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:01 p.m.

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

Bill Lipe.

Presentations

Board of Directors Comments: John Baillie

Staff Comments: Paul Sciuto, Monterey One Water General Manager

Public Comments: Bill Lipe

2. Monterey One Water and Water Resources Agency Update of Reconciliation Process. (Presenting: Ara Azhderian and Paul Sciuto)

Appointments

3. Appoint chairs for the committees of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors.

The Board of Director Chair appointed the 2025 Committee Chairs: Basin Management Advisory: Matt Simis; Finance: Director John Baillie; Personnel and Administration: Director Mark Gonzalez; Planning: Director Deidre Sullivan; Reservoir Operations Advisory: Ken Ekelund.

Director Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: Bill Lipe

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Director Jason Smith and Second by Deidre Sullivan the Board approved the Consent Calendar.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.

Board of Director Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

4. Approve the Action Minutes of December 16, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft BOD Minutes December 16, 2024](#)

5. Approve an Amendment to the Conflict of Interest Code for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Conflict of Interest Code 2025 \(redline\)](#)
 [Conflict of Interest Code 2025 \(clean\)](#)
 [Board Order](#)

6. Adopt the 2025 Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors and Committees Meeting Calendar. (Staff: Eva Gonzales)

Attachments: [2025 Board of Directors Meeting Dates](#)
 [2025 Committee Meeting Dates](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Action Items

7. Consider authorizing the General Manager to enter into a Subgrant Agreement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to receive funding for services in support of Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grants #4600015881 (SVBGSA) and #4600015624 (MCWDGSA), in the amount not to exceed \$250,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Subgrant Agreement. (Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [SGM R2 Subgrant Agreement MCWRA](#)
 [Board Order](#)
 [SVBGSA Subgrant Round 2 PPT](#)

Upon Motion by Director John Baillie, and Second by Director Mark Gonzalez authorized the General Manager to enter into a Subgrant Agreement with the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to receive funding for services in support of Sustainable Groundwater Management Round 2 Implementation Grants #4600015881 (SVBGSA) and #4600015624 (MCWDGSA), in the amount not to exceed \$250,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute up to two no-cost amendments to the Subgrant Agreement.

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

Noes: None.

Absent: None

Abstained: None.

Board of Directors Comments: None

Public Comment: Bill Lipe, Thomas Virsik

Key Information and Calendar of Events

8. January, February and March 2025 Calendars.

Attachments: [January 2025](#)
 [February 2025](#)
 [March 2025](#)

Key Information and Calendar of Events Clerk updated time change for Finance Committee at 8:30 a.m. and Personnel and Administration at 10:00 a.m held on the first Friday of the month.

General Manager's Report

Directors Comments: Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez.

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: Bill Lipe

- 9.
- Personnel
 - Dam Safety Funding
 - Monterey Peninsula Water Management District PWMx Proposed Water Allocation
 - Association of California Water Agencies
 - Regulatory/Legislative Activities
 - Other

Attachments: [2025.01.15 LTR WRA to MPWMD RE Comments on Proposed Ordinance #196](#)

Committee Reports

10. Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for December 2024 and January 2025:
- Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Agenda
 - Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee Reschedule Notice

- Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee Agenda
- Water Resources Agency Planning Committee Agenda
- Water Resources Personnel and Administration Committee Cancellation Notice
- Water Resources Agency Finance Committee Agenda

Attachments: [Final ResOps Agenda December 12, 2024](#)
[JBL Rescheduling Notice Dec. 2024](#)
[BMAC January Cancellation Notice 2025](#)
[Final Planning Agenda January 8, 2025](#)
[P&A Jan. Cancellation Notice](#)
[Final Finance Agenda Jan. 17, 2025](#)

Information Items

11. Well Permit Application Activities Update. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

Attachments: [Well Permit Application Activities Update](#)
[Table 1 - Summary of Well Permits Received](#)

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

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

Board of Directors Comments

John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simis, Mike LeBarre, Jason Smith.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 p.m.