County of Monterey

Cayenne Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas Ca. 93901

Meeting Agenda - Final

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1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901

Monday, September 21, 2026
1:00 PM

Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

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Call to Order at 1:00 P.M.

Roll Call

Pledge of Allegiance

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The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.

Public Comment

Consent Calendar

1. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on August 17, 2026 **WRAG 26-268**

Attachments: draft BOD Minutes August 17, 2026

2. Ratify Amendment No. 4 to the Professional Services Agreement with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. This amendment updates the Fee Schedule and Scope of Work for the San Antonio Dam's safety surveillance and performance evaluation. **WRAG 26-269**

Attachments: Board Report
AECOM Professional Service Agreement
AECOM - Amendment No. 1
AECOM - Amendment No. 2
AECOM - Amendment No. 3
Executed - Amendment No. 4 (AECOM SA Dam $78,724)
Board Order 26-034

3. Approve Amendment No. 2 to Agreement for Services with DRS Marine Inc. (DRS Marine), to increase the dollar amount by $150,000 for a total contract amount not-to-exceed $650,000; to provide underwater inspection, maintenance and repair services of Agency facilities; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment. **WRAG 26-270**

Attachments: Board Report
Executed - DRS Marine Agreement
Executed - Amendment No. 1
Amendment No. 2 - DRS Marine Inc.
Board Order 26-035

4. **WRAG 26-281**

a. Authorize the General Manager to execute a Professional Services Agreement with West Yost Associates, Inc. for a total contract amount not to exceed $91,294 for hydrologic modeling services to support the Agency's work on dam safety and operations funding strategies; and

b. Authorize the General Manager to execute up to three amendments to this Professional Services Agreement where the total amendments do not exceed 10% of the contract amount, do not significantly change the scope of work, and do not exceed a maximum aggregate amount of $100,423.

Attachments: Board Report
Att1 WRA PSA West Yost Dam Benefits
Board Order 26-036

5. a. Approve a Professional Services Agreement with Worthington Products Inc. (Worthington), in the amount not-to-exceed $580,000 to provide engineering design services and materials of a TUFFBoom boat safety barrier system for San Antonio Dam; and

b. Authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement.

WRAG 26-286

Attachments: Board Report
Worthington Products, Inc. Professional Services Agreement
Board Order 26-038

Action Items

6. a. Approve the annual Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Geological Survey for streamgaging and reservoir elevation gaging work in the amount of $270,260; and

b. Authorize the General Manager to execute the Agreement. (Staff: Joseph Klein)

WRAG 26-285

Attachments: Board Report
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Board Order 26-040

7. Consider recommending the Board of Supervisors consider a Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fee Stabilization Policy.

WRAG 26-284

Attachments: Board Report
FAC Report - GMP Regulatory Fee Stabilization Policy - 09-03-26
Attachment A
Attachment B
Attachment C
Attachment D
Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fee Stabilization Policy - v.09-03-26
Board Order 26-039

8. Consider approving the Planning Committee's recommended updates to the newly drafted Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's 2026 Strategic Plan. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

WRAG 26-282

Attachments: Board Report
1. Strategic Planning Elements Recommended by the Planning Committee Sept 2026
2. Strategic Planning Elements from July Workshop and Sept Planning Committee Sept 2026
Board Order 26-037

Key Information and Calendar of Events

9. September 2026 Calendar
October 2026 Calendar

WRAG 26-265

Attachments: September 2026
October 2026

General Manager's Report

10.
1. Personnel
2. Timber and Plaskett Fires
3. Request for Gubernatorial Executive Order
4. Assembly Bill 2728
5. Dam Safety Projects Funding
6. Mussel Prevention Program

WRAG 26-267

Attachments: General Manager's Report

Committee Reports

11. Committee Agenda's for August and September 2026.

WRAG 26-264

Attachments: WRAC Cancellation Notice
Final Planning Agenda Sept 2, 2026
Final Finance & Admin Agenda Sept 11, 2026
Final JBL Agenda Sept 17, 2026

Information Items

Correspondence

12. Email Correspondence dated September 15, 2026, from Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Monterey County Water Resources Agency.
To: letters@mcweekly, Newspaper MCWeekly

WRAG 26-287

Re: Salinas River Flood Preparedness

Attachments: 2026-09-15 - LTR - WRA to MC Weekly Editor RE Salinas River Flood Preparedness

Board of Directors Comments

Adjournment