County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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Chair Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2
Vice Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3
Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4
Supervisor Mary L. Adams - District 5
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo present

Staff Present

Ezequiel Vega, Assistant County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel

There were no additions and corrections for closed session.

Closed Session

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:

a. Pursuant to Government Code sections 54956.9(d)(2) and 54956.9(d)(4), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation and/or potential initiation of litigation.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Mary L. Adams, Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Chris Lopez present and Supervisor Luis A. Alejo present

Staff Present

Deborah Paolinelli, Assistant County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Announcement of the Interpreter

Diego Celis Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There were no additions and corrections for closed session.

General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; no comments made.

Scheduled Matters

2. a. Consider accepting as final the July 22, 2024, GPP Analytics Water Recycling Agreement Expense Audit (Audit); and
b. Provide direction to staff to engage Monterey One Water to resolve the Audit's findings and recommendations; and
c. Provide direction to staff to engage Monterey One Water to examine other provisions of the Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement between the parties that may require updating; and
d. Provide direction to staff to report at least quarterly on progress.

Ara Azhderian, Gerneral Manager from Water Resources Agency made open remarks with Julian Metcalf from GPP Analytics presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Rupa Shah, Auditor Controller, Ara Azhderian, General Manager and Paul Shutto, Gerneral Manager from Monterey One Water commented.

Open for public comments; Kevin Dayton, John Tilly and Nancy Isakson commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:
a. Accept as final the July 22, 2024, GPP Analytics Water Recycling Agreement Expense Audit (Audit); and
b. Directed staff to continue to engage with Monterey One Water to resolve the Audit's findings and recommendations; and
c. Directed staff to engage with Monterey One Water to examine other provisions of the Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement between the parties that may require updating; and
d. To report, at least, quarterly on progress; and
To clearly call out the question on the Reclamation Fund for discussions as it seemed there were two different opinions on this issue.

ALL AYES

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Glenn Church.

Please refer to the Board Orders for the approved and adopted Agreement, Resolution and Ordinance numbers.

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:
BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____
VALERIE RALPH
CLERK OF THE BOARD
APPROVED ON: , 2025