County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

1:30 PM

Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

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

1:30 P.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Kate Daniels, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew and Supervisor Chris Lopez

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Announcement of the Interpreter

Kennia Cobos, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Scheduled Matters

1. Consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of $160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, $21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, $64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, $117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and $73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager made opening/closing remarks with Amy Woodrow, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist both from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Piret Harmon shared her support.

Open for public comments; Mike Weaver, Christopher Bunn, Nancy Isakson and Margie Kay commented.

The original motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, as amended, to:
Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of $160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, $21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, $64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, $117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and $73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring. Funding help to support the initial registration fee for those wells that need assistance registering.

A substitute motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:
Delay this matter by one month and continue it to Tuesday, July 8, 2025, staff to clarify guidelines of program and research how other wells are doing this:
Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 Groundwater Monitoring Program Regulatory Fees of $160.16 per well for Initial Well Registration, $21.86 per well for Annual Well Registration Renewal, $64.82 per well for Groundwater Extraction Reporting, $117.68 per well for Groundwater Level Monitoring, and $73.92 per well for Groundwater Quality Monitoring.

ALL AYES

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

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