County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, July 8, 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 Kate Daniels, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Chris Lopez and Supervisor Glenn Church who appeared via Zoom pursuant to GC 54953 were present

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

Diego Celis, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There were no additions and corrections to the agenda.

General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today;

Scheduled Matters

1. a. Consider approving Amendment No. 4 to the 2015 Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement with Monterey One Water to revise Sections 7 and 8 of the Agreement related to financial provisions including budgets, payments, reports and annual reconciliation processes, retroactive to July 1, 2025; and

b. Authorize the Chair of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment No. 4.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager made opening remarks with Shaunna Murray, Deputy General Manager from the Water Resources Agency who presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Paul A. Sciuto, General Manager from Monterey One Water commented.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:
a. Approve Amendment No. 4 to the 2015 Amended and Restated Water Recycling Agreement with Monterey One Water to revise Sections 7 and 8 of the Agreement related to financial provisions including budgets, payments, reports and annual reconciliation processes, retroactive to July 1, 2025; and

b. Authorize the Chair of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors to execute the Amendment No. 4.

Roll Call Vote Pursuant to GC 54953
Supervisor Alejo: AYE
Supervisor Church: AYE
Supervisor Root Askew: AYE
Supervisor Daniels: AYE
Chair Supervisor Lopez: AYE

2. Consider adopting a resolution to:
a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) 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, contingent upon execution of a sub-grant agreement between MCWRA and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to provide grant funding as an offset credit for all well owners within the Basin for FY26;
b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY26 Adopted Budget for MCWRA Fund 111 (111-9300-WRA001-8267), to increase its appropriations by $280,000 and to increase revenue by $800,000, financed by the Groundwater Monitoring Program fees; (4/5th vote required); and
c. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to incorporate approved budget modifications to the FY26 Budget.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Ryan Montgomery commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Chris Lopez, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to:
Continue this matter to August 2025, as a Consent Item:
a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 (FY26) 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 contingent upon execution of a sub-grant agreement between MCWRA and the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency to provide grant funding as an offset credit for all well owners within the Basin for FY26;
b. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to amend the FY26 Adopted Budget for MCWRA Fund 111 (111-9300-WRA001-8267), to increase its appropriations by $280,000 and to increase revenue by $800,000, financed by the Groundwater Monitoring Program fees; (4/5th vote required); and
c. Authorize the Auditor-Controller's Office to incorporate approved budget modifications to the FY26 Budget.

Roll Call Vote Pursuant to GC 54953
Supervisor Alejo: AYE
Supervisor Church: AYE
Supervisor Root Askew: AYE
Supervisor Daniels: AYE

Chair Supervisor Lopez: AYE

3. Receive a presentation concerning the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's work on the draft Interlake Tunnel and San Antonio Spillway Modification Assessment Engineer's Report, an update to the 1998 Salinas Valley Historical Benefits Analysis, and publication of the Salinas Valley Hydrologic Models.

Amy Woodrow, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

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

Upon consensus the Board:
Received a presentation concerning the Monterey County Water Resources Agency's work on the draft Interlake Tunnel and San Antonio Spillway Modification Assessment Engineer's Report, an update to the 1998 Salinas Valley Historical Benefits Analysis, and publication of the Salinas Valley Hydrologic Models.

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