County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

9:00 AM

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

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew as Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez had not yet arrived.

Roll Called

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

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Kelly Donlon, Assistant Chief County Counseland 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 section 54957(b)(1), the Board will provide a performance evaluation for the Water Resources Agency General Manager.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; Bill Lipe and Michelle Clary commented.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

10:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items

Roll Called

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

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Kelly Donlon, Assistant Chief 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.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There no additions and corrections to this week's agenda.

Consent Calendar

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to approve Consent Calendar Item Numbers 3 and 4.

ALL AYES

Item No. 2

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to: Adopt a Resolution to approve 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.

In addition, the Board discussed GSA Grant Funds covering de minimis users this year and Legislation is looking into removing de minimis users. Once the Legislation has had an opportunity to review and determine if de minimis user can be removed or not matter to be brought back before the Board for further consideration. If determined they can not be removed the Board shall be prepared to have alternative funding options for future years.

ALL AYES

2. Adopt a resolution to approve 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.

Adopted

3. Adopt a resolution to nominate Monterey County Water Resource Agency Deputy General Manager Shaunna Murray to the Advisory Committee of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Adopted

4. a. Rescind previously adopted Resolutions Numbers 25-251, 25-254 and 25-255 approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17 due to a clerical error in certain rates contained in the Resolutions; and
b. Adopt revised resolutions approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17 to address the clerical errors.

Adopted

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable action for Closed Session.

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