County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 28, 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 Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

Roll Called

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

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board 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 today's agenda.

General Public Comments

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

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened

Roll Called

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Staff Present

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

Scheduled Matters

1. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint

presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Glenn Church to, as amended, to:
Approve and adopt the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2025-26 Recommended Budget excluding the $800,000 of the GMP Fee in Fund 111, which will be considered by the Board of Supervisors on June 3, 2025.

ALL AYES

2. a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (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; and
b. Adopt resolutions approving the FY 2025-26 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Michelle Clary commented.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to:
a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (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; and
b. Adopt resolutions approving the FY 2024-25 assessment charges with COLA increase of 2.7% for Flood Zones 1, 1A, 8, 9, 12, and 17.

ALL AYES

3. a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and
b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Kate Daniels to:
a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 assessment charges with cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams; and

b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessment charges of Zone 2C Administration and Operations and Maintenance of Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams.

ALL AYES

4. a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge of $85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

Public hearing held.

Nan Kim, Finance Manager III for the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to:
a. Hold a public hearing to consider approving and adopting Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 rates with a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z assessments and the water service charge assessment; and
b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 COLA increase of 2.7% to assessments of Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), to the water delivery charge for the CSIP and SVRP, and water service charge of Zone 2B for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY 2025-26 Zone 2B water delivery charge of $85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered.

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