County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, April 22, 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 Wendy Root Askew.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Glenn Church, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew present and Supervisor Chris Lopez joining shortly with Supervisor Kate Daniels appearing via Zoom pursuant to Government Code 54953.

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Iracema Lopez, Management Analyst 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 Monterey County Water Resources Agency General Manager.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no public comments ma

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items

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

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Announcement of the Interpreter

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

Consent Calendar

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to approve Consent Calendar Item Number 2.

Roll Call Vote pursuant to GC 54953:
Supervisor Wendy Root Askew
Supervisor Kate Daniels
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo
Supervisor Glenn Church
Supervisor Chris Lopez

2. a. Set and hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on May 28, 2025, to consider approving and adopting the Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% to the assessment charges of Zones 1, 1A, 2B, 2C, 2Y, 2Z, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
b. Set and hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on May 28, 2025, to consider approving and adopting the FY26 cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.7% to the Zone 2B water service charge for the Salinas River Diversion Facility Project; and
c. Set and hold a public hearing at 9:00 AM on May 28, 2025, to consider approving and adopting the FY26 Zone 2B water delivery fee of $85.24 per acre-foot of water delivered (AF) for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project; and
d. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to publish a hearing notice once a week for two consecutive weeks prior to the date set for the hearing.

Approved

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch

1:30 P.M. - Reconvened

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Scheduled Matters

3. Receive a presentation on the Groundwater Monitoring Program Fee Study; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Ara Azhderian, General Manager and Amy Woodrow, Senior Hydrologist from the Water Resources Agency presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Michelle (no last name provided) commented.

Upon consensus the Board:
Received a presentation on the Groundwater Monitoring Program Fee Study; and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

Read Out from Closed Session

There was no reportable read out from closed session.

Adjourned

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Chris Lopez.