



# Monterey County

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## Board Report

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- a. Set a Public Hearing on June 7, 2016 @ 1:30 PM to consider adopting assessment rate charges with no rate increases for Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP); and,
- b. Direct the Clerk of the Board to publish hearing notices in the CALIFORNIAN, THE SOLEDAD BEE, THE REGISTER-PAJARONIAN and the KING CITY RUSTLER at least ten (10) days prior to the date set for the hearing.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

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### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On March 28, 2016 The Water Resources Board of Directors approved the FY 2016-17 Requested Budget. The Board of Directors voted to not increase Zones 2B, 2Y, and 2Z rates by the annual CPI increase of 3%. The Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP), are shown in Attachment 1- Map. The water service charge of \$5.63 and the water delivery charge of \$67.82 will remain unchanged.

Zones 2B, 2Y, and 2Z were established to provide revenue to construct, operate and maintain the CSIP and the SVRP, which includes debt service for the municipal bonds, a State Revolving Fund loan, and a Small Reclamation Projects loan from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation that funded the construction of the projects. The operation of the CSIP and SVRP is assisting in the reduction of seawater intrusion in the groundwater aquifers in the Salinas Valley by providing an alternative source of irrigation water in the form of recycled water. This will reduce the reliance on groundwater pumping in the northern portion of the Salinas Valley.

The MCWRA Act and Ordinances 3635 and 3636 require the adoption of annual resolutions by the Agency Board of Supervisors to continue the assessments, water delivery, and water service

charges for the CSIP and SVRP.

This Board action will set a public hearing for June 7, 2016 at 1:30 PM to consider adopting assessment rates as set forth in the Notice of Public Hearing relating to Zones 2B, 2Y, and 2Z for Fiscal Year 2016-17, all identified in the Public Notice. Notice will be published in The CALIFORNIAN, THE SOLEDAD BEE, THE REGISTER PAJARONIAN and the KING CITY RUSTLER at least ten days prior to the date set for this hearing.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors held on March 28, 2016 resulted in the Board of Directors' decision not to increase Zones 2B, 2Y and 2Z by the annual CPI (COLA).

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Attachments:

1. Public Hearing Notice
2. 2B Map/Assessment Charges
3. 2Y Map/Assessment Charges
4. 2Z Maps/Assessment Charges
5. Resolution Zones 2B, 2Y & 2Z
5. MCWRA Executed Board Order