

# Monterey County

*Monterey County Government Center  
Board of Supervisor Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901*



## Meeting Agenda - Final-Revised

**Tuesday, August 24, 2021**

**9:00 AM**

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**<https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>**

## **Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency**

*Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4  
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### **Important Notice Regarding COVID 19**

**Based on guidance from the California Department of Public Health and the California Governor's Office, in order to minimize the spread of the COVID 19 virus, please do the following:**

**1. While the Board chambers remain open, you are strongly encouraged to observe the live stream of the Board of Supervisors meetings at <https://monterey.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, <http://www.mgtvonline.com/>, [www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV](http://www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV) or <https://www.facebook.com/MontereyCoInfo/>**

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**2. If you choose not to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting but desire to make general public comment, or comment on a specific item on the agenda, you may do so in two ways:**

**a. submit your comment via email by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the Board meeting. Please submit your comment to the Clerk of the Board at [cob@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:cob@co.monterey.ca.us). In an effort to assist the Clerk in identifying the agenda item relating to your public comment please indicate in the Subject Line, the meeting body (i.e. Board of Supervisors Agenda) and item number (i.e. Item No. 10). Your comment will be placed into the record at the Board meeting.**

**b. you may participate through ZOOM. For ZOOM participation please join by computer audio at: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>**

**OR to participate by phone call any of these numbers below:**

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**You will be placed in the meeting as an attendee; when you are ready to make a public comment if joined by computer audio please Raise your Hand; and by phone please push \*9 on your keypad.**

**3. You are encouraged to participate via Zoom; however, additional seating with audio of the Board**

meeting will be available in the Monterey Room on the 2nd floor of the County Government Center is needed for overflow.

**Aviso importante sobre COVID 19**

Según la orientación del Departamento de Salud Pública de California y la Oficina del Gobernador de California, para minimizar la propagación del virus COVID 19, haga lo siguiente:

1. Mientras las cámaras de la Junta permanezcan abiertas, se le recomienda encarecidamente que observe la transmisión en vivo de las reuniones de la Junta de Supervisores en <https://monterey.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>, <http://www.mgtvonline.com/>, [www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV](http://www.youtube.com/c/MontereyCountyTV) o <https://www.facebook.com/MontereyCoInfo/>

Si asiste a la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores en persona, se le pedirá que mantenga un distanciamiento social apropiado, es decir, mantenga una distancia de 6 pies entre usted y otras personas.

2. Si elige no asistir a la reunión de la Junta de Supervisores pero desea hacer comentarios del público en general, o comentar sobre un tema específico de la agenda, puede hacerlo de dos maneras:

Envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m. el lunes anterior a la reunión de la Junta. Envíe su comentario al Secretario de la Junta a [cob@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:cob@co.monterey.ca.us). En un esfuerzo por ayudar al Secretario a identificar el ítem de la agenda relacionado con su comentario público, por favor indique en la Línea de Asunto, el cuerpo de la reunión (es decir, la Agenda de la Junta de Supervisores) y el número del ítem (es decir, el Ítem No. 10). Su comentario se colocará en el registro en la reunión de la Junta.

B. puede participar a través de ZOOM. Para participar en ZOOM, únase por audio de computadora en: <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/224397747>

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cuenta que no hay un código de participante, simplemente presionará # nuevamente después de que la grabación le indique.

Se le colocará en la reunión como asistente; cuando esté listo para hacer un comentario público si se le une el audio de la computadora, levante la mano; y por teléfono, presione \* 9 en su teclado.

3. Se le anima a participar a través de Zoom; sin embargo, se necesitarán asientos adicionales con audio de la reunión de la Junta en el Salón Monterey en el segundo piso del Centro de Gobierno del Condado para el desbordamiento.

**NOTE:** All agenda titles related to numbered agenda items are live web links. Click on the title to be directed to the corresponding Board Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public may address comments to the Board concerning each agenda item. The timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

**Please refer to the separate agenda for the Board of Supervisors**

Pursuant to Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-29-20, some or all Supervisors may participate in the meeting by telephone or video conference.

**9:00 A.M. - Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

**Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel**

*County Counsel will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may be acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.*

**Closed Session**

1. ~~Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:~~

~~a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:~~

~~(1) *Nacimiento Regional Water Management Advisory Committee v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency, et al.* (San Luis Obispo Superior Court Case No. 19CVP-0010) (REMOVED VIA SUPPLEMENTAL)~~

**Public Comments**

**The Board Recesses for Closed Session Agenda Items**

*Closed Session may be held at the conclusion of the Board's Regular Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting, before or after the scheduled time, announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.*

**10:30 A.M. - Reconvene**

**Roll Call**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Additions and Corrections by Clerk**

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**General Public Comments**

*This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Board on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. Board members may respond briefly to the statement made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for factual information or request staff to report back to the Board at a future meeting.*

**10:30 A.M. - Scheduled Matters**

2. Receive a report from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency regarding the status of the Interlake Tunnel project and schedule.

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[ILT Summary Schedule](#)

**Adjournment**

**Addendum/Supplemental**

3.

**SUPPLEMENTAL**

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# Monterey County

## Item No.1

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
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Legistar File Number: CS 21-040

August 31, 2021

Introduced: 8/17/2021

Current Status: Agenda Ready

Version: 1

Matter Type: Closed Session

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# Monterey County

## Item No.2

### Board Report

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Legistar File Number: WRAG 21-140

August 24, 2021

Introduced: 8/10/2021

Current Status: Scheduled AM

Version: 1

Matter Type: WR General Agenda

Receive a report from the Monterey County Water Resources Agency regarding the status of the Interlake Tunnel project and schedule.

#### RECOMMENDATION:

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

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#### SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

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The California Department of Water Resources grant term has been extended to January 2023 and there is approximately \$2.3M remaining. The tasks to be completed include finalizing the project Environmental Impact Report (EIR), right of way easement acquisitions, permit applications, and the Proposition 218 Engineer's Report. The draft EIR is scheduled to be released in early 2022.

On March 31, 2021, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency ("Agency") filed petitions with the State Water Resources Control Board to facilitate the ILT by improving the overall storage capability of the system while optimizing the use of the Agency's existing surface water rights. State staff has informed the Agency that its attention has been diverted to the current drought conditions, and it did not have an estimate for when the applications would be addressed.

Adjustments have been incorporated in the USGS hydrologic model used to evaluate the project, and modeling support for the EIR work is nearly complete. This modeling work includes:

1. Modeling conditions prior to the Salinas Valley Water Project ("SVWP"). The results show the same magnitude of benefits from the SVWP as those modeled using the SVIGSM (previous model) prior to the construction and operation of the SVWP.
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A presentation of ILT benefits is planned for October 2021 to define the "new water" generated by the project and its estimated cost per acre-foot. A similar item went before the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors on August 16, 2021.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

No other agency was involved in the development of this report.

FINANCING:

There is no impact to existing budget associated with this project update.

Prepared and approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Brent Buche, General Manager (831) 755-4860



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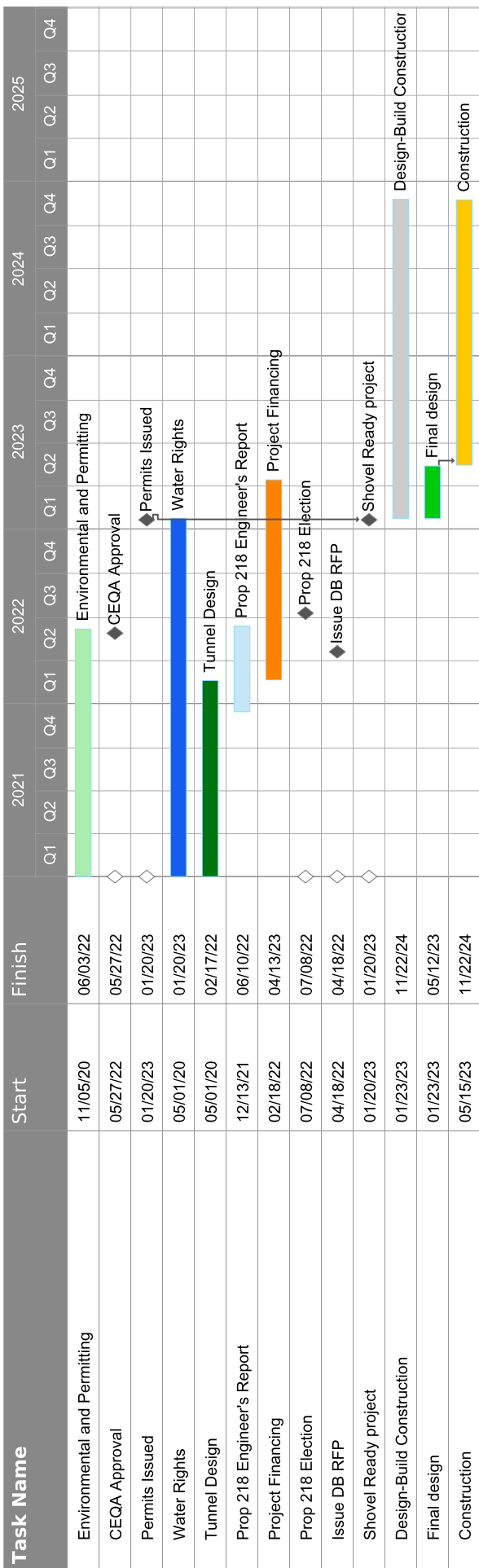
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# ILT Summary Schedule





# Monterey County

## Item No.3

### Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor  
Salinas, CA 93901

Legistar File Number: 21-728

August 24, 2021

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Version: 1

Matter Type: General Agenda Item

#### SUPPLEMENTAL

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