

Monterey County

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



Meeting Agenda - Final

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Tuesday, October 12, 2021

10:30 AM

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

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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.

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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.

10:30 A.M. - Call to Order

Roll Call

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

The Clerk of the Board 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.

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.

Consent Calendar

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Attachments: [Board Report](#)
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 [Resolution](#)

Adjournment



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Item No.1

Board Report

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SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The U.S. Department of the Interior's ("Department") WaterSMART (Sustain and Manage America's Resources for Tomorrow) Program provides a framework for federal leadership and assistance to stretch and secure water supplies for future generations in support of the Department's priorities. Through WaterSMART, the Bureau of Reclamation ("Reclamation") leverages federal and non-federal funding to work cooperatively with states, tribes, and local entities as they plan for and implement actions to increase water supply reliability through investments in existing infrastructure and attention to local water conflicts. The maximum grant award available is \$2,000,000 with a 50% cost-share.

Drought conditions across the West impact a wide range of communities and sectors, including agriculture, cities, tribes, the environment, recreation, hydropower producers, and others. The Western United States is experiencing its worst drought this century-historic in both duration and severity-threatening to kill crops, spark wildfires, and harm public health. As of July 2021, the U.S. Drought Monitor indicates that more than 93% of the land in nine of the Western states is in drought conditions, and nearly 60% of the area is experiencing extreme or exceptional drought. The WaterSMART Drought Response Program supports a proactive approach to drought by providing financial assistance to develop and update comprehensive drought plans ("Drought Contingency Planning") and implement projects that will build long-term resilience to drought ("Drought Resiliency

Projects”).

Monterey County is experiencing a second year of dry and drought conditions and was included in the Governor’s drought declaration in June 2021. These conditions have affected the local water resources with two of the critical reservoirs serving the area at 7 and 12% capacities and groundwater levels in southern Salinas Valley beginning to decline. The lack of water in storage in the reservoirs this year resulted in the curtailment of releases to the groundwater basin in July, two months earlier than normal. Since then, only minimum fisheries releases are being made from the reservoirs. As a result, there is no flow in the Salinas River from near King City to the coast.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”) manages the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (“CSIP”), which is part of a conjunctive use system that delivers a combination of recycled water, Salinas River water, and groundwater to farmers to reduce groundwater extraction within seawater intruded areas of the 180/400-Foot Aquifer Subbasin. CSIP is owned by the MCWRA and is operated by Monterey One Water (“M1W”). Over the 23 years since CSIP was built, the system has already slowed the rate of seawater intrusion, but it is limited by the inability to meet all pressure and flow demands during peak summer irrigation during periods of drought, due to restrictions in capacity along some critical pipeline segments. Groundwater must be pumped to increase pressure at some sites when demand peaks during certain hours and conveyance needs exceed pipeline capacities. The existing infrastructure does not allow for continuous monitoring of “turnouts” (points of use for irrigation), nor for effectively scheduling and managing water deliveries.

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OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

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FINANCING:

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Approved by: _____
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Before the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency

County of Monterey, State of California

BOARD ORDER No. 21-046

CONSIDER RECOMMENDING THAT THE MONTEREY)
COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY BOARD OF)
SUPERVISORS APPROVE A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING)
AND DIRECTING THE GENERAL MANAGER TO APPLY)
FOR GRANT FUNDING FROM THE UNITED STATES)
BUREAU OF RECLAMATION FOR A WATERSMART)
DROUGHT RESPONSE PROGRAM PURSUANT TO THE)
SECURE WATER ACT, OF THE OMNIBUS PUBLIC LAND)
MANAGEMENT ACT OF 2009, AND THE FISH AND)
WILDLIFE COORDINATION ACT, AND TO ENTER INTO)
AN AGREEMENT TO RECEIVE A GRANT TITLED)
"WATERSMART DROUGHT RESPONSE" FOR CSIP)
OPTIMIZATION PROJECTS.)

Upon motion of Director Simis, seconded by Director Smith, and carried by those members present, the Board of Directors hereby:

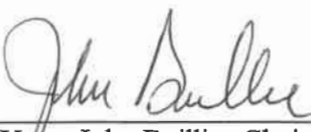
Recommends that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors approve a resolution authorizing and directing the General Manager to apply for grant funding from the United States Bureau of Reclamation for a WaterSMART Drought Response Program pursuant to the Secure Water Act, of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant titled "WaterSMART Drought Response" for CSIP Optimization Projects.


PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 20th day of September 2021 by the following vote, to-wit:

AYES: Directors LeBarre, Gonzalez, Sullivan, Ekelund, Scattini, Smith, Simis and Borzini

NOES: None

ABSENT: Director Baillie


BY: John Baillie, Chair
Board of Directors


ATTEST: Brent Buche
General Manager

**MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Resolution No. 21-_____

Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to:

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WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation (“BOR”) Notice of Funding Opportunity is issued under the authority of Section 9504(a) of the Secure Water Act, Subtitle F of Title IX of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009, Public Law (P.L.) 111-11 (42 United States Code (U.S.C.) 10364), as amended, and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661-666c, as delegated to Reclamation in Departmental Manual 255 DM 1.1B; and

WHEREAS, applicants for grant funding from the 2022 BOR WaterSMART Grant Program are required to adopt a resolution pursuant to the provisions of the grant application and cooperative agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (“MCWRA”) in cooperation with Monterey One Water, currently provides recycled water to approximately 12,000 acres of irrigated agriculture within the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (“CSIP”), through the Monterey County Water Recycling Projects, but the system is constrained and has a need for funding assistance to increase drought resiliency and improve the reliability of water supplies and water management; and

WHEREAS, there are potential projects to optimize the CSIP Distribution System resulting in decreasing the system's need for groundwater during peak hours of demand throughout the year. Optimizing the CSIP system in this way will increase recycled water supply reliability and will help protect drinking water supplies of underrepresented, disadvantaged communities in Castroville and Salinas, which are threatened by seawater intrusion; and

WHEREAS, MCWRA will only enter into a cooperative agreement with the BOR if an award is made. The grant will provide funding assistance for the CSIP Distribution System optimization projects. The proposed projects will allow the MCWRA to increase drought resiliency and improve the reliability of water supplies and water management; and

WHEREAS, the MCWRA General Manager, or designee will conduct all negotiations and execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to, a grant contract and amendments,

and to work with the BOR to meet established deadlines for entering into a cooperative agreement; and

WHEREAS, MCWRA has reviewed and supports the application submitted to the BOR for consideration. MCWRA has confirmed that it has the capability to provide the amount of funding and/or in-kind contributions as specified in the funding plan of the application; and

WHEREAS, an application is due to the BOR on October 5, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency does hereby:

1. Find the foregoing recitals are true and correct.
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PASSED AND ADOPTED upon motion of Supervisor _____, seconded by Supervisor _____, and carried this _____ day of _____, 2021, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

I, Valerie Ralph Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book___ for the meeting on _____.

Dated:

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the
Monterey County Water Resources Agency

By _____,
Deputy