



WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

Monterey County

DATE: March 3, 2026

TO: Planning Committee

FROM: Ara Azhderian, General Manager

SUBJECT: Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework:

In December 2025, the Tri Counties Club sent a letter requesting the Agency consider "... adoption of a clear, uniform transitional compliance framework ..." for enforcement of the Agency's boat dock Licensing Conditions as established by Ordinance 4065, and, generally, Section 7 (b). In response, in January, the Agency's Board of Directors (Agenda Item 13) established an ad-hoc committee to 1) address concerns raised by the Club regarding the timing of Agency enforcement of boat dock program compliance actions and requesting a 2 – 3 year timeframe for transitional compliance, and 2) to consider what other issues warrant reconsideration by the Agency in the context of a potentially more comprehensive revision to the boat dock program and standards.

Subsequently, the ad-hoc committee met to discuss the Club's December letter and to review the Agency's 2025 Boat Dock Survey: Data Collection and Findings. After discussion, the committee concluded: 1) send the Club a response explaining, in response to their request, the Agency intends to take a step back to reconsider current boat dock standards and during this time of reconsideration will not be looking to demand major structural changes of boat docks to enforce existing standards, but will continue to enforce operating requirements such as payment of annual license fees, insurance, and minor physical compliance requirements such as appropriate anchorage and visible dock numbers; 2) from the directed letter, the Agency will send a more general notice to all boat dock licensees informing them of impending reconsideration and of possible changes to program standards, and 3) staff would review the 2025 report and establish a list of priorities for future discussion.

Attachments:

- February 23, 2026, Agency Response to Tri Counties Club December Request
- December 19, 2025, Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework
- October 2025 Boat Dock Survey: Data Collection and Findings