

# County of Monterey

*Schilling Government Center  
1441 Schilling Place  
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## Meeting Minutes

Friday, April 3, 2026

9:00 AM

Saffron Conference Room

**Finance and Administration Committee**

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**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

Mark Gonzalez, Chair  
John Baillie, Vice Chair  
Matt Simis  
Mike LeBarre

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Antes de la reunión por correo electrónico: Los comentarios escritos pueden enviarse por correo electrónico hasta las 5:00 p. m. del martes previo a la reunión del Comité a: WRAPubliccomment@countyofmonterey.gov

Por favor, indique el nombre del Comité, la fecha de la reunión y el número del punto de la agenda en el asunto del correo electrónico. Los comentarios recibidos antes de la fecha límite serán distribuidos al Comité y archivados como parte del registro oficial.

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El/la Secretario/a del Comité llamará a los oradores por nombre y activará sus micrófonos. Cada persona tendrá 3 minutos para presentar sus comentarios. Tenga en cuenta que el tiempo permitido para quienes ya hayan presentado comentarios por escrito puede ser reducido.

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El Presidente y/o el Secretario podrán establecer reglas razonables según sea necesario para conducir la reunión de manera ordenada.

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

### Roll Call

Present: Mark Gonzalez, John Baillie, Matt Simis, Mike LeBarre

### Public Comments

None.

### Committee Member Comments

None.

### Consent Calendar

Upon the motion made by John Baillie, seconded by Matt Simis the committee approved the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Mark, Gonzalez, John Baillie, Mark LeBarre, Matt Simis

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

1. Approve the Action Minutes of the Finance and Administration Meeting held on March 6, 2026.

**Attachments:**     [Draft Meeting Minutes March 6 2026](#)

**Scheduled Items**

3. Consider recommending a proposed change to the FY27 Recommended Budget for the CSIP Replacement well and provide direction to staff. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

**Attachments:**     [MEMO: FY27 Budget Alteration Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project \(CSIP\) Replacement Well 11B02](#)

**Upon the motion made by Mike LeBarre, seconded by Matt Simis the committee approved the recommendation of approval to enter into Agreements to Convey Ownership of Monitoring Wells.**

**Ayes: Mark, Gonzalez, Mark LeBarre, Matt Simis**

**Noes: John Baillie**

**Absent: None**

**Abstained: None**

**Committee Member Comments: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez**

**Staff Comments: Ara Azhderian, Shaunna Murray, Nan Kim**

**Public Comments: None**

2. Consider recommending that the Board of Directors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County:
- a. Approve and authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to accept donation of monitoring wells ES-1A valued at \$350,806; ES-1B valued at \$152,388; ES-1C valued at \$92,109; ES-ISW-1 valued at \$38,110; F-DA-1 valued at \$350,806; F-ISW-1 valued at \$74,528; F-ISW-2 valued at \$42,133; F-ISW-3 valued at \$43,133; L-GWL-1 valued at \$67,244; L-GWL-4 valued at \$127,272; UV-GWL-2 valued at \$200,109; UV-GWL-3 valued at \$149,877; and UV-ISW-2 valued at \$43,133 from the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency;
  - b. Authorize the General Manager of the Water Resources Agency to enter into Agreements to Convey Ownership in Monitoring Wells ES-1A, ES-1B, ES-1C, ES-ISW-1, F-DA-1, F-ISW-1, F-ISW-2, F-ISW-3, L-GWL-1, L-GWL4, UV-GWL-2, UV-GWL-3, and UV-ISW-2; and
  - c. Authorize the Water Resources Agency to use monitoring wells ES-1A, ES-1B, ES-1C, ES-ISW-1, F-DA-1, F-ISW-1, F-ISW-2, F-ISW-3, L-GWL-1, L-GWL-4, UV-GWL-2, UV-GWL-3, and UV-ISW-2 for implementation of its Groundwater Monitoring Program.  
(Staff Presenting: Amy Woodrow)

**Attachments:**     [Board Report](#)  
[General Well Location Map](#)  
[Individual Well Location Maps](#)  
[Well Completion Reports](#)  
[Agreements to Convey Ownership](#)  
[Board Orders for WRAG 24-135 and WRAG 25-070](#)

Upon the motion made by Mike LeBarre, seconded by Matt Simis the committee approved the recommendation of a proposed change to the FY27 Recommended Budget for the CSIP Replacement.

**Ayes:** Mark, Gonzalez, Mark LeBarre, Matt Simis

**Noes:** John Baillie

**Absent:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis

**Staff Comments:** Ara Azhderian, Nan Kim

**Public Comments:** Doug Scattini, Ryan Kelly, Christopher Bunn written comment

4. Consider recommending the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors to the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County:
- a. Approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 2.5% to the assessment charges of Zones 1, 1A, 2B, 2C, 2Z, 8, 9, 12, and 17; and
  - b. Adopt a resolution approving the FY27 Zone 2B Water Delivery charge of \$100.24 per acre-foot of water delivered for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and the Salinas Valley Reclamation Project (SVRP); and
  - c. Adopt a resolution approving the FY27 Zone 2B Water Service Charge of \$113.57 per acre-foot of water delivered for the Salinas River Diversion Facility (SRDF); and
  - d. Set and hold a public hearing at 10:30 AM on May 19, 2026, to consider approving and adopting the assessment rate and charges; and
  - e. 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.

(Staff Presenting: Nan Kim)

**Attachments:** [Board Report](#)  
[Summary FY2027 WRA Assessment Charges & Fees](#)  
[Notices of Public Hearing for Flood Zones](#)  
[Notices of Public Hearing for Zone 2C](#)  
[Notices of Public Hearing for Zones 2B, 2Y, 2Z WDF](#)  
[FY27 WRA Rates Presentation](#)

Upon the motion made by Mike LeBarre, seconded by Matt Simis the committee approved the recommendation for the increase in delivery charges.

**Ayes:** Mark, Gonzalez, Mark LeBarre, Matt Simis

**Noes:** John Baillie

**Absent:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Mike LeBarre

**Staff Comments:** Nan Kim

**Public Comments:** Doug Scattini

5. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County to adopt a resolution approving the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2026-27 (FY27) Recommended Budget.  
(Staff Presenting: Nan Kim)

**Attachments:**    [Boart Report](#)  
                          [MCWRA FY2026/27 Recommended Budget Book](#)  
                          [Draft Board of Supervisor Budget Hearing Notice](#)  
                          [Resolution](#)  
                          [FY27 Budget Presentation](#)

Upon the motion made by John Baillie, seconded by Mike LeBarre the committee approved the recommendation to approve the Monterey County Water Resources Agency FY 2026-27 Recommended Budget.

**Ayes:** Mark, Gonzalez, John Baillie, Mark LeBarre, Matt Simis  
**Noes:** None  
**Absent:** None  
**Abstained:** None

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Mike LeBarre  
**Staff Comments:** None  
**Public Comments:** None

**Staff Reports**

6. Personnel Update (Staff Presenting: Jessell Fenley)

**Committee Member Comments:** Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez  
**Staff Comments:** Nan Kim  
**Public Comments:** None

7. Provide a Legislative and Regulatory Activities Update. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)  
a. Final AB2180 Assm. Local Gov Coalition Letter 03-11-2026  
b. ACWA Fact Sheet AB2180 Clarify Proportional Water Rates

**Attachments:**    [MEMO: Legislative and Regulatory Activities](#)  
                          [Final AB 2180 Assm. Local Gov Coalition Letter 03-11-26](#)  
                          [ACWA Fact Sheet: AB2180 Clarify Porportional Water Rates](#)

8. Monterey One Water Financial Reports through January 2026. (Staff Presenting: Nan Kim)

**Attachments:**    [M1W Expenditures Report Jan 2026](#)

**Committee Member Comments:** John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre  
**Staff Comments:** Nan Kim, Shaunna Murray  
**Public Comments:** None

**Calendar**

9. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.