

County of Monterey

Cayenne Room
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas Ca. 93901



Meeting Minutes - Final **CAYENNE CONFERENCE ROOM**

Monday, March 16, 2026

12:30 PM

1441 Schilling Place, 1st Floor Salinas Ca. 93901

Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

Matt Simis – Chair

Jason Smith – Vice-Chair

Mike LeBarre

Mark Gonzalez

Deidre Sullivan

Ken Ekelund

Mike Scattini

John Baillie

Jon Conatser

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Call to Order at 12:30 P.M.

The Meeting was called to order at 1:00pm (due to tech issues recording started at 1:10pm) after Budget Workshop Meeting concluded.

Roll Call

Present: Matt Simis, Jason Smith, Mark Gonzalez, Jon Conatser, Mike LeBarre, Ken Ekelund Mike Scattini

Absent: John Baillie, Deidre Sullivan

Pledge of Allegiance

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.

No Corrections

Public Comment

None

Presentations

1. Overview of the December 2025 Strategic Plan Update Workshop and Final Report. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

Director Comments: Matt Simis, Mike LeBarre

Public Comments: None

2. Receive an update on staff's participation in the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency's Advisory Committee. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

Director Comments: Ken Ekelund, Matt Simis, Mike Scattini, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez.

Public Comments: Thomas Virsik (via Zoom)

3. Review of Board of Directors Roles and Responsibilities. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Director Comments: Matt Simis, Jason Smith

Public Comments: None

Consent Calendar

4. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 17, 2026.

Upon Motion by Director Mark Gonzalez, Second by Jason Smith the Board of Directors approved the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Jason Smith, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Jon Conatser, Mike Scattini, Ken Ekelund, Mike LeBarre

Noes: None

Absent: Deidre Sullivan, John Baillie

Abstained: None

Recused: None

Director Comments: None

Public Comments: None

5. Approve Amendment No.1 to the Agreement for Services with Pacific Coast Well Drilling, Inc. DBA Precision Hydro for Well Repair Services for CSIP Well 10H01, to add to the Scope of Work and, to add a dollar increase of \$95,000 for a total contract amount not to exceed \$191,770; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 1.
6. Approve Amendment No. 2 to the Agreement for Services with Pilot Sandblasting and Coatings, Inc. for sandblasting and coating services for Agency facilities, to add a dollar increase of \$150,000 for a

total contract amount not to exceed \$390,000; and authorize the General Manager to execute Amendment No. 2.

Key Information and Calendar of Events

Director Comments: None

Public Comments: None

7. March 2026 and April 2026 Calendars

General Manager's Report

Director Comments: None

Public Comments: None

8.
 1. Personnel
 2. Groundwater Monitoring Program
 3. Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework
 4. Town Creek Association Request to Construct a Boat Ramp on Agency Property
 5. Dam Safety & Operations Future Funding Strategy

Committee Reports

Director Comments: Ken Ekelund, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez

Public Comments: None

9. Committee Agenda's for February 2026 and March 2026:
 - Joint Water Resources/Board of Supervisors Leadership Committee Rescheduled Notice
 - Water Resources Agency Water Resources Advisory Committee Agenda
 - Water Resources Agency Planning Committee Meeting Agenda
 - Water Resources Agency Finance & Administration Committee Meeting Agenda

Information Items

Director Comments: None

Public Comments: None

10. Reservoir and Storage Release Update. (Staff: Joseph Klein)
11. Water Year 2026 Quarter one Salinas Valley Water Conditions Report. (Staff: Amanda Cusenza, Guillermo Diaz-Moreno, Amy Woodrow)

Correspondence

Director Comments: None

Public Comments: None

12.
 1. Correspondence dated February 27, 2026, to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Board of Directors, Monterey County Water Resources, from Thomas Adcock, President Alco Water Service re: Notice of Preparation of Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan - 2025 Update.

Board of Directors Comments

Jason Smith, Mark Gonzalez

Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 2:46