

County of Monterey

*Schilling Government Center
1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901*



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

10:00 AM

**Saffron Conference Room
1441 Schilling Place, Salinas, CA 93901**

Water Resources Agency Planning Committee

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Ken Ekelund, Chair

Deidre Sullivan, Vice Chair

Matt Simis

Mark Gonzalez

How to participate in this meeting: In-Person at the address listed above.

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Comentarios del público: Las siguientes opciones están disponibles para cualquier miembro del público que

participe de forma virtual o en persona y desee hacer comentarios ante el Comité Asesor de Recursos Hídricos.

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.

Durante la reunión mediante comentarios orales: Cuando el Presidente solicite comentarios del público, los asistentes pueden hacer fila para hablar levantando la mano en persona. En la aplicación de Zoom, haga clic en el botón "Levantar la mano". Por teléfono, presione *9.

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.

Las personas con discapacidades que deseen solicitar una adaptación o modificación razonable para observar o participar en la reunión pueden hacerlo enviando un correo electrónico a:

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La solicitud debe realizarse a más tardar al mediodía del martes previo a la reunión del Comité, para permitir que la Agencia tenga tiempo de atender la solicitud.

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 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call

Present: Ken Ekelund, Deidre Sullivan, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez

Public Comment

None.

Committee Member Comments

None.

Consent Calendar

Upon the motion made by Matt Simis, seconded by Mark Gonzalez the committee approved the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Ken Ekelund, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain Deidre Sullivan

1. Approved the Action Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on April 1, 2026.

Attachments: [Draft Meeting Minutes April 1, 2026](#)

Staff Reports

2. Overview of the Outreach and Development of the 2026 Updated Strategic Plan. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Strategic Plan Update May 2026](#)

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund

Staff Comments: Shaunna Murray

Public Comments: None

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

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez

Staff Comments: Shaunna Murray

Public Comments: Patrick Breen, Bill Lipe, Christoher Bunn, Nancy Isakson

4. Receive an update on the new Grazing Lease Cycle for November 2026. (Staff: Jessell Fenley)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund, Deidre Sullivan, Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simis,

Staff Comments: Jessell Fenley, Jason Demers, Mallory Roberts

Public Comments: None

Scheduled Items

5. Annual General Manager Performance Evaluation Process. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Annual General Manager Performance Evaluation Process](#)

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund, Deidre Sullivan, Mark Gonzalez

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Calendar

6. Set the next meeting date and discuss future agenda items.
Next scheduled meeting is set for June 3, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:14 a.m.