



County of Monterey

Item No.

Board Report

Board of Supervisors
Chambers
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Adopt a resolution to nominate Monterey County Water Resource Agency Deputy General Manager Shaunna Murray to the Advisory Committee of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Supervisors:

Adopt a resolution to nominate Monterey County Water Resource Agency Deputy General Manager Shaunna Murray to the Advisory Committee of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) is accepting applications for its Advisory Committee. The SVBGSA is a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) governed by an 11-member Board of Directors. The Advisory Committee's purpose is to provide input and recommendations to the Board on groundwater-related issues. The Advisory Committee considers and incorporates community and stakeholder views into consensus recommendations, with a focus on implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) in the Salinas Valley through the integrated implementation of the six Groundwater Sustainability Plans.

The Advisory Committee members represent the diverse interests of the agencies and groundwater users in the SVBGSA's jurisdiction. This includes designated seats from four partner agencies (Monterey County Water Resources Agency, Arroyo Seco Groundwater Sustainability Agency, Marina Coast Water District Groundwater Sustainability Agency, and Monterey One Water) which need to be nominated from their respective governing bodies. The SVBGSA Board will appoint six Subbasin Committee nominations, four Partner Agency nominations, and up to three of the Board-Designated applicants all together at the September 11, 2025 regular meeting, per the charter and bylaws (attachment 1). The newly seated Advisory Committee members will meet for the first time at the October 16 regular meeting. The term is for three years.

The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) recommends nominating Shaunna Murray, Deputy General Manager, to the SVBGSA's Advisory Committee. Ms. Murray has extensive knowledge and experience in the management of water resources regionally. She also has been an effective participant in numerous committees and other collaborative settings. This combination of skills makes her a good candidate to represent the Agency on this important committee.

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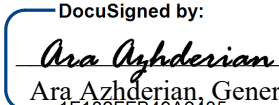
OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency

FINANCING:

Staff participation on the SVBGSA's Advisory Committee can be covered with the existing staffing appropriations included in the FY2025-26 Adopted Budget and will not require any additional funding needs.

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Attachments:

1. SVBGSA Advisory Committee Charter and Bylaws
2. Resolution