

County of Monterey

*Government Center - Board Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, CA 93901*



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

9:00 AM

Board of Supervisors

*Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez - District 3
Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew - District 4
Supervisor Kate Daniels- District 5
Supervisor Luis A. Alejo - District 1
Supervisor Glenn Church - District 2*

9:00 A.M. - Called to Order

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Supervisor Wendy Root Askew.

Roll Called

Present: 3 - Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Kate Daniels

Absent Arriving at 12:00 p.m.: 1 - Supervisor Chris Lopez

Absent Arriving Shortly: 1 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo arrived at 9:06 a.m.

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Additions and Corrections for Closed Session by County Counsel

There were no additions and corrections for closed session.

Closed Session

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
 - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(e)(3), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding liability claims against the County of Monterey.
 - (1) Estate of Victor Guido Castro
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:
 - (1) Candice McGregor (Workers' Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ10735795)
 - (2) Candice McGregor (Workers' Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ11748309)
 - (3) Candice McGregor (Workers' Compensation Appeals Board No. ADJ14359063)
 - c. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(a), the Board will confer with County Counsel regarding matters posing a threat to the security of public buildings, essential public services, or the public's right of access to public services or facilities.
 - d. Pursuant to Government Code section 54957(b)(1), the Board will confer regarding recruitment/appointment for the position of Treasurer-Tax Collector.

Public Comments for Closed Session

Open for public comments; no comments made.

The Board Recessed for Closed Session Agenda Items**10:30 A.M. - Reconvened on Public Agenda Items****Roll Called**

Present: 4 - Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Kate Daniels

Absent Arriving at 12:00 p.m.: 1 - Supervisor Chris Lopez

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Announcement of Interpreter

Jordi Vidales, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance was led by Roderick Franks, Director of Social Services.

Additions and Corrections by Clerk

There were no additions and corrections to the agenda.

Ceremonial Resolutions

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Kate Daniels to approve Item Number 2.

ALL AYES (4-0)

Supervisor Lopez absent

2. Adopt a resolution proclaiming October 2025 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month in the County of Monterey. (Supervisor Lopez)

Adopted Resolution No. 25-383

Appointments

Open for public comments; no comments made.

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew commented on Item No. 6.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to

reappoint/appoint Item Numbers 3 and 6.

ALL AYES (4-0)

Supervisor Lopez absent

3. Reappoint Allen Radner to the Santa Cruz - Monterey - Merced - San Benito - Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission representing District 5 as an At Large Member with a term end date of October 31, 2029 (Nominated by Santa Cruz - Monterey - Merced - San Benito - Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission)

Reappointed

4. Reappoint Maximiliano Cuevas to the Santa Cruz - Monterey - Merced - San Benito - Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission representing District 4 as a Health Care Provider Representative with a term end date of October 31, 2029 (Nominated by Santa Cruz - Monterey - Merced - San Benito - Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission)

Reappointed

5. Reappoint Elsa Mendoza Jimenez to the Santa Cruz - Monterey - Merced - San Benito - Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission as the Director of the County Health Department Representative with a term end date of October 31, 2029 (Nominated by Santa Cruz - Monterey - Merced - San Benito - Mariposa Managed Medical Care Commission)

Reappointed

6. Appoint Ella Nicolas to the Behavioral Health Commission representing District 4 as a Youth-Appointee 18 years of age or younger representative with a term end date of December 31, 2025 (District Specific - District 4, Supervisor Root Askew)

Appointed

Approval of Consent Calendar – (See Supplemental Sheet)

7. See Supplemental Sheet

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Glenn Church, seconded by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo to approve Consent Item Numbers 16 through 32.

ALL AYES (4-0)

Supervisor Lopez absent

General Public Comments

8. General Public Comments

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; Karen Cameron, Eloise Shim, Lisa Lewis, Gary Curisuo, Jonathan Damon and Wes White commented.

Supervisor Chris Lopez arrived at 10:50 a.m.

Scheduled Matters

9. Nominate one member of the Board of Supervisors to serve on the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Board of Directors, and one member of the Board of Supervisors to serve as alternate, for a one-year term of office commencing on December 1, 2025.

Karina Bokanovich, Management Analyst III from the County Administrative Office verbally presented.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, seconded by Supervisor Chris Lopez to:

- a. Appoint Supervisor Luis A. Alejo as one member of the Board of Supervisors to serve on the California State Associations (CSAC) Board of Directors, and Supervisor Wendy Root Askew as one member of the Board of Supervisors to serve as an alternate, for a one-year term of office commencing on December 1, 2025; and,
- b. Direct staff to update the Board, Committees, and Commissions appointments list accordingly.

ALL AYES

12:00 P.M. - Recessed to Lunch at 11:14 a.m.

Roll Called

Present: 5 - Supervisor Chris Lopez, Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, Supervisor Glenn Church and Supervisor Kate Daniels

Staff Present

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer, Susan Blitch, County Counsel and Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board were present.

Announcement of Interpreter

Jordi Vidales, Spanish Interpreter present and announced Spanish interpreter services.

General Public Comments called for again due to Clerk inadvertence in not resetting the timer to two (2) minutes for public comments:

Open for general public comments for items not on the agenda today; Wes White commented.

Scheduled Matters

10. **PLN230350 - MR ARTEMIS LLC**

Public hearing to consider construction of a 622 square foot detached Accessory Dwelling Unit, a 253 square foot detached trellis with associated site improvements, and an amendment to a Conservation

and Scenic Easement Map for the Mr. Artemis LLC property.

Project Location: 30860 Aurora Del Mar, Carmel, Big Sur Coast Land Use Plan

Proposed CEQA action: Find the project Categorically Exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15303 and 15317, and there are no exceptions pursuant to Guidelines section 15300.2.

Public hearing held.

Joseph Alameda, Associate Planner from Housing and Community Development presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Panzer, on behalf of the Applicant, presented.

Open for public comments; no comments made.

A motion was made by Supervisor Kate Daniels, seconded by Supervisor Wendy Root Askew to Adopt a Resolution to:

1. Find that the project qualifies as a Class 3 and Class 17 Categorical Exemption pursuant to CEQA Guidelines sections 15303 and 15317, and there are no exceptions pursuant to section 15300.2; and
2. Approve a Combined Development Permit consisting of:
 - a) A Coastal Administrative Permit and Design Approval for the construction of a new 622 square foot accessory dwelling unit attached by a 253 square foot trellis and associated site improvement; and
 - b) A Coastal Administrative Permit to allow development within 750 feet of known archaeological resources; and
3. Approve and accept an amended Conservation and Scenic Easement Deed changing the boundaries of the easement at 30860 Aurora Del Mar, Carmel (APN: 243-351-002-000) to accommodate the construction of an Accessory Dwelling Unit;
4. Authorize the Chair to execute the amended Conservation and Scenic Easement Deed; and
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board to submit the amended Conservation and Scenic Easement Deed to the County Recorder for filing with all recording fees to be paid by the applicant.

The attached draft resolution includes findings and evidence for consideration (Attachment A).

ALL AYES

11. Receive a status report on the County of Monterey Health Services Campus Master Plan Project - Phase I and provide direction to staff.

Elsa Jimenez, Director of Health Services, Melanie Rhodes, Bureau Chief, Fabricio Chombo, Assistant Bureau Chief and Nick Cronkhite, Finance Manager II from the Health Department along with Luis Ochoa, Capital Improvement Manager from the Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Georgia Sapiens, Dolores Valterben, Nina Perez, gentleman (no name provided), Jennie Clayton and Susan Schiavone commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

Received a status report on the County of Monterey Health Services Campus Master Plan Project Phase I at 1443 Constitution Blvd. in Salinas, California and provided direction to staff as stated for the record.

12. **REF220020 - GENERAL PLAN HOUSING ELEMENT SIXTH CYCLE UPDATE**

- a. Receive a status report of the draft Sixth Cycle Housing Element; and
- b. Provide direction to staff

Project Location: Unincorporated County of Monterey

Proposed CEQA Action: Statutory exemption pursuant to Section 15262 of the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") Guidelines. A Programmatic Environmental Impact Report ("PEIR") is being prepared for the Housing Element update and will be considered prior to taking any final action on the Housing Element.

Craig Spencer, Director, Melanie Beretti, Chief of Planning and Sara Wikle, Principle Planner from Housing and Community Development presented via PowerPoint presentation.

Open for public comments; Terry Powell, Colette McMannuson, Lori Fowler, Henry Brown, Sandra (last name inaudible), Steven Teror, Patrick Orozco, Susan Schiavone, Hansen Reed, Andy Hawryluk, Bob Behl, Karla Lobo, Nina Beety, Dianne N. and Michael Hoppe commented.

Upon consensus the Board:

- a. Received a status update on the draft Sixth Cycle Housing Element Update; and
- b. Provided direction to staff as stated for the record.

Other Board Matters

Referral Matrix and New Referrals

13. Referral Matrix and New Referrals

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer shared there was one new referral this week:

Date: 10/22/2025 Submitted By: Supervisor Glenn Church District #: 2

Referral Title: Urgency ordinance adopting a moratorium on Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities in unincorporated Monterey County while regulations for BESS operations are developed.

County Administrative Officer Comments

14. County Administrative Officer Comments

Sonia De La Rosa, County Administrative Officer's comments can be heard by clicking this link:

https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5943?meta_id=934940

Board Comments

15. Board Comments

Board comments can be heard by clicking the following link:

https://monterey.granicus.com/player/clip/5943?meta_id=934943

Read Out from Closed Session by County Counsel

There was no reportable action from closed session.

Adjourned In Memory of Eddie Barragan (Supervisor Lopez)

The meeting was Adjourned in Memory of Eddie Barragan at 5:31 p.m. by Chair Supervisor Chris Lopez.

APPROVED:

____/s/ Chris Lopez_____
CHRIS LOPEZ, CHAIR

ATTEST:

BY: ____/s/ Valerie Ralph_____

VALERIE RALPH

CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED ON: , 2025

Supplemental Sheet, Consent Calendar**Health Department**

16. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a retroactive Amendment No. 2 to extend the term to Agreement No. A-15987 for the use of the Hitchcock Road Animal Services (HRAS) and the provision of other animal services between HRAS and the City of Marina (City), for a term effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to two (2) future amendments to this Agreement where the amendments do not significantly change the scope of work.

Approved

17. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a retroactive, standard Mental Health Services Agreement for the term beginning March 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026 with Partners for Peace for the provision of mental health education, service referrals and support for youth and their parents in the amount of \$266,256 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024-2025 and \$766,008 for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-2026 for a total agreement amount not to exceed \$1,032,264; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute up to three (3) future amendments that do not exceed 10% (\$103,226) of the original agreement amount, do not significantly change the scope of services, and do not increase the total not to exceed amount over \$1,135,490.

Approved

18. a. Approve and authorize the Contract Purchasing Officer or designee to execute Amendment No.1 to Agreement No. A-17149 with LongView International Technology Solutions, Inc. dba LTS, Inc. for fully automated self-service healthcare kiosks, designed to provide direct and discrete access to a full range diagnostic tests and health products as directed by the County (Narcan dispensary), adding \$395,250 for a new total agreement amount of \$502,200, and extending the term an additional three years for a new agreement term of December 13, 2024 through October 21, 2029; and
- b. Approve and authorize the Contracts and Purchasing Officer or designee to approve two (2) future Amendments that do not exceed 10% (\$10,695) of the original Agreement amount, do not significantly alter the scope of services, and do not exceed the maximum amount of \$512,895.

Approved

19. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with City of Soledad, authorizing the installation of one (1) naloxone and fentanyl test strip vending machine at the City of Soledad Fire Station, for a term effective upon execution through October 31, 2029, with no fiscal provisions; and
- b. Approve the recommendation of Director of Health Services to accept all non-standard provisions in Agreement.

Approved

20. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with North County Recreation and Park District in Castroville, authorizing the installation of one (1) naloxone and fentanyl test strip vending machine at North County Recreation and Park District, for a term effective upon execution through October 31, 2029, with no fiscal provisions; and
- b. Approve the recommendation of Director of Health Services to accept all non-standard provisions in Agreement.

Approved

21. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a no-cost Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Monterey Peninsula College (MPC), authorizing the installation of one (1) naloxone and fentanyl test strip vending machine at the Student Center at MPC for a term effective upon execution through October 31, 2029, with no fiscal provisions; and
- b. Approve the recommendation of Director of Health Services to accept all non-standard provisions in Agreement.

Approved

22. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a retroactive Mental Health Services Agreement with Seneca Family of Agencies for a term of August 18, 2025 to February 18, 2026, to start up and operate a four bed Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU) and a four-bed short-term crisis residential treatment program for a total Agreement amount not to exceed \$4,293,864; and
- b. Authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to approve up to three (3) future amendments that do not exceed 10% (\$429,384) of the original Agreement amount, do not significantly change the scope of services, and do not increase the total not to exceed amount over \$4,723,250.

Approved

23. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas and the County of Monterey, on behalf of the County of Monterey Health Department, Behavioral Health Bureau for the purpose of referral to behavioral health services for Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas patients for a term of November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028, with no exchange of funds;
- b. Continue to accept non-standard indemnity and insurance risk provisions as recommended by the Director of Health Services; and
- c. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to approve up to three (3) future amendments that do not involve the addition of funds or significantly alter the scope of services.

Approved

24. a. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee, the District Attorney, and the Chief Executive Officer for Natividad Medical Center to execute Amendment No. 1 to Memorandum

of Understanding A-16089 between the County of Monterey and the Sexual Assault Response Team (SART) Steering Committee for the purpose of providing a coordinated community response to the needs of survivors of sexual assault, extending the term for three (3) additional years, for an aggregate term of November 1, 2022 through October 31, 2028, and increasing the funds received by \$120,000 for a total aggregated amount received not to exceed \$280,000; and

b. Approve and authorize the Director of Health Services or designee to sign up to three (3) future amendments where the combined amendments do not exceed 10% (\$28,000) of the original amount and do not significantly change the scope, with the total not to exceed a maximum of \$308,000.

Approved

Department of Social Services

25. a. Adopt a resolution to approve and adopt a tentative agreement between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Local 2015, representing the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Providers, and the IHSS Public Authority effective upon Board approval through August 31, 2028; and
- b. Approve and authorize the CAO-Budget Office to incorporate the increase of County General Fund Contributions (GFC) in FY 2026-27, FY 2027-28 into Social Services 001-5010-SOC001-8254 GFC Base as identified in the Finance Section below.

Adopted

Criminal Justice

26. Adopt a resolution requiring the Superior Court of Monterey County to impose an assessment of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) upon every person who violates the provisions enumerated in Penal Code §853.7a

Adopted

General Government

27. a. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer, or designee to execute Amendment No. 3 to Agreement No. A-17195 with the City of King ("King City") for the provision of interim sheltering to the former occupants of the Salinas River encampment near King City where the amendment increases the Agreement amount by \$148,255 for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$1,009,255 with no change to the existing term of July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2026; and
- b. Approve and authorize the County Administrative Officer or designee, to execute an additional two (2) future amendments that do not exceed 10% (\$100,925) of the Agreement amount that does not significantly alter the scope of services subject to approval by the Office of the County Counsel.

Approved

28. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Monterey County Patrol Association

(COMPA), Units AOS and BOSS for the period February 1, 2025, through June 30, 2027.

Approved

- 29.** Approve the County of Monterey Board of Supervisors Draft Action Meeting Minutes for the following meeting date: Tuesday, September 23, 2025, Tuesday, September 30, 2025, Tuesday, October 14, 2025, and Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Approved

Housing and Community Development

- 30.** a. Approve a Funding Agreement with Carmel 1 Inv, LLC (PLN240105), to fund the preparation of an environmental evaluation through an Initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration and associated fees where the Base Budget is \$149,273, the County Project Management/Contract Administration Fee is \$22,391 (15% of the Base Budget), and the Project Contingency is \$22,391 (15% of the Base Budget) for a not to exceed amount of \$194,055 and a term from execution to December 31, 2025; and
- b. Authorize the Director of Housing and Community Development or designee to execute the Funding Agreement, Professional Services Agreement with Rincon Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$171,664, and future amendments to the Agreements where the amendments do not significantly alter the scope of work and do not increase the Agreements' amounts of \$194,055 and \$171,664, by more than 10% (\$19,406 and \$17,167, respectively).

Approved

Public Works, Facilities and Parks

- 31.** a. Approve and authorize the Chief Contracts and Procurement Officer or designee to execute retroactive Amendment No. 1 to Standard Agreement No. A-16101 between the County of Monterey and Val's Plumbing & Heating, Inc., to increase the not to exceed amount by \$150,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$300,000, extend the term two years for a revised Agreement term of October 25, 2022 through October 24, 2027 and incorporate new Standard Agreement provisions regarding payment conditions, insurance requirements and format of deliverables;
- b. Approve and authorize the Chief Contracts and Procurement Officer or designee to execute retroactive Amendment No. 2 to Standard Agreement No. A-16099 between the County of Monterey and ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc., dba Geo H. Wilson Mechanical Contractors, to increase the not to exceed amount by \$100,000 for a total not to exceed amount of \$265,000 with no extension of the Agreement term of October 25, 2022 through October 24, 2027;
- c. Authorize the Chief Contracts and Procurement Officer or designee to execute retroactive Amendment No. 1 to Standard Agreement No. A-16101 between the County of Monterey and Val's Plumbing & Heating, Inc., and up to two future amendments where the amendments do not significantly alter the scope of work of the Agreement and where the additional costs of the Amendments in aggregate do not exceed 10% (\$15,000) of the original contract amount of \$150,000, bringing the potential overall Agreement aggregate not to exceed amount to \$315,000 even if no additional Amendments are entered into, subject to prior review and approval as to form by the Office of the

County Counsel-Risk Management, and review of fiscal provisions by the Auditor Controller's Office;

d. Authorize the Chief Contracts and Procurement Officer or designee to execute retroactive Amendment No. 2 to Standard Agreement No. A-16099 between the County of Monterey and ACCO Engineered Systems, Inc. dba Geo H. Wilson Mechanical Contractors, and two future amendments where the amendments do not significantly alter the scope of work of the Agreement and where the additional costs of the Amendments in aggregate do not exceed 10% (\$15,000) of the original contract amount of \$150,000, bringing the potential overall Agreement aggregate not to exceed amount to \$280,000 even if no additional Amendments are entered into, subject to prior review and approval as to form by the Office of the County Counsel-Risk Management, and review of fiscal provisions by the Auditor Controller's Office.

Approved

- 32.** a. Approve Standard Agreements with Cal-West Lighting & Signal Maintenance, Inc. and Bear Electrical Solutions, LLC by LLC Manager, MWE, Buyer, Inc. to provide traffic signal and lighting maintenance and on-call repair services at various locations within the County of Monterey, Request for Proposals #10915, for an initial term of three years, effective November 1, 2025 through October 31, 2028, with the option to extend the Agreement for up to two additional years, for an amount not to exceed \$500,000 for each Agreement; and
- b. Authorize the Chief Contracts and Procurement Officer or their designee to execute said Standard Agreements and future amendments to the Agreements where the amendments do not significantly alter the scope of work or change the approved Agreement amount for each Agreement.

Approved

Please refer to the Board Orders for the approved and adopted Agreement, Resolution and Ordinance numbers.

Addenda/Supplemental

- 33. Addenda/Supplemental**

Attached a revised Board Report to Item No. 26 under Criminal Justice - Consent