

County of Monterey

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Meeting Minutes - Final

Wednesday, June 3, 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

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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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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 10:07am. (Zoom technical issues)

Roll Call

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

Absent: None

Public Comment

Christopher Bunn

Committee Member Comments

None

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Director Matt Simis, Seconded by Director Mark Gonzalez the Committee approved the Consent Calendar.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

1. Approved the Action Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on May 6, 2026.

Scheduled Items

2. Review and consider receiving a scope of work for Fernando DePaolis, Ph.D. to perform a study of the Economic Value of Groundwater Recharge, Salinas Valley. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Director Comments: Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simis, Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund

Public Comment: Chris Bunn, Thomas Virsik, Nancy Isakson, Dwight Smith

Item #2 was a Presentation, No Action taken

3. Review and consider receiving the Raftelis Employee Satisfaction Survey Proposal. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Director Comments: Deidre Sullivan, Mark Gonzalez, Ken Ekelund, Matt Simis

Public Comments: None

No Action Taken

4. Consider recommending that the Board of Directors recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency approve grazing lease forms and a public bid notice for Agency grazing lands located around San Antonio and Nacimiento Reservoirs; and direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to advertise for bids. (Staff: Jessell Fenley)

Upon Motion by Director Mark Gonzalez, Seconded by Director Matt Simis the Committee approved recommending to that the Board of Directors recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the Monterey County Water resources Agency approve grazing lease forms and a public bid notice for Agency grazing lands located around San Antonio and Nacimiento Reservoirs.

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

Noes: Noen

Absent: None

Director Comments: Matt Simis, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez

Public Comments: None

Staff Reports

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

Director Comments: None

Public Comments: Chris Bunn, Thomas Virsik, Nancy Isakson

6. Receive an update on the Strategic Plan. (Staff: Shaunna Murray)

Director Comments: Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez

Public Comments: None

Calendar

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

Adjournment