

County of Monterey

*Board of Supervisors Chambers
168 W. Alisal St 1st Flr,
Salinas, CA 93901*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 16, 2024

12:00 PM

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NOTE: All agenda titles related to numbered agenda items are live web links. Click on the title to be directed to corresponding Board Report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Members of the public may address comments to the Board concerning each agenda item. The timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

THE BOARD RECESSES FOR CLOSED SESSION AGENDA ITEMS: Closed Session may be held at the conclusion of the Board's Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting, before or after the scheduled time, announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Mike Scattini (arrived 12:06 p.m.), Jason Smith (arrived 12:06 p.m.), John Baillie.
Absent: Ken Ekelund, Marvin Borzini.

Public Comments on Closed Session Items

None.

1. Closed Session under Government Code section 54950, relating to the following items:
 - a. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(2) and (d)(4), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding one matter of significant exposure to litigation and the potential initiation of litigation.

Note: Continuance of Closed Session to be held at the conclusion of the Board's Regular Agenda, or at any other time during the course of the meeting announced by the Chairperson of the Board. The public may comment on Closed Session items prior to the Board's recess to Closed Session.

Recess to Closed Session

Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS BY CLERK: The Clerk of the Board will announce agenda corrections and proposed additions, which may acted on by the Board as provided in Sections 54954.2 of the California Government Code.

Public Comment

None.

Presentations

2. Review of the 2024 August Trough Groundwater Elevation Contour Maps and 2024 Seawater Intrusion Maps. (Staff Presenting: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno; Ricardo Carmona; Amy Woodrow)

Attachments: [2024 August GWL SWI Maps](#)

Board of Directors Comments: Mike Scattini, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Jason Smith.

Public Comment: None

3. Update on the Water Resources Agency Habitat Conservation Plan.
(Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

Board of Directors Comments: Mike Scattini, John Baillie.

Public Comment: None.

Consent Calendar

Upon Motion by Director Jason Smith and Second by John Baillie the Board approved the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, John Baillie.

Noes: None.

Absent: Ken Ekelund, Marvin Borzini.

Abstained: None.

Recused: None.

Board of Director Comments: None.

Public Comments: None.

4. Approve the Action Minutes of November 18, 2024.

Attachments: [Draft BOD Minutes November 18, 2024](#)

Action Items

Upon Motion by Director Mark Gonzalez and Second by Deidre Sullivan approved Amendment No. 3 of the agreement for Professional Services with GEI Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$156,000 for engineering design & project management services for storm damage repair design and implantation of the Nacimiento Dam Hydro-Plant's South Access Road; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.

Ayes: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Deidre Sullivan, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith, John Baillie.

Noes: None.

Absent: Ken Ekelund, Marvin Borzini.

Abstained: None.

Board of Directors Comments: Mark Gonzalez

Public Comment: None

5. Consider approving Amendment No. 3 of the agreement for Professional Services with GEI Consultants, Inc., in the amount of \$156,000 for engineering design & project management services for storm damage repair design and implementation of the Nacimiento Dam Hydro-Plant's South Access Road; and authorize the General Manager to execute the amendment.
(Staff Presenting: Guillermo Alvarez)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Amendment No. 3](#)
[Agreement for Professional Services](#)
[Executed - Amendment No. 1](#)
[Executed - Amendment No. 2](#)
[Board Order](#)

Key Information and Calendar of Events

6. December 2024, January and February 2025 Calendars.

Attachments: [December 2024](#)
[January 2025](#)
[February 2025](#)

General Manager's Report

Board of Directors Comments: Mark Gonzalez, John Baillie.

Public Comment: None.

- 7.
- Personnel
 - Dam Safety Funding
 - Monterey One Water Reconciliation Process
 - Monterey Peninsula Water Management District PWMx Proposed Water Allocation
 - Association of California Water Agencies

- Regulatory/Legislative Activities
- 2025 Preview
- Other

Committee Reports

8. Committee Agenda's and Cancellation Notices for November and December 2024:
- Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee Reschedule Notice
 - Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee
 - Water Resources Agency Planning Committee
 - Water Resources Personnel and Administration Committee Cancellation Notice
 - Water Resources Agency Finance Committee Cancellation Notice
 - Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee

Attachments: [ResOps Cancellation Notice Nov. 2024](#)
[Final BMAC Agenda December 4, 2024](#)
[Final Planning Agenda December 4, 2024](#)
[P&A Dec. Cancellation Notice](#)
[Finance Dec. Cancellation Notice](#)
[Final ResOps Agenda December 12, 2024](#)

Correspondence

9. 1. Letter dated November 18, 2024, to Honorable Zoe Lofgren, 18th Congressional District and Honorable Jimmy Panetta, 19th Congressional District, from Chair Glenn Church, Monterey County Board of Supervisors RE: Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) (S. 4367 /H.R. 8812) - Support for Salinas River language in H.R 8812.
2. Letter dated November 18, 2024, to Honorable Alex Padilla, U.S. Senator for California and Honorable Laphonza Butler, U.S Senator for California, from Chair Glenn Church, Monterey County Board of Supervisors RE: Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) (S. 4367 /H.R. 8812) - Support for Salinas River language in H.R 8812.
3. Letter dated December 5, 2024, from Dawn Addis, Assemblymember, 30th District RE: Support for Monterey County Water Resources Agency's Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program Proposal.

Attachments: [LTR WRDA \(S. 4367 - H.R. 8812\) - Reps Lofgren - Panetta 11.18.24](#)
[LTR WRDA \(S. 4367 - H.R. 8812\) - Senators Padilla - Butler 11.18.24](#)
[LTR DA on MCWRA Dam Safety 12.5.24](#)

Board of Directors Comments

Deidre Sullivan, Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simis, John Baillie, Jason Smith, Mike Scattini, Mike LeBarre.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:38 p.m.