

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

10:00 AM

**Saffron Room
1441 Schilling Pl, Salinas, CA 93901**

Water Resources Agency Planning Committee

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:

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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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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 10:01 a.m.

Roll Call

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

Public Comment

None.

Committee Member Comments

None.

Consent Calendar

Upon the motion made by Matt Simis, seconded by Mark Gonzalez the Consent Calendar of the Planning Committee was approved.

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

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstained: None

1. Approve the Action Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on February 4, 2026.

Attachments: [Draft Planning Minutes: February 4, 2026](#)

Scheduled Items

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

Attachments: [Board Report](#)

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

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: Christopher Bunn

3. Receive the December 2025 Strategic Plan Update Workshop Report. (Staff Presenting: Shaunna Murray)

Attachments: [Strategic Plan Dec 2025 Workshop Report](#)

Committee Member Comments: Deidre Sullivan, Ken Ekelund

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Staff Reports

4. Update on the development of a new Grazing Lease Bid Cycle.
(Staff Presenting: Jason Demers)

Committee Member Comments: Ken Ekelund

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

5. Update on Town Creek Association Request to Construct a Boat Ramp on Agency Property.
(Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [MEMO to Planning Committee RE WRA Response to Town Creek Request February 18, 2026, Letter to Town Creek Association October 1, 2025, Town Creek Proposal](#)

Committee Member Comments: Mark Gonzalez, Ken Ekelund

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

6. Update on Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [MEMO to Planning Committee RE WRA Response to Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework February 23, 2026, Agency Response to Tri Counties Club December Request December 19, 2025, Tri Counties Club Request for a Boat Dock Compliance Framework October 2025 Boat Dock Survey Data Collection and Findings Report](#)

Committee Member Comments: None

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

7. Review of Board of Directors Roles and Responsibilities. (Staff Presenting: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [MEMO to Planning Committee RE Review of the Agency's Board of Directors Roles & Responsibilities](#)
[September 24, 2025, Considerations for modernizing the Agency's BOD governance guidance](#)
[January 29, 2025, WRA Governing Bodies Roles and Responsibilities Summary](#)

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

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: Bill Lipe

8. Update on the Request for Proposals process for the Strategic Plan Update Consultant. (Staff Presenting: Shaunna Murray)

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

Staff Comments: None

Public Comments: None

Calendar

9. Set next meeting date and discuss further agenda items.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m.