

County of Monterey

*Board of Supervisor's Chambers
168 W. Alisal St., 1st Floor
Salinas, Ca 93901*



Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 17, 2025

12:00 PM

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Water Resources Agency Board of Directors

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Mike Scattini
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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.

Call to Order at 12:00 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03pm

Roll Call

Present: Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Ken Ekelund, Mike Scattini, Jason Smith (arrived 12:04), John Baillie, Jon Conaster.
Absent: Deidre Sullivan

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.
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(d)(1), the Board will confer with legal counsel regarding existing litigation:
 1. *Ed Borchard & Sons, LLC v. Monterey County Water Resources Agency*, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 25CV00461.
 2. *Mario Gonzalez, et al. v. State of California, et al.*, Monterey County Superior Court Case No. 23CV004194 (as lead coordinated case, including subordinate Monterey County cases: 24CV000215; 24CV000421; 24CV000428, 24CV000848; 24CV000904; 24CV001269; 25CV004183; and Santa Cruz case: 23CV03022)

Recess to Closed Session

Reconvene Meeting at 1:00 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:02pm., County Counsel has no reportable items from Closed Sessions.

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.

No additions or corrections.

Public Comment

None

Presentations

2. San Antonio Dam Safety Projects Update. (Presenter: Elise Harden)

Attachments: [San Antonio Dam Update](#)

Committee Member Comments: John Baillie, Matt Simis, Mark Gonzalez, Mike LeBarre
Public Comments: Norm Groot

3. Nacimiento Dam Safety Projects and Status Update. (Presenter: Mark Foxworthy)

Committee Member Comments: Mark Gonzalez
Public Comments: None

4. Overview of the Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers. (Presenter: Amy Woodrow)

Attachments: [Monitoring Plan Deep Aquifers With Appendices 20251028](#)

Committee Member Comments: Mike Scattini, John Baillie
Public Comments: Chris Bunn, Norm Groot

Consent Calendar

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

Ayes: John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Jon Consater, Jason Smith, Mike Scattini, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simis

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Deidre Sullivan

5. Approve the Action Minutes of the Board of Directors meeting held on October 20, 2025.

Attachments: [draft BOD Minutes October 20, 2025](#)

6. Receive the Monterey County Water Resources Agency FY 2025-26 Financial Status Report through September 30, 2025. (Staff: Nan Kim)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[FY26 2025.09 Financial Report](#)
[Board Order](#)

7. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into Amendment Number 4 to the Agreement for Services with Maggiora Bros. Drilling, Inc. for the Protection of Domestic Drinking Water Supplies for the Lower Salinas Valley Well Destruction Project (Groups B and E) to extend the term to December 31, 2027. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
[Att1 D1912532 Executed Amd2](#)
[Att2 Agreement for Services Amendment No3 Maggiora](#)
[Att3 Agreement for Services Amendment No4Maggiora](#)
[Board Order](#)

8. Consider recommending that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors authorize the General Manager to enter into Amendment Number 4 to the Agreement for Services with Pacific Coast Well Drilling, Inc. DBA Precision Hydro for the Protection of Domestic Drinking Water Supplies for the Lower Salinas Valley Well Destruction Project (Groups A, C, and D) to extend the term to December 31, 2027. (Staff: Amy Woodrow)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Att1 D1912532 Executed Amd2](#)
 [Att2 Agreement for Services Amendment3 PCWD](#)
 [Att3 Agreement for Services Amendment4 PCWD](#)
 [Board Order](#)

9. Ratify the Agreement for Services with Sonoma County Water Agency in the amount of \$173,185 for work to be performed related to the *Enhancing Predictive Tools and Operational Strategies for the Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Project* (Project). (Staff: Peter Kwiek)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Sonoma Agreement Final with Exhibits 10.8.25](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Action Items

10. Consider recommendation from the Planning Committee to amend the Agency's Bylaws. (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Proposed Amendments to WRA Bylaws - November 17 2025 BOD FINAL DRAFT](#)
 [PC Recommendation to BOD RE WRAC Membership - Noveber 5, 2025](#)
 [Board Order](#)
 [Resolution](#)

Upon Motion of Director Mark Gonzalez Second by Director Jason Smith the Board approved the recommendation of the Planning Committee to amend the Agency's Bylaws.

Ayes: Mark Gonzalez, Jason Smith, Ken Ekelund, Jon Conaster, John Baillie, Mike LeBarre, Mike Scattini, Matt Simis

Noes: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Deidre Sullivan

Board of Director Comments: John Baillie, Ken Ekelund, Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis

Public Comments: Norm Groot, Chris Bunn

11. Consider recommendation from the Planning Committee to recommend the Agency's Board of Supervisors adopt the Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers and authorize execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to memorialize coordination among agencies toward implementing the Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers.

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [Deep Aquifers Monitoring MOU rev 2025-10-30 CLEAN DRAFT](#)
 [Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers in the Salinas Valley Groundwater Basin](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion of Director Ken Ekelund and Second by Director Jason Smith the Board approves recommendation of the Planning Committee to recommend the Agency's Board of Supervisors adopt the Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers and authorize execution of a Memorandum of Understanding to memorialize coordination among agencies toward implementing the Monitoring Plan for the Deep Aquifers.

Ayes: Ken Ekelund, Jason Smith, Jon Conaster, Mike LeBarre, Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simis, Mike Scattini, John Baillie
Noes: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Deidre Sullivan

Board of Directors Comments: Mike Scattini, Ken Ekelund, Mike LeBarre, Matt Simis, John Baillie
Public Comments: Chris Bunn, Norm Groot

12. Consider recommending the Agency's Board of Supervisors adopt a position regarding a request from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to the State Water Resources Control Board to consider modifying the 2009 Cease-and-Desist Order (Staff: Ara Azhderian)

Attachments: [Board Report](#)
 [WRA Letter of Support for Modifications to the Cease-and-Desist Order WR 2016-0016 - DRAFT](#)
 [Board Order](#)

Upon Motion of Director Mark Gonzalez and Second by Director Jason Smith the Board approved recommending the Agency's Board of Supervisors adopt a position regarding a request from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District to the State Water Resources Control Board to consider modifying the 2009 Cease-and -Desist Order.

Ayes: Mark Gonzalez, Jason Smith, Ken Ekelund, Matt Simis, Mike Scattini, Jon Conaster, Mike LeBarre
Noes: John Baillie
Abstained: None
Absent: Deidre Sullivan

Board of Director Comments: John Baillie, Mike Scattini, Ken Ekelund, Mark Gonzalez, Jason Smith
Public Comments: Chris Bunn, Norm Groot, Marc Kelly

Key Information and Calendar of Events

Board of Director Comments: None
Public Comments: None

13. November, December 2025 and January 2026 Calendars.

Attachments: [November 2025](#)
 [December 2025](#)
 [January 2026](#)

14. Save the Date Strategic Planning Workshop

Attachments: [Save the Date Strategic Planning Workshop](#)

Board of Director Comments: None
Public Comments: None

General Manager's Report

Board of Director Comments: None
Public Comments: None

1. Personnel Update
2. Dam Safety & Operations Financial Strategy
3. SGMA Implementation
4. 2026 Legislative Planning

Committee Reports

Board of Director Comments: Ken Ekelund, John Baillie, Mark Gonzalez, Matt Simis
Public Comments: None

15. Committee Agenda's for October and November 2025:

- Water Resources Agency Reservoir Operations Advisory Committee
- Water Resources Agency Finance
- Water Resources Personnel and Administration Committee Notice
- Water Resources Agency Basin Management Advisory Committee
- Water Resources Agency Planning Committee

Attachments: [final ResOps Agenda October 30, 2025](#)
 [final Finance Agenda November 7, 2025](#)
 [final P&A Agenda November 7, 2025](#)
 [final Revised BMAC Agenda November 5, 2025](#)
 [final Planning Agenda November 5, 2025](#)

Information Items

16. Reservoir Storage and Releases Update Report. (Staff: Joseph Klein)

Attachments: [Reservoir Storage Release Update Report](#)

17. Quarterly Salinas Valley Water Conditions Report for the Fourth Quarter of Water Year 2025. (Staff: Guillermo Diaz-Moreno)

Attachments: [Quarterly Rpt 4thQtr WY25 Final](#)

18. 2025 Salinas River Discharge Measurement Series Report. (Staff: Ricardo Carmona)

Attachments: [River Series 2025](#)

Correspondence

Board of Director Comments: None

Public Comments: None

19. 1. Email Correspondence dated October 22, 2025 to Ara Azhderian, General Manager, Board of Directors, Monterey County Water Resources Agency from Nancy Isakson, President, Salinas Valley Water Coalition re: SVWC letter in response to misleading statements.

Attachments: [SVBGSA BOD 10.22.25 final](#)

Board of Directors Comments

Director Ken Ekelund, Director Mark Gonzalez, Director Jason Smith, Director Matt Simis

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:21pm.