



County of Monterey

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Board Report

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Hold a workshop to review the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Board of Directors:

Hold a workshop to review the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Fiscal Year 2026-27 Recommended Budget.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

The FY 2026-27 (FY27) Recommended Budget (Budget) for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) totals \$48.8 million in expenditures and \$44.1 million in revenue, reflecting a 12 percent increase from the prior year. The Budget funds 45 of the Agency's 57 authorized positions and includes \$10.0 million for salaries and benefits. Consultant and contractor services rise to \$23.7 million, while insurance costs decrease to \$1.6 million. Debt service and related transfers total \$7.8 million. On the revenue side, the Budget includes \$17.9 million in assessments, \$3.7 million in Ad Valorem taxes, \$4.1 million from water delivery fees and service charges, \$1.5 million from program revenue, and \$8.8 million in grants. Despite these increases, expenditure exceed revenues by \$4.7 million, which will require use of fund balances.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Staff worked with Monterey One Water for Recycled Water Projects operations.

FINANCING:

The Water Resources Agency FY 2026-27 Requested Budget Resolution represents a statutorily balanced budget and meets all requirements for adoption.

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Attachments:

FY2026-27 Recommended Budget Book

