
Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board

**SALINAS RIVER MANAGEMENT
PUBLIC WORKSHOP
AGENDA**

Thursday, March 6, 2014 - 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Monterey County Government Center Board Chambers
168 W. Alisal Street, 1st Floor, Salinas, California 93901

9:00 AM Welcome

The Central Coast Water Board Chair, Dr. Jean-Pierre Wolff will provide opening remarks.

9:15 AM Central Coast Water Board

*Central Coast Water Board staff will provide background information on activities completed and proposed to manage the Salinas River and establish context for discussing next steps with all parties at the workshop.
[10 minute presentation + 10 minutes of discussion]*

9:35 AM Monterey County Water Resources Agency

*Monterey County Water Resources Agency will discuss the current status of their proposed Salinas River Maintenance Program.
[30 minute presentation + 15 minutes of discussion]*

10:20 AM The Nature Conservancy and the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County

*The Nature Conservancy will provide an overview of a demonstration project for two segments of the Salinas River. The Nature Conservancy has been working with landowners/growers, technical consultants, Monterey County Water Resources Agency, and regulatory entities to develop a demonstration project to build a successful model for river management that addresses multiple watershed benefits including flood risk reduction, groundwater recharge, water quality improvement, and maintaining ecological conditions for fish and wildlife. The Resource Conservation District of Monterey County will discuss their non-native plant control and riparian restoration program for the Salinas River Watershed.
[30 minute TNC + 10 minute RCD + 15 minutes of discussion]*

11:15 AM Salinas River Channel Coalition, Salinas Valley Water Coalition, Monterey County Farm Bureau, and the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California

Salinas River Channel Coalition, Salinas Valley Water Coalition, Monterey County Farm Bureau, and the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California will discuss how the Salinas Valley community is in a constant struggle to appropriately maintain the Salinas River and provide flood protection. These four Ag Organizations and their members have worked together to develop a Short Term Project that can improve flood protection and channel capacity of the Salinas River mainstem and tributaries under Monterey County Water Resources Agency authority to minimize the potential for flood impacts to channel banks, adjacent lands, agricultural and business operations, and infrastructure. The Short Term Project would be an interim step towards a longer-term approach to managing the river for multiple benefits, including flood risk reduction, water recharge, and water quality improvement. The immediate focus of the Short Term Project would be deferred channel maintenance, invasive species control, and trash removal.

[30 minute presentation + 15 minutes of discussion]

12:00 PM Lunch Break

1:15 PM United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW)

The regulatory agencies will discuss their regulatory role and provide suggestions on how potential maintenance activities could be successfully implemented to meet their agencies' missions and requirements and to coordinate with other stakeholder roles and interest as applicable.

[30 minute presentation + 15 minutes of discussion]

2:00 PM Monterey Coastkeeper, Monterey Audubon Chapter, and California Rural Legal Assistance

Monterey Coastkeeper, Monterey Audubon Chapter, and California Rural Legal Assistance will present environmental and environmental justice organizations' perspectives.

[15 minute presentation + 10 minutes of discussion]

2:25 PM Public Comment

3:30 PM Discussion of Next Steps

Note all times listed are approximate and may vary.