



## **MST HIGHLIGHTS**

### **Board of Directors Meeting**

### **January 12, 2026**

#### **RECOGNIZED 2025 EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2026-11 recognizing Fred Simkins, Coach Operator as the 2025 Employee of the Year for his outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

#### **RECOGNIZED JANUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2026-12 recognizing Maria “Mary” Mendez, Coach Operator as the January 2026 Employee of the Month for her outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

#### **RECOGNIZED 2025 MANAGER EXCELLENCE AWARD WINNER**

The MST Board recognized Ikuyo Yoneda-Lopez, Marketing and Communications Manager, as the 2025 recipient of the Manager Excellence Award for her outstanding contribution to MST and the entire community.

#### **AUTHORIZED PURCHASE OF 90 SPORTWORKS APEX+3 BIKE RACKS AND MOUNTING KITS**

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to purchase up to 90 Sportworks Apex +3 bike racks and mounting kits in an amount not to exceed \$211,152.

#### **APPROVED FINAL PER BUS PRICE INCREASE FOR 12 GILLIG BUSES**

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO or their designee to approve and execute payment for the final per-bus price increase of \$27,156 each for 12 GILLIG battery electric buses previously approved by the Board, for a total price increase not to exceed \$325,872.

#### **RECEIVED UPDATES FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM**

The MST Board received updates from the executive team on projects, plans, and programs in the year ahead and emerging issues.

#### **RECEIVED 2025 RIDER SURVEY RESULTS**

The MST Board received a presentation on the 2025 rider survey results.

**RECEIVED UPDATE ON TARIFF RELATED COST IMPACTS**

The MST Board received an update on tariff related cost impacts for GILLIG battery electric buses and provided direction to bring this back for discussion at the next board meeting.

**NEXT MST BOARD MEETING**

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled for February 9, 2026.

### 2026 Commissioners

**Chair**  
Wendy Root Askew  
*County Member*

**Vice Chair**  
Mary Ann Leffel  
*Special District Member*

Mike Bikle  
*Public Member, Alternate*

Kate Daniels  
*County Member*

Dennis Donohue  
*City Member*

Matt Gourley  
*Public Member*

David Kong  
*Special District Member, Alternate*

Chad Lindley  
*Special District Member*

Chris Lopez  
*County Member, Alternate*

Ian Oglesby  
*City Member*

Anna Velazquez  
*City Member, Alternate*

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## NOTICE OF VACANCIES

### Public Member Representation on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County Application Deadline: February 20, 2026

Notice is given that the terms of office for the two Public Member seats on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County will expire in May 2026. The Commission invites interested residents to apply for appointment to the Regular Public Member seat and the Alternate Public Member seat. Appointments to represent the general public will be made through majority vote by the Commission.

Public Member representatives must be residents within Monterey County, and have an interest in the operation and organization of local governments. No officer or employee of Monterey County, or any City or independent Special District within this County, is eligible for appointment to the Public Member seats. The terms of office for the Public Member seats begin May 2026 and expire May 2030.

To be considered for appointment, please submit a completed application to provide candidate information and reasons for your interest in serving on the Commission. Applications must be received in the LAFCO Office by Friday, February 20, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Please submit applications to Kate McKenna, Executive Officer, LAFCO of Monterey County by regular mail (P.O. Box 1369, Salinas, CA 93902) or by email ([mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov))

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County is an independent countywide body created by the State Legislature in 1963. The Commission regulates the boundaries of cities and special districts, establishes Spheres of Influences, and conducts studies of municipal services. LAFCO's purposes are to encourage the orderly formation and development of local governments; preserve agricultural and open space lands; discourage urban sprawl; and ensure the efficient delivery of government services. The Commission is served by an Executive Officer and staff, and is funded by local governments. Regular meetings of the Commission are generally held on the fourth Monday of every other month at 3:00 p.m.

Please visit our website, [www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov](http://www.monterey.lafco.ca.gov), for more information and application materials. If you have any questions or comments, please contact LAFCO Principal Analyst Jonathan Brinkmann at [brinkmannj@monterey.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:brinkmannj@monterey.lafco.ca.gov) or call (831) 754-5838.



Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer

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