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**Agenda Item  
Regular Meeting of the  
Board of Supervisors  
Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

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**Item Number: 3.1**

**MEETING DATE:** 04/14/2026  
**DEPARTMENT:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
**AGENDA ITEM PREPARER:** Gracie Rodriguez  
**DEPT HEAD/DIRECTOR:** Esperanza Colio Warren

**SUBJECT:**

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICE - E. COLIO WARREN**

1. Receive an informational presentation regarding Assembly Bill 1548 (Pellerin), which proposes the establishment of the Monterey Bay Area Stewardship Authority (MBASA).
2. Discuss and provide feedback and/or direction, as deemed appropriate.
3. Consider approval of a letter of support addressed to the Chair of the Assembly Local Government Committee and authorize the Board Chair to sign the letter.

SBC FILE NUMBER: 119

**AGENDA SECTION:**

REGULAR AGENDA

**BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:**

This item provides the County Board of Supervisors with an overview and informational presentation regarding the development of the Monterey Bay Area Stewardship Authority (MBASA), which would be established through Assembly Bill 1548 (AB 1548). This proposed tri-county entity—encompassing Monterey, San Benito, and Santa Cruz counties—is intended to serve as a regional body to secure and allocate funding for land stewardship, restoration, and conservation efforts that support climate adaptation and resilience across the three counties. This legislative effort is being led and sponsored by Assemblymember Gail Pellerin.

Assembly Bill 1548 (AB 1548), which would establish the Monterey Bay Area Stewardship Authority, was introduced in January 2026 and is currently in the Assembly policy committee process. As of March 2026, the bill has been referred to the Assembly Natural Resources Committee and Assembly Local Government Committee, with hearings anticipated in the coming months.

## Key Dates:

### Committee Amendment Deadlines:

- Natural Resources Committee: April 6, 2026
- Local Government Committee: April 13, 2026

### Committee Hearings:

- Natural Resources Committee: April 13, 2026
- Local Government Committee: April 22, 2026

### Letter Submission Deadlines:

- Natural Resources Committee: April 7, 2026 (Close of Business)
- Local Government Committee: April 16, 2026 (Close of Business)

The final opportunity to amend the bill is anticipated in August. Committee analyses will be published prior to each hearing.

The Board will receive a presentation from the following individuals:

- In person: Donna Meyers (Conservation Collaborative) and Moisés Moreno-Rivera (Trust for Public Land, Senior Program Manager, Climate Resilience).
- Via Zoom: Juan Altamirano (Trust for Public Land, Director of Government Affairs) and Tomasa Dueñas (Office of Assemblymember Pellerin, Chief of Staff; participation tentative).

In addition to the presentation, a letter of support addressed to the Assembly Local Government Committee is proposed for the Board's consideration and approval, if desired.

## **FISCAL IMPACT:**

No fiscal impact with this discussion.

## **STAFF RECOMMENDATION:**

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## **ATTACHMENTS:**

[Agenda Fact Sheet - MBASA presentation / letter of support](#)

[MBASA Presentation \\_4.2.26](#)

[04.02.2026 AB 1548 \(Pellerin\) Fact Sheet](#)

[County Board Letter of Support\\_AB 1548 \(Pellerin\)\\_Monterey Bay Area Stewardship Authority Act](#)