



Monterey County Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monterey County
Government Center
168 W. Alisal St.
Salinas, CA 93901

Monday, December 13, 2021

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd floor,
Government Center

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Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment

None.

Action Minutes

ACTION:

- **Approved action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on November 8, 2021.**

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on November 8, 2021.

Reports from Legislative Offices

2. Introduction of staff and brief reports from State/Federal Legislative Offices
 - a. Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
 - b. Office of Senator Alex Padilla
 - c. Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta
 - d. Office of Senator Anna Caballero
 - e. Office of Senator John Laird
 - f. Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 - g. Office of Assemblymember Mark Stone

ACTIONS:

Received introductions and brief reports by representatives from the following legislative offices:

- **Alec Manas, Office of Assemblymember Mark Stone**
- **Anna Velazquez and Marisa Hernandez, Office of Senator Anna Caballero**
- **Dominic Dursa, Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas.**

Federal Report

Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. FY2022 Appropriations
 - b. Build Back Better Act
 - c. Bipartisan Infrastructure Law Implementation
 - d. Wildfire Disaster Response Legislation
 - e. Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act
 - f. Infrastructure Project Requests
 - g. NACo Legislative Conference
 - h. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Authorized a support position on the Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act (H.R. 4601/S. 2405).**

State Report

Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. 2022 Legislative Session - Anticipated Policy Issues
 - b. FY 2022-23 State Budget Projections
 - c. 2022 Proposals for State Budget Requests and Sponsored Legislation
 - d. Middle Mile Advisory Committee - local government seats
 - e. Watsonville Community Hospital
 - f. Pediatric Vaccinations
 - g. Salinas Homekey Project Update
 - h. Veterans Home Project Update
 - i. State Bill Track
 - j. State/Federal COVID-19 Advocacy Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Recommended the Board of Supervisors authorize two additional State Budget Requests: 1) Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility; and 2) Integrated Marina Health Center;**
- **Directed staff to obtain an update from City of Salinas (Meagan Hunter) regarding Salinas Project Homekey;**
- **Directed staff to report on efforts by the County's state and federal legislative delegation related to the potential siting of a Veterans Home in Monterey County at the January meeting;**
- **Directed staff to obtain input from Board Members regarding their top priority County project funding needs, report to the Committee at the January meeting, and consider a recommendation to the Board to send a letter to the County's legislative delegation with this list of projects that could benefit from state/federal funding for their consideration.**

Grant Report***Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)***

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Local Jurisdiction Assistance Grant Program
 - b. Sustainability Projects
 - c. Grant Track

ACTION:

- **Received report.**

2021-22 Legislative Program Update

Presenter: Annette D'Adamo

6. Review the draft 2021-22 Legislative Program Update, provide direction to staff on edits, and consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

ACTION:

- **Received report;**
- **Received public comment from Robert Roach, Monterey County Cannabis Industry Association, regarding federal cannabis legislative priorities (banking, decriminalization);**
- **Directed staff to add language to the "Telecommunications" section related to lack of cell service in Seaside-Marina as a public safety issue;**
- **Recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the 2021-2022 Legislative Program Update.**

2022 Strategic Grant Services Program

Presenter: Annette D'Adamo and Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

7. Review the draft 2022 Strategic Grant Services Program (SGSP), provide direction to staff on edits, and consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

ACTION:

- **Received report;**
- **Directed staff to expand the description of what is included in the 2022 Work Plan and why some other priority County projects are not on the list;**
- **Recommended that the Board of Supervisors adopt the 2022 Strategic Grant Services Program.**

2022 Legislative Workshop

Presenter: Annette D'Adamo

8. Receive an oral report and update on the development of the 2022 Legislative Workshop.

ACTION:

- **Received report.**

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for: January 10, 2022.