

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Thursday, January 25, 2024

11:00 AM

Special Meeting

Legislative Committee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:05 a.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

2024 Legislative Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointment

1. Appoint Committee members to serve as the 2024 Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee.

ACTION: The Committee appointed Supervisor Askew to serve as Chair and Supervisor Alejo to serve as Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee for 2024.

Approval of Action Minutes

2. Approve the Legislative Committee Action Minutes of December 11, 2023.

ACTION: The Committee approved the Action Minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on December 11, 2023.

Reports from Legislative Office

3. Introduction of staff and brief reports from State/Federal Legislative Offices
 - a. Office of Senator Alex Padilla
 - b. Office of Senator Laphonza Butler
 - c. Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta
 - d. Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
 - e. Office of Senator Anna Caballero
 - f. Office of Senator John Laird
 - g. Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 - h. Office of Assemblymember Dawn Addis

ACTIONS:**Received reports by:**

- Office of Senator Anna Caballero by Marisa Hernandez
- Office of Senator John Laird by Isabel Meza
- Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas by Luis Meza
- Office of Assemblymember Dawn Addis by Mauricio Arias

Federal Report - Presenter: Maria Tripplaar (Ballard Spahr LLP)

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Congressional Update
 - b. Budget Update

- c. Federal Budget Requests
 - i. FY24 Community Project Funding Update
 - ii. FY25 Community Project Funding Requests

Legislation

- i. S. 3565, the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act of 2024
- a. Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project (CRFREE) update
- b. NACo Legislative Conference
- c. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Directed a support position by taken on S. 3565/H.R. 6969, the Affordable Connectivity Program Extension Act of 2024.**

State Report - Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

- 5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Status of the Legislature
 - b. Governor's January State Budget Proposal
 - c. Legislation
 - d. Climate Bond Updates
 - e. Proposition 1 (A.B. 531/S.B. 326) March 5, 2024 Statewide Ballot Measure
 - f. Governor's Actions and Executive Orders
 - g. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Directed staff to continue to track the State Budget, especially related to: MediCal expansion, CalAIM implementation, dam safety funding, broadband expansion funding, housing/homelessness.**
- **Directed staff to report to the Board of Supervisors on the potential impacts of Proposition 1.**

Grant Report - Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

- 6. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - b. Round 5 Transformative Climate Communities (TCC) Implementation Grant
 - c. Environmental and Climate Justice Community Change Grants Program
 - d. Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project (CRFREE) update
 - e. Grant Track

ACTION: Received report.

Annual Legislative Workshop - Presenter: Annette D'Adamo (Legislative Program Manager)

7. Receive a verbal update on the 2024 Legislative Workshop.

ACTION: Received report and directed staff to invite Abigail Solis with Governor Newsom's office to the Legislative Workshop.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.