

# **County of Monterey**

Government Center - Monterey Room  
168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Fl.,  
Salinas, CA 93901



## **Meeting Minutes - Draft**

**Thursday, February 29, 2024**

**1:00 PM**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**Alternative Energy and Environment Committee**

**Committee Members:** Supervisor Luis Alejo, Chair; Supervisor Glenn Church, Vice-Chair.  
**Committee Staff:** Deborah Paolinelli, Assistant County Administrative Officer; Cora Panturad, Sustainability Program Analyst; Michael Whilden, Deputy County Counsel; and Megan Bell, Committee Secretary.

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.

**Additions and Corrections**

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

**Public Comment Period**

Public comment provided by: Robert F., James Sang, and Adam Pinterits.

**Approval of Action Minutes**

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Alternative Energy and Environment Committee meeting on January 10, 2024.

**ACTION: The Committee approved the Alternative Energy and Environment action minutes of January 10, 2024.**

**Regular Agenda**

2.
  - a. Receive a presentation from staff and Ascent Environmental on the status of the Community Climate Action & Adaptation Plan and the options for moving forward; and,
  - b. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Board approve a contract with Ascent Environmental to prepare a “Non-Qualified” climate action plan for the County with CEQA thresholds; and,
  - c. Provide direction to staff as needed.

**ACTION: The Committee received a presentation from staff and Ascent Environmental on the status of the Community Climate Action & Adaptation Plan. The Committee recommended option 1, with improved communication and stakeholder participation, and to extend the timeline for public input. The Committee approved by consensus to take this item to the full Board for consideration.**

**Public comment provided by: Robert F., Norm Groot, Kim Stemler, Jeff Gorman, James Sang, Jen Bezo, Scott Violini, Richard Barnard, Ben Oakley, Adam Pinterits, Cathy Rivera, Ellie.**

3.
  - a. Receive a presentation from the Monterey County Green Business Network on the network’s activities and importance to the County climate action; and
  - b. Consider providing support for a funding request to the Board of Supervisors during the FY 2024-25 Budget Hearings.

**ACTION: The Committee received a presentation from the Monterey County**

**Green Business Network on the network's activities and importance to the County climate action. The Committee recommended that the item is passed on to the Economic Development Committee, with a motion to approve by consensus.**

**Public comment provided by: Norm Groot, and Cathy Rivera.**

**Adjournment**

**The meeting adjourned at 2:48 p.m.**

**The next meeting is scheduled on March 28, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. in the Monterey Room and via Zoom.**