

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, August 12, 2024

1:30 PM

Legislative Committee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Public Comment Period**ACTIONS:**

- Received verbal and written public comment by Keith Rootsart with Giant Giant Kelp Restoration Project requesting support for petition 2023-23MPA to the California Fish and Game Commission.
- Received written public comment by Hans Ongchua of Marina, CA, opposing agenda item 4.g. letter of support for MST SURF! Project.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on June 10, 2024.

ACTION: The Committee approved the action minutes from the June 10, 2024, Legislative Committee meeting.

Reports from Legislative Office

2. 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 Mesa
- Office of Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas by Dominic Dursa
- Office of Assembly Member Dawn Addis by Alexis Arrazola

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

3. 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, including FY25 Community Project Funding Requests

- d. FEMA Update
- e. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Directed staff to provide information on FY24 Community Project Funding received throughout the County of Monterey – and – FY25 Community Project Funding request throughout the County of Monterey that are continuing to move forward through the appropriations process.
- Received public comment from Jack Murphy, Military and Veteran Affairs Officer, thanking the Committee for their support of H.R. 8340 which prompted HUD to pre-emptively make policy changes to enable veterans with service-connected disability benefits to access more housing opportunities.

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. Status of the Legislature
 - b. State Budget Update
 - c. Climate Bond Update
 - d. Dam Safety Coalition Update
 - e. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - f. November Statewide Ballot Measures
 - g. Other advocacy: MST SURF Project
 - h. Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders
 - i. State Bill/ Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Recommended positions to the Board of Supervisors on November 2024 Ballot Initiatives as follows:
 - o Support – Proposition 2: Education finance: school facilities: Kindergarten Through Grade 12 Schools and Local Community College Public Education Facilities Modernization, Repair, and Safety Bond Act of 2024.
 - o Support – Proposition 3: Marriage Equality
 - o Support – Proposition 4: Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness and Clean Air Bond Act
 - o Support – Proposition 5: Local government financing: affordable housing and public infrastructure: voter approval.
 - o Support – Proposition 6: Involuntary Servitude: Slavery.
 - o Support – Proposition 35: Provides Permanent Funding for Medi-Cal Health Care Services. Initiative Statute.
 - o No Recommendation – Proposition 36: Allows Felony Changes and

Increases Sentences for Certain Drug and Theft Crimes. Initiative Statute.

- **Provided direction on changes and directed that a letter of support be sent from the Board of Supervisors for the MST SURF! Project.**
- **Received public comment from Jack Murphy, Military and Veteran Affairs Officer, on 72 letters of support he gathered from the community and submitted in support of AB 46 (Ramos) Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.**

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. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - b. Climate Bond Programs
 - c. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports.**
- **Directed that information on the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project feasibility study and public meeting be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.