

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, June 10, 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

No public comment received.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on May 13, 2024.

ACTION: The Committee approved the action minutes from the May 13, 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

ACTION: Received reports from

- Office of Speaker Robert Rivas by Dominic Dursa

- Office of Assemblymember 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 / FY25 Community Project Funding Requests
 - d. Federal Advocacy Efforts
 - i. FEMA Reimbursements
 - ii. Infrastructure Projects: Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project, Jolon Road Safety Improvement Project Nacimiento-Fergusson Road repairs, and Palo Colorado Road repairs
 - iii. Rescheduling of Marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule III
 - e. Legislation
 - i. Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act (S. 4226)

- ii. Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act (H.R. 8340)
- f. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Approved a comment letter to the Federal Register (Docket No. DEA-1362) in support of the proposed federal rulemaking to reschedule marijuana from Schedule I to Schedule III of the Controlled Substances Act.
- Adopted a “support” position on the Cannabis Administration and Opportunity Act (S. 4226)
- Adopted a “support” position on the Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act (H.R. 8340)

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
 - i. Human Services Proposals
 - ii. Market Match Program
 - iii. Future of Public Health
 - iv. Homelessness Proposals
 - v. Broadband: Middle-Mile, Last-Mile and Loan Loss Reserve Programs
 - c. Legislation
 - i. AB 2079 (Bennett) Groundwater extraction: large-diameter, high-capacity water wells: permits.
 - ii. AB 2557 (Ortega) Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.
 - iii. SB 1164 (Newman) Property taxation: new construction exclusion: accessory dwelling units.
 - iv. SB 1188 (Laird) Drinking water: technical, managerial, and financial standards.
 - v. SB 1397 (Eggman) Behavioral health services coverage.
 - d. Climate Bond Updates
 - e. Dam Safety Coalition Updates
 - f. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - g. Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders
 - h. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Adopted an “oppose unless amended” position on AB 2079 (Bennett) Groundwater extraction: large-diameter, high capacity water wells: performance reports;
- Adopted an “oppose” position on AB 2557 (Ortega) Local agencies:

contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.

- Adopted a “support” position on SB 1397 (Eggman) Behavioral health services coverage.

- Received public comment from Mark Gonzalez (Water Resources Agency Board Member) related to the possible climate bond.

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. Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program
- c. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.