



Monterey County

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

Action Minutes Legislative Committee

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

9:00 AM

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of Action Minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting of November 18, 2013.

ACTION: Approved Action Minutes of November 18, 2013.

Federal Reports from Brent Heberlee - Nossaman LLP

2. Receive Federal reports from Brent Heberlee, Nossaman LLP, and provide direction/consider position and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Budget update
 - b. Legislative Updates
 - i. Tax Reform and tax issues effecting local government
 - ii. Immigration Reform
 - iii. Strong Start for America's Children Act of 2013
 - iv. Farm Bill
 - v. Highway Bill - designation of critical freight networks and associated funding
 - c. Proposed Federal Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking) regulations; and Bureau of Land Management (BLM) environmental impact statement (EIS) and amendment to resources management plan of BLM's Hollister field office related to fracking activities.
 - d. Monterey County Federal Issues/Bill Track

ACTIONS:

- 2a. Received reports;
- 2b. Directed staff to follow-up on how Monterey County can get more involved in the California Freight Advisory Committee, related to the National Freight Network; and
- 2c. Directed staff to work with TAMC on a more robust state and federal legislative advocacy effort related to transportation projects.

State Reports from John Arriaga & Laurie Johnson - JEA & Associates

3.

Receive State reports from John Arriaga and Laurie Johnson, JEA & Associates, and provide direction/consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:

- a. State Budget
- b. Legislative Updates
- c. AB 109 Long-Term Funding Formula
- d. California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2014 Legislative Priorities - and - Monterey County request to declare gang violence prevention a priority
- e. California Water Bond Development
- f. Salinas River Channel
- g. Carmel Lagoon
- h. Hydraulic Fracturing (fracking)
- i. Williamson Act
- j. Report on meeting with Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
- k. Monterey County State Legislative / Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- 3a. Received reports;
- 3b. Directed staff to continue to work on legislative efforts in support of Monterey County's interest in the development of the California Water Bond.
- 3c. Directed staff to continue work on efforts to provide funding for feeder projects to high speed and commuter rail projects; and
- 3d. Directed staff to continue working with CSAC, Fresno County, Los Angeles County and others to increase Monterey County's allocation of AB 109 funding, and to explore and support other possible funding sources and funding criteria (e.g. socio-economic).

Other Items

4.

Approval of 2014 Legislative Committee meeting schedule.

ACTION: Approved 2014 Legislative Committee meeting schedule.

5.

NACo Legislative Conference, Washington DC, March 1-5, 2014.

ACTIONS: None.

6.

Legislative advocacy meetings in conjunction with NACo Legislative Conference.

ACTION: Directed staff to identify issues, prepare for and schedule meetings, in support of Monterey County priority issues for meetings in Washington DC in conjunction with the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference.

Other items and items for future agendas.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.