



Monterey County

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

Action Minutes Legislative Committee

Wednesday, December 10, 2014

9:00 AM

Monterey Room, 2nd Fl.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 a.m.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

1. Consider approval of the Action Minutes from the Legislative Committee's meetings on September 29, 2014 and November 7, 2014.

ACTIONS:

- Approved action minutes from the September 29, 2014 and November 7, 2014 Legislative Committee meetings.

2015-16 Legislative Program – Annette D'Adamo

2. Consider approval of Legislative Committee meeting calendar for 2015.

ACTION:

- Approved the 2015 meeting calendar for the Legislative Committee.

3. Review, provide direction, and consider a recommendation for approval of the 2015-16 Legislative Program to the Board of Supervisors.

ACTIONS:

- Reviewed the draft 2015-16 Legislative Program;

- Provided direction on changes as follows:

(a) Add language to emphasize the need to develop creative means to address homelessness;

(b) Add a new section under the legislative priority "Strengthening the Health Care Safety Net & Public Health" to address the funding and policy efforts around 'Health in all Policies';

(c) Add language under the legislative priority "Behavioral Health" addressing the need to develop a continuum around housing needs (social work, alcohol/drug treatment, transitional housing and low-income housing);

(d) Expand language under the legislative priority "Appropriate Placement & Funding for Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury & Dementia in the Criminal

- Justice System” to also include other disorders (e.g. autism);
- (e) Make changes to the legislative priority “Water Resources Sustainability” to:
- i. Add the desalination project.
 - ii. Add the need to preserve the County’s 11043 water rights.
 - iii. Add focus on flooding/flood impacts.
 - iv. Add focus on groundwater replenishment, aquifer storage and recovery.
 - v. Add language addressing quagga/zebra mussels and infestation threats at the County’s reservoirs.
- Recommend adoption of the 2015-16 Legislative Program, with the above noted changes, to the Board of Supervisors for adoption.

Water Resources Agency

4. Receive report and provide strategic direction on legislative, lobbying, and regulatory efforts on behalf of the Water Resources Agency priority projects:
- a. Update on California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring (CASGEM) compliance efforts;
 - b. Update on Salinas River Maintenance Program, Phase II; and
 - c. Receive advocacy reports from: WRA, Nossaman (Sacramento), Nossaman (DC) and JEA & Associates.

ACTIONS:

- Received a report from Jennifer Capitolo (Nossaman-Sacramento) regarding meetings with the Department of Water Resources, Assemblymember Alejo’s staff, and others related to identifying a path to the County’s CASGEM compliance.
- Received a report from Rob Johnson (WRA) regarding local meeting with DWR to identify specific requirements (number of wells, locations) for CASGEM compliance. Potential well data sites have been identified and County Counsel is reviewing draft letters/agreements to those well owners requesting their participation, which are targeted to be sent early January 2015.
- Received a report from Dave Chardavoyne (WRA) on a meeting regarding the Salinas River Maintenance Program, Phase II, with The Nature Conservancy, Grower Shippers Association, Assemblymember Alejo’s staff, and WRA. The Nature Conservancy has committed to contributing \$75,000 of the \$150,000 required for 2-D modeling work on the remainder of the River. Assemblymember Alejo has indicated interest in submitting a \$300,000-\$500,000 budget request to partially fund the project.
- The Committee directed WRA staff to provide a scope of work and deliverables related to the legislative advocacy contract with California Strategies, and to provide justification of why this work cannot be handled by the County’s current state and federal advocates.
- Received activity reports from Nossaman-DC, Nossaman-Sacramento, JEA & Associates and WRA.

Grants Program Update from Jennifer Capitolo & Ashley Setoudeh – Nossaman LLP

5. Receive report and provide direction on activities related to the implementation of the Grants Services Program.
- ACTIONS:**
- Received report.
 - Directed staff to reach out to the new Sheriff regarding grant needs and collaboration on projects.
 - Directed staff to work on a grant application related to trailhead and parking lot improvements to the Jerry Smith Corridor, Fort Ord National Monument, in collaboration with the Bureau of Land Management.

Federal Reports from Brent Heberlee – Nossaman LLP

6. Receive Federal report, provide direction, and consider position and or recommendations to the Board of Supervisor on:
- a. Federal Budget / FY 2015 Appropriations Update;
 - b. Executive Action on Immigration;
 - c. Legislative Updates;
 - i. Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILT);
 - ii. Marketplace Fairness Act / Internet Tax Freedom Act;
 - iii. California Drought Relief Legislation; and
 - d. Tidball Store Transfer
- ACTION:**
- Received report.

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

7. Receive State reports, provide direction, and consider position and or recommendation to the Board of Supervisors on:
- a. State Budget Update;
 - b. Legislative Update;
 - c. Mental Health Conservatorships; and
 - d. Legislative Leadership Changes
- ACTION:**
- Received report.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.