



Monterey County

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

Action Minutes Legislative Committee

Monday, April 21, 2014

9:00 AM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor

SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 9:07 a.m.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of Action Minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting of February 21, 2014.

ACTION: The Action Minutes of February 21, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Federal Reports from Brent Heberlee - Nossaman LLP

2. Receive Federal reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Budget Update
 - b. Legislative Updates
 - i. Drought
 - ii. Medicare Physician Reimbursement
 - iii. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding
 - iv. Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding
 - c. Team Monterey

ACTIONS:

-Received reports;
-Directed that a thank you letter be sent to Congressman Farr in appreciation of his efforts on the Medicare Physician Reimbursement Fix (GPCI Fix);
-Directed that letters be sent to Congressman Farr, Senator Feinstein, and Senator Boxer in support of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funding in the FY2015 appropriations process;
-Directed that a letter be sent to Congressman Farr in support of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding in the FY2015 appropriations process.

- Directed staff to follow-up with Congressman Farr's office regarding "Team Monterey" and site visits to local Department of Defense facilities; and
- Directed staff to watch the BRAC 2017 or any other downsizing process for defense facilities in Monterey County.

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

3. Receive State reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. State Budget Update
 - b. Legislative Updates
 - i. Drought
 - ii. Water Bond
 - iii. Williamson Act
 - iv. Groundwater Regulations
 - c. Mental Health Legislation/Conservatorships
 - d. Consider recommendation of "support" position to the Board of Supervisors on Proposition 41 - The California Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act
 - e. AB 109 Long-Term Funding Formula

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff to escalate the County's involvement/input in legislation aimed at regulating groundwater;
- Directed that a letter be sent to Senator Monning requesting a meeting on potential mental health legislation/conservatorships;
- Recommended a "support" position to the Board of Supervisors on Proposition 41 – The California Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act.

Other Reports

4. Receive an update on actions related to the Carmel Lagoon. (Presented by Carl Holm).

ACTION: Received report.
5. Receive an update on actions related to Salinas River channel maintenance. (Presented by Water Resources Agency).

ACTION: Received report.
6. Provide direction on possible topics/meetings to schedule during the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Legislative Conference on May 14-15, 2014 in Sacramento, CA. (Presented by Nick Chiulos & Annette D'Adamo).

ACTION: Directed staff to determine Supervisor Potter and Supervisor Armenta's availability for meetings during the CSAC conference. Possible topics include: water/drought; Salinas River Channel Maintenance; Carmel

Lagoon; and transportation issues (in conjunction with TAMC).

7.

Receive report and provide direction on State and Federal legislative advocacy contracts. (Presented by Nick Chiulos & Annette D'Adamo)

ACTION: Directed staff to negotiate contracts with Brent Heberlee with Nossaman LLP; and John Arriaga with JEA & Associates for state and federal legislative advocacy services and to return to the Committee at their next meeting for consideration of recommendation of the contracts to the Board of Supervisors

Items for Future Agendas

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

ATTENDEES: Supervisor Dave Potter (Chair); Supervisor Fernando Armenta (Vice-Chair); Nick Chiulos, Annette D'Adamo, Karina Torres (CAO-IGLA); Kathleen Lee (District 5); George Dixon (Military & Veterans Affairs); Marisa Fiori (Probation); Carol Adams (NMC); Rob Johnson (WRA); Charles McKee, Bill Litt (County Counsel); Teri Scarlett, Elsa Jimenez (Health); Carl Holm (RMA); Bob Perkins (public) – Via teleconference: Brent Heberlee (Nossaman LLP); John Arriaga, Laurie Johnson (JEA & Assoc.); Christina Watson and Debbie Hale (TAMC).