

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

MEETING:		October 26, 2021 - Other Board Matters								
SUBJECT:		Board Referrals Update								
DEPARTMENT:		County Administrative Office								
Item #	Brd Ref #	Assignment Date	Referred By	Lead Dept.	Sub-Depts.	Project Lead	Requested Due	Item	Report	Status
1	2016.02	4/12/16	Adams	HCD	County Counsel	Girard/Lundquist	5/10/16	Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance a) Prioritize completion of the STR rental ordinance by scheduling a final meeting of the STR Working Group; and b) Present a complete STR Ordinance to the Planning Commission; c) County Counsel respond to the Board re. County not engage in code violation citations while the STR ordinance is being developed.	Staff presented the draft vacation rental ordinances to the Board on November 17, 2020, and May 2021 for direction. Based on Board direction, the necessary environmental review will be conducted. Upon completion of the environmental review, the Planning Commission would consider a recommendation to the Board on the environmental documentation and draft ordinance. Referral modified on August 24, 2021 (as part of Board's annual evaluation of referrals) requesting that HCD provide a proposal to address implementation of enforcement at this time, as well as anticipated funding sources for those costs. On October 5, 2021, the Board directed HCD to developed a pilot program to enforce STRs in District 5 and to return on to the Board on November 16th, 2021 with the draft pilot program for consideration.	Pending
2	2017.18	9/19/17	Board	HRD/CAO		Bokanovich	10/24/17	Request a presentation to the Board of Supervisors with options for commissioner compensation that supports our ability to recruit a diverse and representative pool of commissioners.	The item was presented to the Board on 10/2/2018. The Board directed that HR: 1) convene a committee of Department Heads that manage significant boards and commissions to develop a Commissioner Recruitment Strategy; 2) ask departments to provide information related to the diversity of their current volunteer Commissioner's and committee members; and 3) work with County Counsel and Auditor to determine what would be involved/required to actively implement reimbursement to these volunteers, with budget/cost implications. Referral modified on August 24, 2021 (as part of Board's annual evaluation of referrals) to include: A) an assessment on how commissions are being utilized; how well they are serving in their advisory function to the Board; staffing levels of various committees, and, how that may or may not contribute to their functioning; and, B) referring the referral to the Board of Supervisors Human Resources Committee to engage in discussion and bring back recommendations to the full Board. This item will be discussed with the Human Resources Committee on December 17, 2021.	Pending
3	2017.20	11/19/19	Alejo	PWFP		Ishii	1/28/20	Lease agreement between the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey regarding County's parcel adjacent 855 East Laurel Drive in Salinas for the implementation of a BMX Bike Track, new Skate Park, and sidewalk on East Laurel Drive in Salinas.	An initial referral was initiated on September 15, 2017. On September 1, 2017, Supervisor Alejo held a meeting with the City of Salinas, County RMA staff, and a BMX bike park and skate park engineers/designers to review the property. County Staff conferred with City Staff relative to the City's update of their Parks Master Plan. RMA has also been coordinating with City staff regarding sidewalks on County-owned lands along East Laurel Drive adjacent to this property (between Sanborn Road and Constitution Boulevard). The referral was closed on May 7, 2019 for staff to pursue efforts for a Shelter at 855 E. Laurel. RMA is preparing to bring a master planning effort for use of County lands, specifically lands at Natividad/Laurel in Salinas. This matter is reinstated for reconsideration. Public comment on this item was received on January 14, 2020. Item was pulled from the June 16, 2020, Board meeting agenda and is on hold pending identification of funding. Staff to consult with requesting Supervisor prior to resubmitting item to the Board. PWFP staff continues to work with our state legislative consultants to identify potential grant opportunities. At the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board provided direction to PWFP staff to apply for Prop 68 grant funding, and staff are following through with the application process.	Postponed
4	2018.15	6/5/18	Phillips./Alejo	HCD		Lundquist	7/17/18	Consider zoning changes to prohibit drilling for oil & gas north of King City	Present options for initiating amendments to County zoning to prohibit new oil and gas exploration in Monterey County except in the southern Salinas Valley, generally south of King City and east of the Santa Lucia range, so that it meets all legal requirements. RMA prepared options for consideration by the Planning Commission at a workshop held on 7/11/18. Referral postponed until Measure Z litigation is concluded.	Postponed

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5	2018.16	6/26/2018	Alejo	County Counsel/Auditor-Controller		Girard/Shah	8/28/2018	Update County Travel Policy by County Counsel in coordination with the Auditor-Controller's Office.	<p>Monterey County's travel policy managed by the Auditor-Controller has not been updated in many years and today, it does not compare with current market prices or organizational procedures and may exceed legal requirements. The current policy creates barriers for county staff to be able to effectively represent county business at conferences, trainings or in litigation. This policy also conflicts with another travel policy found in the Personnel Policies and Practices Resolution (PPPR). This referral seeks to update the policies to account for inconsistencies, business needs, efficiency, market prices, whether government rates are available or whether the discounted lodging rooms were secured by conference organizers, such as the California State Association of Counties. This lack in clarity in the existing policy is costing unnecessary staff time and an update would modernize our policy with current standards. The new policy should meet Federal and State law while supporting business efficiency.</p> <p>A revised policy was presented to the Board on November 6, 2018. An updated memo was submitted to the Board. A revised policy will be presented to the Board in January 2022.</p>	Pending
6	2018.28	12/4/2018	Phillips	HCD		Lundquist	12/11/2018	Affordable Housing in the Coastal Zone	Amend County LCP to be consistent with the Coastal Act regarding affordable housing, authorize staff to investigate processes and provide language revision recommendations to the Local Coastal Plan. A presentation was provided to the Board on January 15, 2019. HCD plans to couple this work with the 6th Housing Element to be completed by December 2023. In the interim, staff considers the integration of affordable housing policies in the coastal zones when the opportunities exist (e.g., update to the Big Sur Land Use Plan)	Pending
7	2019.08	9/10/2019	Alejo	PWFP/GLA		Ishii/Chiuolos	12/10/2019	State Funding for the Historic Old Monterey County Jail	A presentation of options for the disposition of the Old Jail was provided on September 10, 2019. The Board identified specific options and authorized Supervisor Alejo to pursue state funding match (\$10M) in the 2020 budget, which will be determined by June 2020. Meanwhile, RMA has coordinated with City staff on their Lincoln Avenue Corridor Master Plan efforts that includes an option for potential reuse of the old jail site. Due to the pandemic the Legislature did not entertain specific budget requests, such as that for the Old Jail. This item is now on hold until the State Budget situation improves. A status update will be provided to the Board in February 2022.	Postponed
8	2019.11	10/8/2019	Adams	Health/Environmental Health/Co Cou		Jimenez/Encarnacion/Strimling	11/19/2019	Establish an Ordinance restricting the use of single-use plastics	<p>Due to the ongoing Shelter In Place order, the development of this ordinance remains delayed. Many of the stakeholder entities have been severely impacted by the SIP (the restaurant and hotel industry particularly) and EH recommends their participation in the development of this ordinance once SIP conditions are lifted or allow business activities to resume at a higher level of production.</p> <p>During the entire month of September 2021, the Recycling Resource And Recovery Services (RRRS) of the Environmental Health Bureau had a survey on posted on the program's webpage seeking input from the public. The survey was live for 30 days and RRRS received a total of 294 responses and 94 comments. 70% of respondents Strongly Agreed and 13% Strongly Disagreed.</p>	Postponed
9	2020.06	1/28/2020	Askew	PWFP		Ishii	3/10/2020	Install speed limit signs on West Camp/Watkins Gate Roads	Staff presented to the Board on March 9, 2021, and the Board approved an update to Title 12 to apply the California Vehicle Code to private East Garrison roads. Staff met with the East Garrison CSD Advisory Committee's Traffic Safety Subcommittee on April 9, 2021 to discuss concerns and options along Watkins Gate Road. It was agreed to hold a follow-up field meeting with the subcommittee which occurred on June 10. The subcommittee will likely recommend to the East Garrison CSD Advisory Committee installation of several radar speed feedback signs on Watkins Gate and West Camp Roads. Staff provided estimated costs to the subcommittee, and will coordinate to place the item on the East Garrison Advisory CSD Committee for consideration. If ultimately approved by the Board, the signs will be implemented and monitored before any additional actions are pursued (if needed).	Pending

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10	2020.09	2/25/2020	Lopez	CAO		Chiuolos	3/24/2020	Murals at the Government Center	Partner with the Arts Council of Monterey County to create murals on the walls of the stairways at the County Government Center located at 168 West Alisal. Staff will provide a Board report and presentation in November 2021.	Pending
11	2020.12	3/3/2020	Phillips & Adams	CAO/PWFP		Vega/Ishii	4/7/2020	Consider funding options to increase the Pavement Condition Index of County roads to at least a "Fair" standard over the next ten years.	Staff has been performing research on funding options with the assistance of a financial consultant. A report was presented to the Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) meeting on September 13, 2021. Item scheduled for Board consideration in December 2021.	Pending
12	2020.22	7/7/2020	Phillips	CAO		Bokanovich	7/28/2020	Referral Process Amendment	This referral requests that the process be amended to have Board approval for a referral as part of an agenda item showing the purpose of the referral, costs, time, challenges, and details of the project. Exceptions may be made for urgent matters. The Board approved an Amended Board Referral Process on April 27, 2021. The Board will conduct a review of the amended referral process, along with the evaluation of outstanding referrals, on an annual basis.	Pending
13	2020.27	12/8/2020	Lopez-Alejo	COB		Ralph		Address the need for translation services	This referral seeks to support access to live translation services and translate recorded minutes of Board of Supervisor meetings. Staff anticipates providing a report to the Board in December 2021.	Pending
14	2021.05	3/2/2021	Alejo	PWFP		Ishii	6/1/2021	Monterey County COVID-19 Victims Memorial	This referral seeks to create a permanent memorial with the names of all COVID-19 victims of Monterey County on the Monterey County Government Campus at 168 West Alisal Street. Staff anticipates providing a presentation and report to the Board in December 2021.	Pending
15	2021.06	3/9/2021	Adams	PWFP/Counsel		Ishii/Girard	4/6/2021	Scenic Drive No Parking Enforcement	This referral seeks the creation of an urgency ordinance to increase enforcement capabilities within existing No Parking zones on Scenic Drive in the Carmel area. On April 27, 2021, the Board approved an urgency ordinance creating a "no parking \$250 fine tow away" zone along portions of Scenic Drive in the unincorporated area in the Carmel Point area near the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and authorized the County Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea for its police department to enforce the regulation. PWFP staff has coordinated details of the parking enforcement approach with the Carmel Police Department and County Counsel prepared a draft agreement which was provided to the City for review. No Parking signs have been installed along the affected portion of Scenic Drive, and a field meeting (coordinated by Supervisor Adam's Office) was held on July 21, 2021 with affected residents to review and consider any adjustments to sign locations. Staff is completing proposed sign adjustments and will coordinate those with Supervisor Adam's office and the community prior to implementation. Also, City of Carmel City Council will consider approval of the parking enforcement agreement at its September 7 meeting. The City of Carmel approved the agreement at its 7 Sep 21 City Council Meeting.	Pending
16	2017.24	10/18/2017	Alejo	Probation		Keating		Proposal to consolidate the current "Youth Center" on 970 Circle Drive in east Salinas with the new Juvenile Hall on 1420 Natividad Road and repurpose the property on 970 Circle Drive.	A memorandum was provided to the Board of Supervisors in late August 2020. Continuing discussions are occurring. Staff provided a memorandum to the Board on May 6, 2021. Referral modified on August 24, 2021 (as part of Board's annual evaluation of referrals) to include a report from the CAO on options for retaining an independent consultant to look into this matter.	Pending
17	2021.08	5/18/2021	Alejo/Lopez	ITD		Chatham		Monterey County Broadband Joint Powers Authority	This referral seeks to explore the potential of creating a Monterey County Broadband Joint Powers Authority to facilitate regional governance, strategy, collaboration and partnerships on expanding broadband access and closing the digital divide throughout Monterey County. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on June 8, 2021. On July 20, 2021, Monterey County Broadband JPA was approved to set up a Task Force and report back in 90 days (October 2021).	Pending

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18	2021.09	5/25/2021	Phillips/Askey	CAO		McKee		Review of Board Committee Responsibilities	This referral seeks to clarify the purpose and responsibilities of each Board of Supervisors committees to improve staff workflow and Board decision making ability. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on June 15, 2021. Staff will be submitting a response to this referral for Board consideration in October November 2021.	Pending
19	2021.11	7/13/2021	Adams	HRD		Ramirez-Bough		Juneteenth Holiday	This referral seeks to establish June 19th, also known as Juneteenth, as an official County holiday. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on August 24, 2021. A progress report will be provided to the Board in December 2021, or sooner, depending on the completion of contract negotiations.	Pending
20	2021.12	7/13/2021	Phillips	CAO/HRD		Chiuolos/Ramirez-Bough		Review of Cannabis Program Organizational Structure	This referral seeks the review of the Cannabis Program's efficiencies, particularly the processes for permit review and compliance inspections. Insignificant progress has been made towards local authorizations for cannabis operators related to land use and building permits, which impacts the industry's ability to be considered for state annual licenses. Disparate departmental staff funded solely by cannabis revenue should report directly to the Cannabis Program Manager to expedite permit submittal and reporting efficiencies. This would serve to not only expedite current cannabis permitting, but would in-turn free up staff dedicated to cannabis to more quickly focus on other programs. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on August 24, 2021. The referring supervisor further requested that County Counsel look into the authority cited by the Agricultural Commissioner.	Pending
21	2021.13	7/27/2021	Phillips	Health/Co Co.		Jimenez/Encarnacion/Girard		Desalination Amendment to County Code 10.72	<p>This referral seeks to expand entities allowed to own and operate desalination facilities to provide additional water supply while maintaining protections for health & welfare. Adequate water supply in Monterey County is inconsistent. Climate change is predicted to make water supply reliability erratic. In addition, sea water intrusion continues to negatively impact potable groundwater. Referral 2018.09 in 2018 requested review of County Code Section 10.72 to clarify its limits as well as to allow public-private partnership owned/operated desalination facilities. However, the amendment of 10.72 did not occur. This referral requests that 10.72 be amended to allow public-private partnerships, CPUC regulated utilities and entities who deliver desalinated water to a public entity, a municipal water supplier and/or a CPUC regulated utility. A preliminary response was submitted to the Board on August 31, 2021. A report was provided to the Board at a subsequent meeting (September 21, 2021), at which time, staff was directed to return to the Board within 3 weeks with a specific proposal for the Board to consider regarding amendments to or rescission of Chapter 10.72.</p> <p>Desalination Amendment to County Code 10.72 – The item was taken back to the BOS of October 12, 2021 to consider providing further direction regarding amendments to Chapter 10.72 of the Monterey County Code regarding “Desalination Treatment Facility” to include preparation of an Initial Study pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (“CEQA”). The BOS approved the motion so an initial study will need to be prepared.</p>	Pending
22	2021.14	8/24/2021	Alejo	CAO		Chiuolos/Paulsworth		EV Charging Station Infrastructure, Mapping and Investment	This referral requests that the Monterey County Sustainability Manager assess and map existing EV charging stations (Level 2 and DC fast chargers) in Monterey County and make it accessible to the public on a new county website, and to assess the need for charging station infrastructure and investment in unserved/underserved areas and disadvantaged communities in Monterey County. This referral further requests that Monterey County partner with the Monterey County Air Resources District, Central Coast Community Energy and other potential partners to pursue grant funding and expand EV charging infrastructure in unserved/underserved areas and disadvantaged communities in our county. A preliminary analysis was provided to the Board on September 21, 2021, at which time, staff was directed to return to the Board with a further analysis. Staff will provide a report and presentation for Board consideration on October 26, 2021.	Pending

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23	2021.15	8/31/2021	Phillips	HCD/CoCo		Lundquist/Girard		Update Noise Ordinance Chapter 10.60	This referral seeks to refine the noise ordinance with improved processes through lessons learned. This referral seeks to explore possible ordinance revision solutions, enforcement implementation strategies such as bolstered staffing and technological resources and possible funding solutions to implement them. The Board of Supervisors considered the preliminary analysis on September 28, 2021 and requested that HCD and the County Counsel's Office conduct a comprehensive analysis per the referral's direction.	Pending
24	2021.16	9/14/2021	Alejo	Health/CAO		Jimenez/Chiuulos		Declaring COVID-19 Health Misinformation a Public Health Crisis in Monterey County	This referral seeks to combat health misinformation and curb the spread of falsehoods that threaten the health and safety of our residents and visitors. The referral was modified by the Board on September 14, 2021 to exclude reference to the resolution. A preliminary analysis was provided to the Board on October 5, 2021. Staff will continue to send out positive and accurate health information via social media to keep the/our community safe and will continue to identify and label health misinformation and disseminate timely to counter misinformation. Staff will further review activities underway and determine if additional strategies and staffing should be considered and return to the Board with a request for additional staffing and funding if needed, in November 2021. Otherwise, staff will return to the Board in January 2022 to provide a status update.	Pending
25	2021.17	9/21/2021	Askew/Alejo	CAO/DSS		Chiuulos/Cameron		Monterey Bay Veterans Home at the Former Fort Ord	This referral requests that the County of Monterey sponsor state and federal legislation and initiate a process to construct a Veterans Home in the Monterey Bay Region at the former Fort Ord. A preliminary analysis was provided to the Board on October 12, 2021.	Pending
26	2021.18	9/28/2021	Adams	WRA		Buche		Board Workshop to Review Regional Water Issues and Potential Solutions	This referral seeks to initiate a comprehensive discussion on regional scale water issues and potential solutions in Monterey County. This referral is for the Board of Supervisors of the MCWRA to hold a special joint meeting with the MCWRA Board of Directors, the SVBGSA Board of Directors, and the Marina Coast Water District GSA Board for the water agencies' leadership to provide a comprehensive overview of regional projects under consideration by the MCWRA, SVBGSA and MCWD GSA. Elected officials, local agencies, water purveyors, industry representatives, landowners and other stakeholders that may have some oversight or authority, or potential interest in participating in regional solutions should be invited. A preliminary analysis will be provided to the Board on October 26, 2021.	Pending
27	2021.19	9/28/2021	Lopez	Ag. Comm.		Gonzales		Farmworker Resource Center	In order to better serve the farm working population of Southern Monterey County, this referral seeks to direct staff to research and come back to our Board of Supervisors with options and feasibility for locating a Farmworker Resource Center in the community of Greenfield CA. The leverage opportunity of matching dollars in the recently signed AB 941, at a 3:1 ratio, provides a great incentive for our County to develop a resource center in a community that lacks direct access to County services, while continuing to face access barriers, such as transportation. The analysis of feasibility should include a recommendation of what services should be provided at this location, as well as the potential to shift existing staff, already focused on this work, into locations near the geographic center of Monterey County. A preliminary analysis will be due to the Board on October 26, 2021.	Pending
28	2021.20	10/12/2021	Phillips	DA	DSS	Pacioni/Medina		Family Justice Center	This referral seeks to direct staff to research and come back to the Board of Supervisors with potential funding and locations suitable for a Family Justice Center. This referral would also direct staff to coordinate and work with the City of Salinas and agencies who would be part of the Family Justice Center. A preliminary response will be due to the Board on November 2, 2021.	Pending

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29	2021.21	10/19/2021	Adams	CAO		Vega		Big Sur Byway Organization Budget Unit	This referral is to request that the Budget Office establish a new budget unit for the Big Sur Byway Organization to establish the required mechanism for appropriation of grants or other funds. The referral also requests that the Board of Supervisors consideration allocating seed funds in the amount of \$10,000 to further support establishment of the organization, to contract for assistance from the RCDMC for administrative support, and to enter into a letter of agreement the NTC to cover efforts to obtain funding, when funding is awarded. A preliminary response will be due to the Board on November 16, 2021.	Pending
30	2021.22	10/26/2021	Phillips	PWPF		Ishii		Roadside Camping Prohibition Enforcement	This referral requests that staff implement requisite signage to clarify and strengthen the ability for Monterey County Sheriff's Office peace officers to enforce and better implement the intent of Monterey County Code Section 12.28.021 to enforce the no overnight parking ordinance.	"NEW Pending Approval on 10/26/21"
<i>Completed by Executive Assistant on October 21, 2021</i>										