



Monterey County

Monterey County
Government Center
168 W. Alisal St.
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Action Minutes - Draft Legislative Committee

Thursday, May 20, 2021

4:00 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor Government Center

SPECIAL Meeting

ATTENDEES:

Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, Chair; Supervisor Wendy R. Askew, Vice Chair; Nick Chiulos, Assistant County Administrative Officer; Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Coordinator; Les Girard, County Counsel; Brent Heberlee, Ballard Spahr LLC; Ashley Walker, Nossaman LLC; Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio, Committee Secretary. A complete list of attendees is on file with the Committee Secretary.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on April 13, 2021.

ACTION:

- Approved action minutes from the April 13, 2021 Legislative Committee meeting.

Federal Report

Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)

2. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Community Project Funding
 - b. America Families Plan
 - c. Gun Control Legislation (H.R. 8, H.R. 1446/S. 529)
 - d. SAFE Banking Act of 2021 (H.R. 1996/S. 910)
 - e. Save Hotel Jobs Act (S. 1519)
 - f. Census Deadlines Extension Act (H.R. 2699/S. 1267)
 - g. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Authorized support letters on Gun Control Legislation (H.R. 8, H.R. 1446/S. 529);**
- **Authorized support letters on SAFE Banking Act of 2021 (H.R. 1996/S. 910);**
- **Authorized support letters on Save Hotel Jobs Act (S. 1519);**
- **Authorized support letters on Census Deadlines Extension Act (H.R. 2699/S. 1267).**
- **Directed staff to provide additional information on the MICROGRID Act (H.R. 2482).**

State Report

Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. 2021-22 Legislative Session
 - b. FY 2021-22 State Budget - Governor's May Revision
 - i. Assemblymember Rivas' local budget requests
 - ii. CSAC Local Bridge, Safety and Active Transportation budget request
 - c. Legislation:
 - i. AB 61 (Gabriel) Business Pandemic Relief.
 - ii. AB 125 (Rivas) Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022
 - iii. AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) Community colleges: ethnic studies.
 - iv. SB 344 (Hertzberg) Homeless shelters grants: pets and veterinary services.
 - v. SB 594 (Glazer) Elections: local redistricting.
 - vi. SB 612 (Portantino) Electrical corporations and other load-serving entities: allocation of legacy resources.
 - vii. SB 714 (Caballero) Democratic Party: county central committees: appointment and election.
 - viii. AB 1500/SB 45 - Advocacy Efforts to Include Dam Safety Funding
 - d. Big Sur Fire
 - e. Governor's Actions and Executive Orders that Impact Monterey County
 - f. State Bill Track
 - g. State/Federal COVID-19 Advocacy Track
 - i. Emergency Rental Assistance - Alignment of State/Federal Program Period

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed letters be provided to Assemblymember Rivas in support of local budget requests for: 1) CDFA's California Leafy Greens Research Program – INSV/PW Research in Monterey County (\$1 million); and 2) City of Salinas Hebbbron Heights Family Center Reconstruction;
- Authorized a letter in support of the CSAC Local Bridge, Safety and Active Transportation budget request;
- Directed staff to work with Assemblymember Rivas' Office on a budget request for local dam safety projects;
- Directed staff to continue to advocate for County priorities in the budget (e.g. homelessness, broadband, children's mental health, dam safety);
- Authorized signature on a coalition letter in support of AB 61 (Gabriel) Business Pandemic Relief.;
- Took a watch position on AB 125 (Rivas) Equitable Economic Recovery, Healthy Food Access, Climate Resilient Farms, and Worker Protection Bond Act of 2022
- Authorized a support letter on AB 1040 (Muratsuchi) Community colleges: ethnic studies.;
- Authorized a support letter on SB 344 (Hertzberg) Homeless shelters grants: pets and veterinary services.;
- Took a watch position on SB 594 (Glazer) Elections: local redistricting.;
- Authorized a support letter on SB 612 (Portantino) Electrical corporations and other load-serving entities: allocation of legacy resources.;
- Recommended a support position to the Board of Supervisors on SB 714 (Caballero) Democratic Party: county central committees: appointment and election.;

- Directed staff to continue to work with Senator Laird and Assemblymember Rivas' offices on issues related to maintaining Big Sur Fire's volunteer status;
- Directed staff to provide information on legislative efforts to restore funding for child support services;
- Directed staff to provide information on which section of the legislative program aligns with bills the County has taken positions on;
- Directed staff to report at a future meeting on workload and resource needs for the Legislative Program and that staff recommend process improvements to help with workflow.

Grant Report

Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. San Lucas Drinking Water
 - b. I-Bank Short-Term Financing for Water Resources Agency
 - c. CAL FIRE Fire Prevention Grant
 - d. CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant Program
 - e. CDFW Cannabis Restoration Grant Program
 - f. Salinas Skate Park/BMX Pump Track
 - g. Grant Track

ACTION:

- Received reports.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 p.m.