



Monterey County Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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

Monday, November 8, 2021

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor,
Government Center

Zoom Call-In Instructions

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment

ACTION:

- Received public comment from Bob Roach requesting County support for the reduction of State cannabis taxes.

Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on October 11, 2021.

ACTION:

- Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on October 11, 2021.

2022 Legislative Committee Meetings

2. Consider approval of the 2022 Legislative Committee meeting calendar.

ACTION:

- Approved the 2022 Legislative Committee meeting calendar.

Reports from Legislative Offices

3. Introduction of staff and reports from State/Federal Legislative Offices
 - a. Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
 - b. Office of Senator Alex Padilla
 - c. Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta
 - d. Office of Senator Anna Caballero
 - e. Office of Senator John Laird
 - f. Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 - g. Office of Assemblymember Mark Stone

ACTIONS:

- **Received introductions and announcements from the following legislative offices:**
- **Alec Manas representing Assemblymember Mark Stone;**
- **Kate Daniels representing Senator John Laird;**
- **Anna Velazquez representing Senator Anna Caballero;**
- **Mark Dennin and Susie Brusa representing Congressman Jimmy Panetta;**
- **Zac Vaden representing Senator Dianne Feinstein.**

Federal Report***Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)***

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Build Back Better/Infrastructure Legislation
 - b. FY2022 Appropriations
 - c. APRA Recovery Fund Flexibility Legislation
 - d. Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Study Act
 - e. Caring for Survivors Act
 - f. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Authorized a “support” position on the Monterey Bay National Heritage Area Study Act;**
- **Authorized a “support” position on the Caring for Survivors Act;**
- **Directed Brent Heberlee to provide information on funding that will be provided to California as a result of the Infrastructure Bill.**

State Report

Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. 2022 Legislative Calendar
 - b. 2022 Proposals for State Budget Requests and Sponsored Legislation
 - c. Salinas Homekey Project Update
 - d. Veterans Home Project Update
 - e. State Bill Track
 - f. State/Federal COVID-19 Advocacy Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Provided direction on 2022 legislative proposals and State Budget requests related to: establishing a Veterans Home in Monterey County; Old Monterey County Jail; Brown Act modernization; and water storage/maintenance/safety projects;**
- **Directed research on a possible cost sharing requirement related to the Veterans Cemetery;**
- **Directed a letter be sent to the County's state and federal legislative delegation regarding issues with Project Homekey under the signature of Chair Askew, Supervisor Alejo, and the Salinas Mayor asap – and to schedule meetings with the Governor's office and HUD.**
- **Directed a letter be sent to the Governor, legislative leadership, and broadband legislative leaders requesting the addition of two (2) local government seats (1 city/1 county) to the Middle Mile Advisory Council under the California Department of Technology as created under SB 156 (broadband budget trailer bill) – and that Monterey County be considered for the county seat.**

Grant Report***Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)***

6. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Proposition 68 Regional Parks Program Applications
 - b. Proposition 68 Rural Tourism and Recreation Program Applications
 - c. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Directed Nossaman to alert the county's legislative delegation when County grant applications are submitted.**

2021-22 Legislative Program Update and 2022 Strategic Grant Services Program

Presenter: Annette D'Adamo

7. Receive a report and provide direction on the development of the 2021-22 Legislative Program Update and 2022 Strategic Grant Services Program.

ACTIONS:

- **Received report.**

Legislative Workshop

Presenter: Annette D'Adamo

8. Receive report and provide direction on the development of the Annual Legislative Workshop.

ACTIONS:

- **Received report;**
- **Directed staff to reserve the Monterey Room for potential hybrid meeting (virtual and in-person) for the Legislative Workshop.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 p.m.