



Monterey County Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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

Monday, June 13, 2022

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd floor,
Government Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None

Public Comment

Received public comment from Nina Beatty related to COVID-19 vaccine concerns.

Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on May 9, 2022.

ACTION:

- **Approved action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on May 9, 2022.**

Report from Legislative Offices

2. Introduction of staff and brief 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 reports from:**

- **Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta by Mark Dennin;**
- **Office of Senator Anna Caballero by Marisa Hernandez;**
- **Office of Senator John Laird by Justin Tran;**
- **Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas by Dominic Dursa;**
- **Office of Assemblymember Mark Stone by Alec Manas.**

Federal Report

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. FY2023 Appropriations - Congressionally Directed Spending Requests
 - b. Gun Safety Legislation
 - c. Wildfire Legislation
 - d. STREAM Act
 - e. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Received public comment from John Baillie (MCWRA Board of Directors) regarding FY2023 appropriation request for Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP) and recently announced USACE loan program that could benefit aging dams;**
- **Recommended an urgency addition to the Board of Supervisors June 14, 2022 agenda to consider authorizing staff to send a letter of support for a bipartisan gun violence prevention legislative proposal should a proposal be introduced in either the House or Senate consistent with the recently announced framework; and that the letter include specific information related to the impacts of gun violence on the residents of Monterey County.**

State Report

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Status of the Legislature
 - b. State Budget
 - i. Legislature's State Budget Agreement
 - ii. County State Budget Requests
 - iii. Dam Safety Coalition Update
 - iv. Prop 1E Subvention Funding Deadline Extension Request
 - c. Legislation:
 - i. AB 2201 (Bennett) Groundwater sustainability agency: groundwater extraction permit: verification.
 - ii. AB 2256 (Quirk-Silva) Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy: reports.
 - iii. SB 1148 (Laird) Cannabis: licenses: California Environmental Quality Act.
 - iv. SB 1338 (Umberg) Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.
 - d. Governor's Actions and Executive Orders
 - e. State Bill Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Directed oppose letter on AB 2201 (Bennett) Groundwater sustainability agency: groundwater extraction permit: verification;**
- **Directed support letter on SB 1148 (Laird) Cannabis: licenses: California Environmental Quality Act – support as written and also support Sonoma County's future efforts to gain CEQA exemptions at the local level for this purpose;**
- **Directed staff/Nossaman to carefully track a State Budget proposal to provide aid to Watsonville Community Hospital.**

Grant Report

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Active Transportation Program
 - b. FY 2022 OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative
 - c. Proposition 68 - Grant Application Updates
 - d. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Directed staff to report at next meeting regarding expanded grant program efforts focused on infrastructure funding for County projects.**

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.