



Monterey County

Government Center
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Salinas, CA 93901

Action Minutes Legislative Committee

Friday, February 21, 2014

3:00 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Fl.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.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 January 29, 2014.
ACTION: Approved action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting of January 29, 2014.

Federal Reports from Brent Heberlee - Nossamn LLP

2. Receive Federal reports from Brent Heberlee, Nossaman LLP, and provide direction/consider position and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Budget Update
 - b. Legislative Updates
 - i. California Drought
 - ii. Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for Military Retirees
 - iii. Immigration Reform
 - iv. Strong Start for America's Children Act of 2013
 - v. Farm Bill
 - vi. Medicare Physician Reimbursement Fix
 - c. Update on Tidball Store transfer
 - d. Provide direction on legislative advocacy meetings in conjunction with the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in Washington, D.C., March 1-5, 2014.
 - e. Monterey County Federal Issues/Bill Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff to conduct further analysis of recently proposed federal drought legislation proposed in the House and Senate to identify opportunities to address issues effecting Monterey County;

- Directed Brent Heberlee to schedule meetings with Congressman Farr, Senator Feinstein and Senator Boxer during the week of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Conference in Washington D.C. to discuss the following issues: California drought; Early Childhood Development legislation; SCAAP funding and update on Salinas River channel clearing efforts, and directed staff to develop appropriate briefing materials.

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

3. Receive State reports from John Arriaga and Laurie Johnson, JEA & Associates, and provide direction/consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
- a. State Budget Update
 - b. Legislative Updates
 - i. California Water Bond Development
 - ii. Salinas River Channel
 - iii. California drought
 - iv. AB 1504 (Stone) Single-Use Filter Cigarettes
 - c. AB 109 Long-Term Funding Formula
 - d. Carmel Lagoon
 - e. Report on 2/6/13 meeting with the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS)
 - f. California State Association of Counties (CSAC) 2014 Legislative Priorities
 - g. Monterey County State Legislative / Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff to develop support letters on AB 1504 (Stone) Single-use Cigarette Filters; and SB 936 (Monning) Monterey Peninsula Water Management District water rate relief bonds.

Other Items

None.

Other items for future agendas

None.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.