



Monterey County

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

Action Minutes Legislative Committee

Monday, May 19, 2014

9:00 AM

Monterey Room, 2nd Fl.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 a.m.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of Action Minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting of April 21, 2014.

ACTION: The Action Minutes of April 21, 2014 were approved with the addition of adding Debbie Hale and Christina Watson from TAMC as attendees.

Federal Reports from Brent Heberlee – Nossaman LLP

2. Receive Federal reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Budget / FY 2015 Appropriations Update
 - b. Legislative Updates
 - i. Water Resources Development Act Reauthorization
 - ii. Surface Transportation Bill Reauthorization
 - iii. National Defense Authorization Act - BRAC
 - c. Nacimiento Reservoir Release Flows
 - d. EPA Proposal on Hydraulic Fracturing
 - e. Receive Federal Legislative/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed Nossaman LLP to review the Water Resources Development Act for possible funding opportunities for Monterey County projects;
- Directed staff to follow-up with Fred Muerer regarding TEAM Monterey;
- Directed staff to look into Santa Barbara initiative on hydraulic fracturing "fracking";
- Directed staff to follow-up with Congressman Farr after his meeting with

NOAA regarding the County's attempt to reduce releases of water from the lakes in order to preserve water due to the drought.

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

3. Receive State reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
- a. State Budget Update / May Revise
 - b. Legislative Updates
 - i. Drought
 - ii. Water Bond
 - iii. Williamson Act
 - c. Mental Health Legislation/Conservatorships
 - d. AB 109 Long-Term Funding Formula
 - e. CSAC Legislative Conference
 - f. June 3, 2014 Ballot Initiatives
 - g. Receive State Legislative/Issues Track.

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed JEA & Associates to provide information on priority water bond needs for Monterey County to Assemblymember Alejo.
- Directed staff to follow-up with Assemblymember Alejo on the County's request for "design-build" legislation in order to construct a tunnel between lakes San Antonio and Nacimiento;
- Directed JEA & Associates and staff to schedule a meeting with Senator Monning to discuss mental health legislation/conservatorships; and also to follow-up with CSAC on this issue in conjunction with the Public Guardians Association and Mental Health Directors Association; and
- Directed staff to submit a workshop topic of "gang violence prevention" to CSAC for the annual conference this November.

Other Reports

4. Receive an update on actions related to Salinas River channel maintenance. (Presented by Water Resources Agency)
- ACTIONS:**
- Received reports; and
 - Directed staff to agendize special meetings if necessary in order to get the final EIR approved by the Agency Board and the Board of Supervisors in order to obtain permits required for Salinas River Channel Maintenance activities.
5. Consider a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for approval of the State and Federal legislative advocacy contracts. (Presented by Nick Chiulos & Annette D'Adamo)
- ACTION:**
- Recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the proposed contracts with JEA & Associates and Nossaman LLP for state and federal legislative advocacy services for FY 14-15, with the option of extending the contracts for three additional one year periods;

- Directed staff to work with JEA & Associates and Nossaman LLP on new proposals for legislative and regulatory advocacy work specific to the priorities of the Water Resources Agency, and to have the Board of Supervisors consider providing funding for these new contracts within the context of the Budget Hearings; and
- Directed staff to work with Nossaman LLP to develop a proposal for state, federal, and private foundation grants work for the County, and to have the Board of Supervisors consider providing funding for this new contract within the context of the Budget Hearings.

Items for Future Agendas

Supervisor Armenta suggested discussion take place on ways of recognizing Senator Steinberg's efforts on behalf of Monterey County.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attendees:

Committee Members:

Supervisor Dave Potter (Chair), Supervisor Fernando Armenta (Vice Chair)

Committee Staff:

Nicholas E. Chiulos, Annette D'Adamo, Karina Torres (CAO-IGLA)
Brent R. Heberlee (Nossaman LLP); John Arriaga & Laurie Johnson (JEA & Associates)

Manny Gonzalez, Rosemary Soto, Veronica Fernandez (CAO); Elsa Jimenez (Health); Rob Johnson (WRA); Charles McKee (County Counsel); Carl Holm (RMA); Dave Spaur (Economic Development); Christina Watson (TAMC); Bob Perkins