



Monterey County

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Action Minutes Legislative Committee

Friday, May 26, 2017

2:00 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m.

Public Comment: Members of the public may address comments to the Committee concerning each agenda item only; non-agenda public comment will not be allowed. Timing of public comment shall be at the discretion of the Chair.

- Received public comment from John Bailey, Water Resources Agency, Reservoir Operations Committee, regarding the need to access state funding for safety assessment, repair and maintenance at the County's reservoirs.

URGENCY ADD-ON ACTIONS:

- Approved an urgency addition to the agenda for an item which arose following the posting of the agenda on SB 5 (DeLeon) Parks Bond. On 5/25/17, the offices of Senator Cannella and Senator Monning contacted the County through Nossaman to solicit projects for consideration of inclusion in SB 5. The Senators need the County to respond prior to the next Legislative Committee meeting.

- Directed staff develop and send information to Senator Cannella and Senator Monning on the following projects: 1) Interlake Tunnel Project; 2) Laguna Seca Recreation Area/track improvements; and 3) Salinas Regional Soccer Project.

Interlake Tunnel Project - White Bass Issue:

*Presenters: David Chardavoyne & Robert Johnson (WRA)
Jennifer Capitulo (Nossaman)*

1. Receive a report and provide direction on discussions between the Water Resources Agency (WRA) and California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) regarding development of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Interlake Tunnel Project/white bass - including meeting schedule and timeline.

ACTIONS:

- Received report on MOU negotiations with California Department of Fish and Wildlife related to the Interlake Tunnel Project/white bass issue;

- Directed WRA to report on status of MOU negotiations at the next Legislative Committee meeting.

Funding Related Advocacy & Grant Services:

Presenters: Jennifer Capitolo & Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

2. Receive reports and provide direction on activities related to funding and grant related efforts:
- a. Strategic Grant Services Program update
 - b. Meetings with Senator Monning and the Office of Senator Cannella regarding statewide water quality initiatives.

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff & Nossaman to research and if appropriate pursue upcoming environmental justice grants which address unsafe drinking water conditions in the Salinas Valley, and to schedule a meeting with Supervisor Alejo to further discuss this issue.
- Received a report on the status of SB 623 (Monning) Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund and possible budget trailer bill language specific to Monterey County which would potentially generate funding to address water quality issues in the Salinas Valley. Directed that the County honor Senator Monning's request to take no action on the trailer bill for two weeks and then reassess the situation. If SB 623 looks to be gaining support, the Committee discussed possibly requesting that Monterey County be allowed to insert language in the bill specific to the Salinas Valley.
- Received a report on SB 193 (Cannella) Interlake Tunnel/white bass, and discussed requesting that Senator Cannella amend an urgency clause into the bill to keep it alive. Supervisor Alejo will call Senator Monning to discuss and provide direction following that conversation.
- Received a report on the Governor's dam safety proposal directed staff to pursue funding for spillway improvements or other damages when the timing is appropriate.

State Reports:

Presenters: John Arriaga & Laurie Johnson (JEA & Associates)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
- a. Budget
 - i. May Revision
 - ii. In Home Support Services (IHSS) Maintenance of Effort (MOE)
 - b. Legislative
 - i. SB 562 (Lara) The Healthy California Act
 - ii. SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless facilities: small cells
 - iii. SB 687 (Skinner) Save Our Emergency Rooms
 - iv. SCR 57 (Cannella) Memorial Highways
 - c. Draft cannabis regulations and May 18, 2017 Marijuana Workshop

- d. Approval of Workforce Investment Board (WIB) request for designation as provider of Adult and Dislocated Worker career services
- e. Receive State bill/issues

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Received public comment from Angela Tomayo with Kaiser in support of SB 562 (Lara) The Healthy California Act;
- Directed a WATCH position be taken on SB 562 (Lara) The Healthy California Act;
- Directed an OPPOSE position be taken on SB 649 (Hueso) Wireless facilities: small cells;
- Received public comment from in support of SB 687 (Skinner) Save Our Emergency Rooms;
- Directed a WATCH position be taken on SB 687 (Skinner) Save Our Emergency Rooms;
- Received a report on County sponsored legislation, SCR 57 (Cannella) Memorial Highways, which has been introduced but requires amendment in the Senate Transportation Committee to limit the designations to no more than 5 miles each, and to add a designation for a fifth County veteran;
- Directed that staff carefully monitor the development of State cannabis regulations, and continue to provide updates to the Legislative Committee.

Federal Reports:

Presenters: Brent Heberlee (Nossaman LLP)

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Budget - FY2017 Consolidated Appropriations Act
 - b. Legislative
 - i. Affordable Care Act - Repeal/Replace Legislation
 - ii. Immigration - Agricultural Worker Program Act of 2017
 - iii. Immigration - Republican Sanctuary City Proposals
 - iv. Disaster Declaration Improvement Act
 - v. Infrastructure
 - c. Executive Order: National Monuments
 - d. Receive Federal bill/issues track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed that a SUPPORT position be taken on the Agricultural Worker Program Act;
- Directed that an OPPOSE position be taken on Republican Sanctuary city proposals;
- Directed that a WATCH position be taken on the Disaster Declaration Improvement Act;
- Directed staff/Nossaman to track federal infrastructure investment efforts;
- Directed that a letter be sent to the Secretary of the Interior as part of the public comment related to the executive order on national monuments. The letter should document the extensive public outreach and community support

and collaboration for the Fort Ord National Monument.

Other Items:

Presenters: Supervisor Alejo & Supervisor Adams.

5. Receive verbal comments and direction on any follow-up items from Supervisor Alejo and Supervisor Adams regarding the May 17-18, 2017, CSAC Legislative Conference.

ACTIONS:

- Received a report from Supervisor Alejo regarding hot topics at the CSAC Legislative Conference;
- Directed a budget item which would require in person jail visitation and preclude counties from charging for video visitation be closely MONITORED;
- Directed that legislative efforts to reform bail be WATCHED.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 p.m.