



# Monterey County

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Salinas, CA 93901

## Action Minutes Legislative Committee

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Friday, November 7, 2014

1:00 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Fl.

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### SPECIAL MEETING

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

**Public Comment Period: The public may address the Committee on any item described in the notice of Special Meeting and on this Agenda before or during consideration of that item.**

There were no public comments.

#### Water Resources Agency:

1. Receive reports and provide strategic direction on legislative, lobbying, and regulatory efforts on behalf of the Water Resources Agency priority projects:

***Presenters: David Chardavoyne & Rob Johnson - WRA***

- a. Report on the status of local meetings related to AB 155 / Project Labor Agreement (PLA) as directed by the Board of Supervisors/WRA Board of Directors at their 10/28/14 joint meeting.

***Presenter: John Arriaga - JEA & Associates***

- b. Report on meetings and activities JEA & Associates have undertaken related to AB 155/PLA; and accessing funding through the water bond.

***Presenter: David Armanasco - California Strategies***

- c. Report on meetings and activities California Strategies have undertaken to advance WRA priorities through the water bond.

***Presenter: Jennifer Capitolo - Nossaman LLP***

- d. Report on efforts Nossaman LLP has undertaken to identify a path for Monterey County's compliance under CASGEM (California Statewide Groundwater Elevation Monitoring), which will open the door to other funding opportunities for WRA priority projects.

***Presenter: Nick Chiulos***

- e. Report on coordination and reporting of WRA related activities between: County Administrative Office - Intergovernmental and Legislative

Affairs Division Staff; Water Resources Agency; California Strategies; JEA & Associates; Nossaman LLP (Sacramento); and Nossaman LLP (Washington D.C.).

**ACTIONS:**

- Received reports;
- Received Public Comment from Assemblymember Luis Alejo summarizing his efforts to assist Monterey County/Monterey County Water Resources Agency including but not limited to: 1) \$500,000 from the Department of Water Resources for clean drinking water; 2) AB 155 design build legislation for the Interlake Tunnel project; 3) possible Water Bond funding; 4) work to help the County attain CASGEM compliance to enable the County to compete for State funding; 5) advocating for federal funding; and 6) advocating for Phase I of the Salinas River Maintenance demonstration project.;
- Received public comment from Ron Cheshire related to AB 155;
- Directed WRA staff to provide a copy of the lobbying contract with California Strategies to the Committee; and
- Directed CAO-IGLA and WRA staff, Nossaman LLP, JEA & Associates, and California Strategies to ensure cooperation and collaboration on priority WRA activities through:
  - o 1) weekly conference calls;
  - o 2) bi-weekly activity reports; and
  - o 3) to provide advance notification of all meetings related to WRA legislative priority items.

**Grants Program Update from Jennifer Capitolo & Ashley Setoudeh - Nossaman LLP**

2. Receive report and provide direction on activities related to the implementation of the Grant Services Program.

**ACTIONS:**

- Received report; and
- Directed staff to reach out to the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), City of Marina, and the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) related to housing opportunities for veterans on property located near the new VA clinic.

**Federal Reports from Brent Heberlee - Nossaman LLP**

3. Receive Federal reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
- a. Federal Election Results;
  - b. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) fracking regulations in Monterey County;
  - c. Tidball Store transfer; and
  - d. Receive Federal Legislative/Issues Track

**ACTION:**

- Received reports

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

4. Receive State reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
- a. State Budget Update;
  - b. Election Results;
  - c. Mental Health Legislation/Conservatorships;
  - d. Elkhorn Slough Rail / Flooding Issues; and
  - e. Receive State Legislative/Issues Track

**ACTIONS:**

- Received reports

**Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

**Committee members: Supervisor Dave Potter, Chair; and Supervisor Fernando Armenta**

**Staff: Nicholas E. Chiulos, Assistant CAO; Annette D'Adamo, Management Analyst III; and Karina Torres, Administrative Secretary-Confidential**

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