



Monterey County

Monterey County
Government Center
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Action Minutes - Draft Legislative Committee

Monday, March 8, 2021

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor, Government Center

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:32 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment

None.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on February 8, 2021.

ACTION:

- Approved the action minutes from the February 8, 2021 Legislative Committee meeting.

Federal Report

Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)

2. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. COVID-19 Relief Legislation
 - b. FY2022 Appropriations
 - c. Immigration Reform Legislation
 - d. Criminal Justice Reform Legislation
 - e. Election Integrity and Voting Rights Legislation
 - f. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Took a “support” position on the Coronavirus Unemployment Benefits Tax Relief Act (H.R. 685/S. 175).
- Directed Brent Heberlee to closely track the FY2022 appropriations process related to “earmarks” and proactively follow-up on potential County priorities (e.g.: Nacimiento-Fergusson Road; damaged roads in District 3, etc)
- Took a “support” position on Citizenship for Essential Workers Act (bill no. TBD).
- Directed staff to add Criminal Justice Reform legislation to the April meeting agenda.
- Received public comment from John Baillie in support of the Citizenship for Essential Workers Act.

State Report

Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. 2021-22 Legislative Session
 - b. FY 2021-22 State Budget proposal
 - c. Legislation:
 - i. AB 84 (Ting) Employment: COVID-19: supplemental paid sick leave.
 - ii. SB 314 (Weiner) Alcoholic beverages.
 - iii. AB 868 (E. Garcia) Emergency services.
 - iv. SB 6 (Caballero) Local planning: housing: commercial zones.
 - v. SB 95 (Skinner) Employment: COVID-19: supplemental paid sick leave.
 - d. Dam Safety Funding Coalition
 - e. Governor's Executive Orders that Impact Monterey County
 - f. Other State/Federal Advocacy Activities
 - i. Board letter on vaccine, transparency, equity letter
 - ii. Delegation legislative efforts related to vaccines
 - iii. Multi-County Entity (MCE) vaccine clinic invitation
 - iv. Request for FEMA mass vaccination site
 - g. State Bill Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff to add AB 84 (Ting)/SB 95 (Skinner) COVID-19: supplemental paid sick leave;
- Took a "watch" position on SB 314 (Weiner) Alcoholic beverages;
- Received public comment from Kim Stemler, Monterey County Vintner and Growers Association, regarding support for SB 314;
- Took a "support in concept" position on AB 868 (E. Garcia) Emergency Services;
- Took a "support" position on SB 6 (Caballero) Local planning: housing: commercial zones;
- Directed staff to add the County's Public Records Act request to the California Department of Public Health regarding COVID-19 vaccine distribution data to the County's Legislative Program webpage;
- Directed staff to provide monthly reports to the Committee with a list of COVID-19 related Board of Supervisors correspondence.

Grant Report

Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - State Budget Funding for Interlake Tunnel
 - b. US Fish and Wildlife (USFW)/California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - Habitat Conservation Plan development
 - c. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - d. Prop 68: Statewide Parks Program - San Lorenzo Park
 - e. CRFREE and Carmel Lagoon
 - f. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Received public comment from John Baillie noting Toro Park is still closed and encouraging efforts to reopen.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 p.m.