

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

MEETING:		October 27, 2020 - Other Board Matters							
SUBJECT:		Board Referrals Update							
DEPARTMENT:		County Administrative Office							
Item #	Brd Ref #	Assignment Date	Referred By	Lead Dept. Sub-Depts.	Project Lead	Requested Due	Item	Report	Status
1	2016.02	4/12/16	Potter	RMA County Counsel	Girard/Holm	5/10/16	Short Term Rental (STR) Ordinance a) Prioritize completion of the STR rental ordinance by scheduling a final meeting of the STR Working Group; and b) Present a complete STR Ordinance to the Planning Commission; c) County Counsel respond to the Board re. County not engage in code violation citations while the STR ordinance is being developed.	RMA presented the most recent draft ordinance to the Planning Commission. Staff will be returning to the Planning Commission with draft ordinances in June 2020, asking for a recommendation that staff can present to the Board. Staff anticipates presenting this item to the Board of Supervisors on November 17, 2020, for policy direction back to the Planning Commission.	Pending
2	2017.18	9/19/17	Board	Human Resources	Ramirez-Bough	10/24/17	Request a presentation to the Board of Supervisors with options for commissioner compensation that supports our ability to recruit a diverse and representative pool of commissioners.	The item was presented to the Board on 10/2/2018. The Board directed that HR: 1) convene a committee of Department Heads that manage significant boards and commissions to develop a Commissioner Recruitment Strategy; 2) ask departments to provide information related to the diversity of their current volunteer Commissioner's and committee members; and 3) work with County Counsel and Auditor to determine what would be involved/required to actively implement reimbursement to these volunteers, with budget/cost implications. A report will be presented to the Board on December 8, 2020.	Pending
3	2017.20	11/19/19	Alejo	RMA	Holm	1/28/20	Lease agreement between the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey regarding County's parcel adjacent 855 East Laurel Drive in Salinas for the implementation of a BMX Bike Track, new Skate Park, and sidewalk on East Laurel Drive in Salinas.	An initial referral was initiated on September 15, 2017. On September 1, 2017, Supervisor Alejo held a meeting with the City of Salinas, County RMA staff, and a BMX bike park and skate park engineers/designers to review the property. County Staff conferred with City Staff relative to the City's update of their Parks Master Plan. RMA has also been coordinating with City staff regarding sidewalks on County-owned lands along East Laurel Drive adjacent to this property (between Sanborn Road and Constitution Boulevard). The referral was closed on May 7, 2019 for staff to pursue efforts for a Shelter at 855 E. Laurel. RMA is preparing to bring a master planning effort for use of County lands, specifically lands at Natividad/Laurel in Salinas. This matter is reinstated for reconsideration. Public comment on this item was received on January 14, 2020. Item was pulled from the June 16, 2020, Board meeting agenda and is on hold pending identification of funding. Staff to consult with requesting Supervisor prior to resubmitting item to the Board.	Postponed
4	2017.21	9/26/17	Alejo	RMA / Econ. Dev.	Holm	12/12/17	Expand access to Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU) in Monterey County to address housing shortage in Monterey County.	An ordinance was adopted by the Board on September 15, 2020. Staff is developing a draft incentive program, such as reduced fees and expedited processing, for Board consideration in January 2021.	Pending
5	2018.15	6/5/18	Phillips./Alejo	RMA	Holm	7/17/18	Consider zoning changes to prohibit drilling for oil & gas north of King City	Present options for initiating amendments to County zoning to prohibit new oil and gas exploration in Monterey County except in the southern Salinas Valley, generally south of King City and east of the Santa Lucia range, so that it meets all legal requirements. RMA prepared options for consideration by the Planning Commission at a workshop held on 7/11/18. Referral postponed until Measure Z litigation is concluded.	Postponed

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6	2018.16	6/26/2018	Alejo	County Counsel/Auditor-Controller	Girard/Shah	8/28/2018	Update County Travel Policy by County Counsel in coordination with the Auditor-Controller's Office.	<p>Monterey County's travel policy managed by the Auditor-Controller has not been updated in many years and today, it does not compare with current market prices or organizational procedures and may exceed legal requirements. The current policy creates barriers for county staff to be able to effectively represent county business at conferences, trainings or in litigation. This policy also conflicts with another travel policy found in the Personnel Policies and Practices Resolution (PPPR). This referral seeks to update the policies to account for inconsistencies, business needs, efficiency, market prices, whether government rates are available or whether the discounted lodging rooms were secured by conference organizers, such as the California State Association of Counties. This lack in clarity in the existing policy is costing unnecessary staff time and an update would modernize our policy with current standards. The new policy should meet Federal and State law while supporting business efficiency.</p> <p>A revised policy was presented to the Board on November 6, 2018. An updated memo was submitted to the Board. A revised policy will be presented to the Board on December 8, 2020.</p>	Pending
7	2018.28	12/4/2018	Phillips	RMA	Holm	12/1/2018	Affordable Housing in the Coastal Zone	Amend County LCP to be consistent with the Coastal Act regarding affordable housing, authorize staff to investigate processes and provide language revision recommendations to the Local Coastal Plan. A presentation was provided to the Board on January 15, 2019. Staff will provide a memorandum to the Board in the near future.	Pending
8	2019.08	9/10/2019	Alejo	RMA/GLA	Holm/Chiuolos	12/10/2019	State Funding for the Historic Old Monterey County Jail	A presentation of options for the disposition of the Old Jail was provided on September 10, 2019. The Board identified specific options and authorized Supervisor Alejo to pursue state funding match (\$10M) in the 2020 budget, which will be determined by June 2020. Meanwhile, RMA has coordinated with City staff on their Lincoln Avenue Corridor Master Plan efforts that includes an option for potential reuse of the old jail site. Due to the pandemic the Legislature did not entertain specific budget requests, such as that for the Old Jail. This item is now on hold until the State Budget situation improves	Postponed
9	2019.11	10/8/2019	Adams	Health/Environmental Health/Co Counsel	Jimenez/Ramirez/Stirling	11/19/2019	Establish an Ordinance restricting the use of single-use plastics	<p>Establish an Ordinance restricting the use of single-use plastics and disposable food service ware in the unincorporated County. Plastic waste is polluting the marine environment at a runaway pace: 80% of ocean litter comes from land-based sources, and according to the 2011 Clean Water Action Study, 67% of litter in commercial streets is comprised of single use disposable food and beverage packaging. It's a growing problem that wreaks havoc on local environments. Communities across our region are taking action to address the global plastic litter problem by banning or significantly restricting the use of single-use plastics and disposable food service ware. The County of Monterey can support local efforts to reduce waste, protect the environment, and further solidify our county as a "sustainable destination" by enacting an ordinance restricting the use of single-use plastics and disposable food service ware in the unincorporated county. The City of Monterey recently enacted its Environmentally Acceptable Food Service Ware ordinance, developed using an inclusive community process. This ordinance should serve as a reference to the County as it undertakes adoption of its own restrictions on the use of single-use plastics and disposable food service ware in the unincorporated county.</p> <p>A status update was provided to the Board on January 28, 2020. Staff has begun the process of establishing an ordinance addressing single use plastics and intends on providing a report to the Board at a future date. Staff will continue to conduct outreach under modified conditions.</p>	Postponed

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10	2019.12	10/15/2019	Alejo & Adams	RMA	Holm/Swanson	12/10/2019	Strengthen Monterey County's ordinance regarding archeological on-site monitoring requirements for development projects to better protect Native American and other cultural resources and provide increased daily fines for violations to better ensure compliance.	RMA anticipates providing a report to the Board on June 16, 2020, that seeks Board consideration of prioritizing resources for this referral. Staff provided a presentation to the Board on June 16, 2020. Per Board direction, County Counsel and RMA conferred on the preparation of an ordinance. The first reading of the ordinance was presented to the Board on July 7, 2020. The final adoption of the ordinance was taken before the Board on July 28, 2020 and was continued to August 18, 2020. The Board considered this item on September 15, 2020. Based on Board direction, staff will be revising the ordinance and returning to the Board at a later date.	Pending
11	2019.18	12/10/2019	Parker	Health	Jimenez/Burnham	1/14/2020	Spay and Neuter Ordinance	<p>According to the 2017-2018 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury report on Animal Control in Monterey County, 67% of all cats entering the county shelter are euthanized. The Grand Jury suggests that the "County would benefit from a more aggressive spay/neuter program coupled with more education and outreach regarding owner responsibility."</p> <p>This referral requests a presentation to the Board with options to adopt a county spay and neuter ordinance that includes a plan for accessible spay/neuter options and education and outreach regarding owner responsibility. This item is being postponed to a later time due to pending and continued progress in increasing low cost neuter options in the community.</p>	Postponed
12	2020.01	12/14/2019	Alejo	CAO	Woods	7/7/2020	Formula-E Racing at Laguna Seca Raceway	To research and initiate efforts to attract the first Formula-E racing event to the WeatherTech Laguna Seca Raceway, the only event of its kind on the West Coast. The latest innovation in auto racing is electric-battery operated racing vehicles. Formula-E racing is the world's first electric street racing series that was inaugurated in 2014 and is sanctioned by FIA or the Federacion Internationale de l'Automobile headquartered in Paris. Like Formula 1, Formula-E is a racing championship with single-seater, open cockpit vehicles, and can reach 62 mph in 2.8 seconds, similar as their gas-powered counterpart. But their maximum speed is about 174 mph as compared to the Formula 1 cars at 230 mph. Formula-E currently takes place in New York City, Mexico City, Berlin, Seoul, Jakarta, Rome, Santiago, Diriyah, Marrakesh, Sanya, Paris and London. Long Beach was the only prior site on the west coast to hold races in the 2014-15 and 2015-16 racing seasons. With our close proximity to the Silicon Valley and the San Francisco Bay area, Laguna Seca Raceway is ideally located to hold such a global event and attract potential sponsors from the tech and electric-vehicle industry. It could also attract a new generation of fans from the tech sector. E-racing is the future of auto racing in the world and it also promotes cleaner and quieter vehicles/events. An event at Laguna Seca could also showcase the latest manufacturing of electric and hybrid racing and conventional vehicles from California and throughout the world. With the recent development of Stay in Place Order nationwide/worldwide the sport of racing had come to a sudden halt and interest in expansion of most racing series at new circuits was not an industry priority. Until racing, including e-formula resumes established circuit activities expansion is not a priority focus as priority focus will be on reestablishing the sport. Once racing has achieved a successful restart staff will begin exploration of new racing events, including but not limited to e-formula, timeline would be to initiate discussions in early 2021 with a potential deal in 2023.	Pending
13	2020.06	1/28/2020	Parker	RMA	Holm	3/10/2020	Install speed limit signs on West Camp/Watkins Gate Roads	This is a request for Public Works to install a speed limit sign on West Camp Road heading toward Watkins Gate Road, and a second sign on Watkins Gate Road immediately after the intersection with East Garrison Road. There is only one speed limit sign indicating a 25 mph zone, and it is on the downhill portion of West Camp Road immediately before Reservation Road. Drivers who are cutting through East Garrison on the perimeter roads have been observed driving 50 mph before reaching the only speed limit sign towards the end of that route. Since there are homes on only one side of the street, drivers may be unaware that it is considered a residential zone with a slower speed limit. Staff has met with the East Garrison Community Service District and the East Garrison Home Owner's Association. A report back to the Board is anticipated to occur following a Town Hall meeting.	Pending

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14	2020.09	2/25/2020	Lopez	CAO	Chiuolos	3/24/2020	Murals at the Government Center	Partner with the Arts Council of Monterey County to create murals on the walls of the stairways at the County Government Center located at 168 West Alisal. Staff will provide a Board report and presentation in December 2020.	Pending
15	2020.11	3/3/2020	Lopez & Alejo	CAO	Woods	4/7/2020	Investigate the feasibility and viability of the creation of a public bank to serve our local government needs.	The referral seeks for staff to investigate the feasibility and viability of the creation of a public bank to serve our local government needs, while not competing with our local and national banking institutions. Recently passed state legislation, AB 857, allows for the establishment of ten public banks in California to address the needs of California local governments. The County is a top rated credit agency and this allows ease of access to credit markets at favorable rates that are well subscribed County issuances. For this reason, as well as minimal County issuance activity, creation of a public bank is not recommended. If it is desired to create a public bank to increase access to credit for other public agencies, it is estimated that the cost to engage banking professionals could exceed \$100,000. Staff will bring a report in October December 2020 to the Board of Supervisors to determine the Board's interest in hiring banking industry professionals to engage in a feasibility study.	Pending
16	2020.12	3/3/2020	Phillips & Adams	CAORMA	Vega/Holm	4/7/2020	Consider funding options to increase the Pavement Condition Index of County roads to at least a "Fair" standard over the next ten years.	The referral seeks to establish funding for a program to increase the condition of our county roads over the next ten years that will reduce long term capital expenses. Staff has met to discuss options. Staff will need to access fiscal impacts from COVID-19 prior to responding to this referral. It is anticipated that staff will have the information needed by December 2020 January 2021.	Pending
17	2020.14	4/14/2020	Phillips	Social Services	Medina	4/21/2020	Provide funding support for the Food Bank of Monterey County	On April 21, 2020, the Board approved the allocation of \$250,000 to fund the Food Bank of Monterey County. An update on future plans for months six and twelve was provided to the Board on June 23, 2020, at which time the Board authorized an additional allocation in the amount of \$500,000. The Board directed that \$250,000 be issued at that time, with the remaining \$250,000 to be issued at a later time contingent upon the Food Bank providing needed data to complete a more comprehensive analysis. Staff anticipates providing an update to the Board on December 8, 2020.	Pending
18	2020.18	5/5/2020	Parker	Health	Jimenez	5/12/2020	Weekly report on progress to meet six State indicators for reopening	The referral requests a presentation to the Board and a weekly status report for the Board and Public that outlines actions being taken by the County to meet California's six indicators for modifying the stay-at-home order. The referral further requests a robust plan to communicate weekly status towards these six indicators via a digital dashboard that includes, at a minimum, the County staff/departments who are leading action on each indicator, outside agencies who share responsibility, metrics to measure our progress towards goals, and barriers and/or resources needed to make progress. Staff will provide weekly status updates as part of the COVID-19 updates provided during the Board of Supervisor meetings.	Ongoing
19	2020.21	6/9/2020	Alejo	Sheriff	Bernal	8/04/20 - 9/01/20	Review of Use of Force Policies, Recruitment and Training	The referral seeks to review and engage the community in dialogue on the use of force policies by the Monterey County Sheriff Department, recruitment, and training, including language and cultural sensitivity, crisis management and dealing with persons with mental health conditions. Referral further requests an evening meeting to better engage the community and solicit input, report findings, and make any necessary reforms based on findings. This referral also aims to engage in this process and conversation jointly with the Salinas City Council and the Salinas Police Department. A presentation on this matter was provided to the Board on October 6, 2020.	Completed
20	2020.22	7/7/2020	Phillips	CAO	Bokanovich	7/28/2020	Referral Process Amendment	This referral requests that the process be amended to have Board approval for a referral as part of an agenda item showing the purpose of the referral, costs, time, challenges, and details of the project. Exceptions may be made for urgent matters. Staff will provide a report to the Board in December 2020.	Pending

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21	2020.24	8/18/2020	Adams	RMA	Holm		Ensuring Public Safety and Disaster Response Capacity through Airport Acquisition	This referral requests that opportunities be explored for a County, and/or a County-Community Partner(s), acquisition of the Carmel Valley Airport to ensure public safety and disaster response capacity, particularly related to fire response, as well as preservation of open space. The referral further requests ongoing status reports to the Board. This referral was withdrawn by the requesting Supervisor on October 20, 2020.	Withdrawn
22	2020.25	9/15/2020	Alejo/Lopez	ITD	Chatham		Addressing Digital Divide in Salinas and Throughout Monterey County	This referral seeks to support collaborative efforts to address the digital divide in partnership with local school districts, cities, the County of Monterey, and community partners to address the digital divide for our local students and all other county residents, and to advocate for solutions at the state and federal level. The referral requests that the Board of Supervisors advocate at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) so that broadband internet access is regulated once again as a utility that is necessary for all Californians' daily lives, and support legislation to reform existing state programs to expand internet access, generate needed revenue and make it easier for local governments to obtain funding to move local projects forward more expeditiously. The referral also requests that Monterey County formally request and sponsor legislation for a universal broadband bond to be placed on the 2022 election ballot to generate the billions needed to address the digital divide in California once and for all. A county-wide community survey is also requested as soon as possible to engage local residents on their needs and concerns regarding the digital divide, online student distance learning, and access to affordable internet service. Staff anticipates providing a presentation to the Board of Supervisors on November 17, 2020.	Pending

Completed by Executive Assistant on October 22, 2020