

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

MEETING:		January 24, 2023 - Other Board Matters								
SUBJECT:		Board Referrals Update								
DEPARTMENT:		County Administrative Office								
Item #	Bid/R#	Assignment Date	Referred By	Lead Dept.	Sub-Depts.	Project Lead	Requested Due	Item	Report	Status
1	2016.02	4/12/16	Adams	HCD	County Counsel	Girard/Lundquist	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.	Staff presented the draft vacation rental ordinances to the Board on November 17, 2020, and May 2021 for direction. Based on Board direction, the necessary environmental review will be conducted. Upon completion of the environmental review, the Planning Commission would consider a recommendation to the Board on the environmental documentation and draft ordinance. Referral modified on August 24, 2021 (as part of Board's annual evaluation of referrals) requesting that HCD provide a proposal to address implementation of enforcement at this time, as well as anticipated funding sources for those costs. On October 5, 2021, the Board directed HCD to develop a pilot program to enforce STRs in District 5. On December 8, 2021, staff provided a presentation to the Board on its proposed proactive enforcement and was directed to proceed by returning in January/February 2022 for Board action on staff resources, funding, and a draft ordinance increasing fines for unauthorize STRs. The Budget Committee considered staff resources on January 26, 2022 and subsequently, on March 1, 2022, the Board approved three new staff positions including two Code Compliance Inspector II positions and an Office Assistant position. A Notice of Preparation has been distributed indicating that an EIR is being prepared. A public consultation and scoping meeting were held on September 6 and 19, 2022, respectively. An initial study has been completed concluding that an EIR is warranted related to the draft ordinances. The Board will consider a contract with Ascent Environment for the preparation of a contract on December 6, 2022.	Pending
2	2017.18	9/19/17	Board	CAO		Bokanovich	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. Referral modified on August 24, 2021 (as part of Board's annual evaluation of referrals) to include: A) an assessment on how commissions are being utilized; how well they are serving in their advisory function to the Board; staffing levels of various committees, and, how that may or may not contribute to their functioning; and, B) referring the referral to the Board of Supervisors - Human Resources Committee to engage in discussion and bring back recommendations to the full Board. This item was discussed with the Human Resources Committee in late January 2022. The referral has been reassigned to the County Administrative Office for response. Staff will provide a report to the Board in October 2022 January 2023.	Pending
3	2017.20	11/19/19	Alejo	PWFP		Ishii	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. PWFP staff continues to work with our state legislative consultants to identify potential grant opportunities. At the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board provided direction to PWFP staff to apply for Prop 68 grant funding. On January 20, 2022, the County submitted a \$3 million application to the Prop 68 Regional Park Program. Project implementation is pending notification of a grant award. On August 24th, the County was notified that its project applications were not selected for grant funding - the process was highly competitive and oversubscribed. Staff will continue to find new opportunities to raise fund to build the project.	Postponed
4	2018.15	6/5/18	Phillips/Alejo	HCD		Lundquist	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
5	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.	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 of 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. 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 in June 2022.	Pending
6	2018.28	12/4/2018	Phillips	HCD		Lundquist	12/11/2018	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. HCD plans to couple this work with the 6th Housing Element to be completed by December 2023. In the interim, staff considers the integration of affordable housing policies in the coastal zones when the opportunities exist (e.g., update to the Big Sur Land Use Plan)	Pending

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24	2022.01		1/11/2022	Alejo	PWFP		Ishii		Velocity International Event & Sponsorship at Weathertech Laguna Seca Raceway	This referral seeks consideration of a significant proposal by Velocity International to bring an August Monterey Motorsports Reunion Event to Weathertech Laguna Seca Raceway. This referral would direct staff to quickly enter into discussions and negotiations with Velocity International, and to expeditiously bring the proposal back for full Board of Supervisors' consideration. The Board of Supervisors has previously requested that such potential sponsorships be brought to Laguna Seca Raceway, and this proposal could also potentially offset the significant \$10 million costs to repave the track and construct a new bridge as discussed during the board meeting last Tuesday, December 8, 2021. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on February 1, 2022. This item is currently on hold due to negotiations on a potential concession agreement at Laguna Seca.	On Hold
25	2022.02		1/11/2022	Asklew	CAO		Chitulos/Bokanovich		Sheriff Oversight Board Formation	This referral seeks to explore formation of a Sheriff Oversight Board. Assembly Bill 1185 authorized counties to establish a sheriff oversight board to assist the board of supervisors to fulfill its duties related supervising the official conduct of all county officers, including the sheriff. An oversight board would consist of civilian residents appointed by the board of supervisors. Formation of the oversight board can be accomplished by action of the board of supervisors or through a vote of county residents. This referral requests the Board of Supervisor form such an oversight board and that staff return with a report that includes bylaws, formation resolution, and an outline of administrative capacity needed to support the oversight board. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on March 22, 2022; at which time, the Board took action to defer the item until after the new Sheriff is elected and the Board has had an opportunity to establish a relationship.	Postponed
26	2022.04		2/1/2022	Phillips/Lopez	PWFP		Ishii		Revisit Rossi Road Extension Plan	This referral seeks to revisit the Rossi Road extension plan and explore solutions to alleviate traffic congestion and improve traffic circulation in the Boronda area as a result of the population and business growth and the relocation of the SVSWA transfer station and Republic Services' yard. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on March 8, 2022. A Town Hall was conducted on July 27, 2022. A working group has been started, and next steps and roles are being established. CEQA and funding are also being researched and discussed.	Pending
27	2022.06		2/8/2022	Asklew	Health		Jimenez/Hanni		VIDA Project Extension	This referral seeks to increase funding allocated to the VIDA Project to maintain operations through the end of the 2022. The referral directs staff to return with a report outlining costs of continuing the VIDA Project at current operating levels through December 31st. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on March 8, 2022 and updated response was provided on June 21, 2022. Staff will provide an update at the Health, Housing, and Human Services Committee on September 12, 2022 and Board of Supervisors on September 27, 2022.	Pending
28	2022.07		3/1/2022	Lopez	Sheriff Ag Comm		Beneak Gonzales		Monterey County Agricultural and Livestock Pass	This referral requests that staff determine feasibility of an agricultural and livestock pass for the County of Monterey. In the last few years, California has had some of the largest and most severe wildfires in history of the state. The purpose of creating a county-based "Ag Pass" program is to provide a uniform way to identify vetted commercial farm and ranch owner-operators and their employees to firefighting personnel, California Highway Patrol officers, Sheriff's deputies and other law enforcement officers, and other emergency personnel. Possession of an Ag Pass during a wildfire or a similar disaster potentially allows the agriculturalist limited emergency access to areas that may otherwise be restricted to the public, in order to 1) protect or care for agricultural assets (such as irrigating crops or feeding, watering, and transporting livestock) and/or 2) provide support information to emergency personnel (such as identifying access roads and available water sources). This item was reassigned to the Agricultural Commissioners Office on April 5, 2022. A preliminary analysis response will be provided to the Board on May 3, 2022. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on May 3, 2022. Staff will present to the Board on October 25, 2022. Staff will present a finalized Ag Pass Program to the Board in February or early March of 2023.	Pending
29	2022.11		3/1/2022	Alejo	Health		Jimenez/Eckert		Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Reserve Funds Expenditure Plan & Oversight	This referral requests that the Monterey County Behavioral Health Department provide a comprehensive presentation on how Mental Health Services Act funding is being used in our county, what other potential eligible services could be provided under the act, and to devise an updated expenditure plan to utilize the record reserve funds of \$55,380,337 towards providing critical needed services to eligible residents. The referral further requests that the Board of Supervisors receive an annual report on the expenditures and effectiveness of all its programs. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on March 22, 2022. The Board directed that the matter be referred to the Budget Committee for further consideration. An initial comprehensive report was provided to the Budget Committee on April 25, 2022. The Budget Committee directed that the report be expanded to include outcomes and effectiveness, and be referred to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration. Staff provided an updated response to the Board of Supervisors on June 21, 2022 and were directed to present further updates to the Budget Committee. Staff provided an update at the Budget Committee on July 27, 2022 and were directed to return to Budget Committee in January 2023 with an update on our future fund balance assumptions and innovation projects.	Pending
30	2022.14		4/19/2022	Lopez	PWFP		Ishii		Harkins Road	This referral requests that staff investigate the possibility of changing Harkins Road into a one-way street. A preliminary analysis will be provided to the Board on May 17, 2022. Staff presented the Preliminary Analysis Report at the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting. Staff will come back to the Board prior to the end of October 2022. As directed, staff provided a preliminary analysis to the Board at is May 17, 2022 meeting. The Board directed staff to return with a more comprehensive analysis of the referral and anticipated effort for completion. PWFP engaged consultant support to evaluate a potential one-way concept for Harkins Road, and a community meeting was held in Spreckels on December 5, 2022 to get feedback. A report to the Board is planned for January/February 2023	Pending
31	2022.15		4/19/2022	Alejo	CAO		Chitulos/Wilson		Collaboration Regarding Salinas Gabilan Creek Encampments & Environmental Concerns	This referral requests that staff collaborate with the City of Salinas, the Salinas Regional Sports Authority, and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife regarding homeless encampments along Gabilan Creek near the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex causing environmental and nuisance concerns. A preliminary assessment was provided to the Board on May 10, 2022. Staff will collaborate with City Staff and return to the Board to provide a status in 60 to 90 days.	Pending

