



Monterey County

Monterey County
Government Center
168 W. Alisal St.
Salinas, CA 93901

Action Minutes - Final Legislative Committee

Monday, September 14, 2020

1:30 PM

Zoom Call-in Instructions

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on August 10, 2020.

ACTION:

Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on August 10, 2020.

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 Stimulus Legislation
 - b. 2020 Census
 - c. Unemployment Benefits
 - d. Increase Federal Disaster Cost Share Act of 2020
 - e. Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act
 - f. Broadband Access
 - g. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed that a support position be taken on S. 4431, the Emergency Wildfire and Public Safety Act.
- Discussed advocacy efforts related to expanding broadband in Monterey County including regulation as a utility by FCC, and legislative and funding opportunities to encourage broadband development.

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. Status of the Legislature
 - b. Status of legislation Monterey County has taken positions on
 - c. Monterey County COVID-19 Related Advocacy
 - i. Housing for the Harvest Program
 - ii. Project Roomkey - liability issues
 - d. Update on COVID-19 related legislation
 - e. Update on Legislative Economic Stimulus Plan
 - f. Update on Wildfire legislation
 - g. Governor's Executive Orders that Impact Monterey County
 - h. November 2020 Ballot Propositions
 - i. Broadband
 - i. Discuss possible legislation for a universal broadband bond on the 2022 ballot.
 - ii. Discuss possible legislation to reform existing state programs to expand internet access, generate funding, and assist local governments in moving projects forward.
 - j. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff to inquire with the California Chamber of Commerce and California Restaurant Association (CRA) to determine their advocacy priorities related to restaurant openings under COVID-19; Supervisor Adams will reach out to the former CRA leader; Supervisor Adams and Supervisor Phillips to reach out to local community for input through the Ad Hoc Committee; then regroup regarding next steps;
- Directed staff to work with the Health Department to write a letter to the California Department of Public Health requesting additional testing sites and resources for Monterey County;
- Recommended forwarding Proposition 19 to the Board of Supervisors for consideration without any recommendation from the Legislative Committee;
- Recommended forwarding Proposition 21 to the Board of Supervisors for consideration with a recommendation of support from the Legislative Committee;
- Discussed various legislative, funding, and administrative activities to expand broadband in the county and directed that further discussion related to broadband advocacy be placed on the October Legislative Committee meeting agenda.

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. Proposition 64 - Public Health and Safety Grant
 - c. I-Bank Funding Update
 - d. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:55p.m.