



Monterey County Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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

Monday, April 11, 2022

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor,
Government Center

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:30PM.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment

None.

Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on March 14, 2022.

ACTION:

- Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on March 14, 2022.

Reports from Legislative Offices

2. Introduction of staff and brief reports from State/Federal Legislative Offices
 - a. Office of Senator Dianne Feinstein
 - b. Office of Senator Alex Padilla
 - c. Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta
 - d. Office of Senator Anna Caballero
 - e. Office of Senator John Laird
 - f. Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 - g. Office of Assemblymember Mark Stone

ACTIONS:

Received reports from:

- Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta – Mark Dennin**
- Office of Senator Laird – Kate Daniels**
- Office of Senator Feinstein - Zach Vaden**

Regular Agenda**Federal Report - Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)**

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. FY2023 Appropriations - Congressionally Directed Spending Requests
 - b. COVID Relief Proposal
 - c. MORE Act
 - d. Student Debt Proposals
 - e. RCRC Infrastructure Grant Capabilities
 - f. Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project
 - g. Emmett Till Antilynching Act
 - h. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Recommended that the Board of Supervisors authorize a letter to the County's federal delegation requesting legislation to lower student loan interest to zero percent;**
- **Received public comment from:**
 - o John Baillie in support of FY23 appropriations request for well rehabilitation/replacement in the CSIP project.**

State Report - Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Status of the Legislature
 - b. State Budget:
 - i. County State Budget Requests
 - ii. Dam Safety Coalition Update
 - iii. Water Bond Coalition
 - iv. CARE Court
 - c. Legislation:
 - i. AB 1623 (Ramos) Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services retirement pay: survivor benefit plan payments.
 - ii. AB 2509 (V Fong) Vehicles: registration fees: exemptions.
 - iii. AB 2898 (V Fong) Property taxation: exemption: principal residence: veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses.
 - iv. AB 2339 (Bloom) Housing element: emergency shelters: regional housing need.
 - v. SB 1237 (Newman) Licenses: military service.
 - vi. SB 1100 (Cortese) Open meetings: orderly conduct.
 - vii. AB 1944 (Lee) Local government: open public meetings.
 - viii. AB 2449 (Rubio) Open meetings: government agencies: teleconferences.
 - ix. AB 2647 (Levine) Local government: open meetings.
 - x. AB 2256 (Quirk-Silva) Middle Mile Advisory Committee
 - xi. AB 2421 (B Rubio) Water: unlicensed cannabis cultivation.
 - d. Veteran's Home Legislative Proposal
 - e. Governor's Actions and Executive Orders
 - f. CSAC Legislative Conference - April 20-21, 2022, Sacramento, CA
 - g. State Bill Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Directed that positions be taken on State legislation as follows:**
 - o **SUPPORT - AB 1623 (Ramos) Personal income taxes: exclusion: uniformed services retirement pay: survivor benefit plan payments.**
 - o **SUPPORT - AB 2509 (V Fong) Vehicles: registration fees: exemptions.**
 - o **SUPPORT - AB 2898 (V Fong) Property taxation: exemption: principal residence: veterans and their unmarried surviving spouses.**
 - o **SUPPORT IF AMENDED - AB 2339 (Bloom) Housing element: emergency shelters: regional housing need.**
 - o **SUPPORT - SB 1237 (Newman) Licenses: military service.**
 - o **SUPPORT - SB 1100 (Cortese) Open meetings: orderly conduct.**
 - o **SUPPORT - AB 1944 (Lee) Local government: open public meetings.**

- o **SUPPORT IF AMENDED - AB 2449 (Rubio) Open meetings: government agencies: teleconferences.**
- o **WATCH – AB 2830**
- o **WATCH – SB 1338**
- o **WATCH – AB 2647 (Levine) Local government: open meetings.**
- o **WATCH – AB 2421 (B Rubio) Water: unlicensed cannabis cultivation, and meet with CSAC regarding concerns;**
 - **Received report from Jason Cameron, Monterey County Military and Veterans Services Officer, regarding efforts to site a Veterans Home in Monterey County;**
 - **Received public comment from:**
 - o **John Baillie requesting information on the 21st Century Dam Act; efforts of the Water Bond Coalition; and opposing legislation which permits remote participation in public meetings governed by the Brown Act;**
 - o **Mark Gonzalez regarding dam safety funding;**
 - o **Kim Stemler supporting remote accessibility options for participation in public meetings governed by the Brown Act;**
 - o **Cesar Lara in support of the County’s state budget requests;**
 - **No meetings were requested by Committee members attending the CSAC Legislative Conference.**

Grant Report - Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Support letters for Proposition 68 projects
 - b. Active Transportation Program
 - c. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Supervisor Askew stated support for a CAO-IGLA budget augmentation to provide staff and grant writing assistance as outlined in option 4 to the response to Board Referral 2022.12 at the April 5, 2022 Board of Supervisors meeting.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44PM.