

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

MEETING:		January 14, 2020 - Draft Revised							
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 February 12, 2020, asking for a recommendation that staff can present to the Board. Staff anticipates presenting this the Board of Supervisor in March/April 2020 for direction back to the 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 in January/February 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. Staff will provide a status report to the Board of Supervisors in late January 14, 2020 to consider prioritizing resources for this referral.	Pending
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.	Staff prepared ordinances to update ADU regulations consistent with State Law, and per Board direction. Following a Public Hearing/Workshop with the Planning Commission on 6/27/18, additional changes in State legislation placed the matter on hold. Now that State legislation affecting ADU regulations has settled down, a revised draft ordinance will be forwarded to the Planning Commission for review and consideration. Staff anticipates a report will be presented to the Board late February 2020 for consideration prioritizing resources for this referral. Meanwhile, staff has met with groups to discuss how to implement ADU's in Monterey County.	Pending
5	2017.24	10/24/17	Alejo/Salinas	Probation/RMA	Parsons	12/12/17	Proposal to consolidate the current "Youth Center" on 970 Circle Drive in east Salinas with the new Juvenile Hall on 1420 Natividad Road and repurpose the property on 970 Circle Drive.	Probation must obtain further determination/documentation from BSCC that State funding will not be compromised with consolidating Youth Center and new Juvenile Hall and whether this combination of two separate programs can be accommodated in the new Juvenile Hall campus. Probation approached a consultant to obtain clarification on this issue, and provided a status update memorandum to the Board members. The next status update is planned after the completion of Phase I of the new Juvenile Hall facility, in April 2020.	Pending

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6	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.	Hold
7	2018.16	6/26/2018	Alejo	County Counsel/Auditor-Controller	McKee/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 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. A revised policy was presented to the Board on November 6, 2018. An update memo was submitted to the Board. A revised policy will be presented to the Board on February 28, 2020.	Pending
8	2018.26	10/18/2018	Parker	IGLA	Chiuolos	12/4/2018	FORA Transition Planning. Report on FORA activities related to transition planning and provide Board direction if needed.	Reports have been provided to the Board on FORA Transition Planning and State Legislation (SB189, Monning). Staff continues to monitor and will report, as needed, to the Board of Supervisors until final transition June 30, 2020.	Pending
9	2018.28	12/4/2018	Phillips	RMA	Holm	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. A written update will be provided to the Board members.	Pending
10	2019.01	2/26/2019	Adams	RMA	Holm	5/1/2019	Review of State and County Defensible Space Regulations	To review the State and County regulations that govern fire fuel reduction for defensible space on private property. Staff prepared a report to the Board on the applicable State and County regulations that govern fire fuel reduction for defensible space on private property, including consideration of changes warranted in the County's regulations in this current era of fire hazards. RMA has reviewed information and resources available on the RMA web page on Removal of Trees & Vegetation & Fire Management, and implemented updates to help clarify. RMA also attended a BSMAAC meeting to participate in a community discussion on this topic. Staff is scheduled to report to the Board on February 4, 2020.	Pending
11	2019.08	9/10/2019	Alejo	RMA/IGLA	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. Staff will report back to the Board in July 2020, or sooner if funding is identified.	Pending
12	2019.09	9/10/2019	Alejo/Lopez	RMA	Holm/Bradshaw	12/10/2019	Install Signage for the Salinas Valley Wine Trail to Enhance Agri-Tourism, Viticulture & Economic Prosperity in the Salinas Valley.	The Board of Supervisors approved \$150,000 in the 2019-20 budget to promote tourism in the Salinas Valley. Staff has contacted The Visitors Bureau and Vintners Association to evaluate how/if any of these funds could be used for a sign program benefiting the wine industry - similar to a Santa Clara County project in 2014 Wine Trail in Morgan Hill, San Martin and Gilroy. Staff anticipates a report to the Board on January 28, 2020 regarding what has been discussed to date and seeking Board consideration of prioritizing resources for this referral.	Pending

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13	2019.10	9/24/2019	Phillips	CAO/Co Counsel/WRA	McKee/Buche	11/5/2019	Request County become the Groundwater Sustainability Agency limited to the area necessary to avoid any of the 180 & 400 ft aquifers declared unmanaged or probationary as the result of overlaps.	<p>Take actions needed to avoid the overlapping areas and/or the 180 & 400 ft aquifers being declared unmanaged or probationary by virtue of the overlap of boundaries of the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) and the City of Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency (MGSA). Area to be covered should be limited to that necessary to resolve overlap ramifications.</p> <p>Both the SVBGSA and MGSA have filed with the Department of Water Resources to be the GSA for the 180 & 400 ft aquifers covering an approximately 400-acre parcel in the City of Marina. This creates an overlap of GSA boundaries. Overlaps may result in sustainability plans being rejected and/or areas determined to be unmanaged or probationary. Counties may be deemed the GSA for areas that are unmanaged. The County previously offered to be the GSA for any unmanaged or ungoverned areas. SVBGSA is far along in creating a sustainability plan for the 180/400 ft. aquifers. Request is also made that the County adopt this plan, as appropriate, and have the SVBGSA manage the area. The SVBGSA appears to support the proposal and the matter is moving through their committees.</p> <p>A presentation was provided to the Board on December 11, 2019, at which time the Board approved the formation of the Monterey County Groundwater Sustainability Agency.</p>	Completed
14	2019.11	10/8/2019	Adams	Health/Environmental Health/Co Counsel	Jimenez/Ramirez/Strimling	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 presentation to the Board is requested on January 28, 2020.</p>	Pending
15	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 January 28, 2020 that seeks Board consideration of prioritizing resources for this referral.	Pending
16	2019.13	10/22/2019	Alejo	RMA	Holm	1/28/2020	Monterey County Facilities' Energy Efficiency & Modernization	This referral seeks to research and assess the energy efficiency of all our County facilities and pursue budget-neutral financing opportunities to maximize energy efficiency and invest in facilities' infrastructure modernization. Staff anticipates a report to the Board in March 2020 identifying what has been investigated to date and seeking Board consideration of prioritizing resources for this referral.	Pending

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17	2019.14	10/22/2019	Phillips	Health Department	Jimenez	12/10/2019	Explore options to fund mobile spay and neuter clinics	<p>Research funding mechanisms to fund mobile spay/neuter programs which would minimize the number of stray and injured animals countywide.</p> <p>In response to the recommendations of the County Animal Shelter, animal advocacy groups, the SPCA and the Grand Jury report which referenced the high rate of euthanasia in Monterey County, the County should research the partnership possibilities for funding mobile spay/neuter clinic(s) to address the need for additional spay/neuter services throughout Monterey County. Many residents are unwilling or unable to bring animals to shelters while others are unable to afford the costs of caring for animals. Studies show that mobile spay and neuter clinics reduce the number of stray and injured animals resulting in lower euthanasia rates and improve the overall health and safety of both animals and humans.</p> <p>A presentation was provided to the Board on January 7, 2020. Staff and the Animal Services Ad Hoc Committee will continue discussions on increasing mobile spay/neuter options for residents.</p>	Completed
18	2019.15	11/5/2019	Alejo	RMA	Holm	2/28/2020	Elkhorn Slough Watershed, Gabilan Mountain and Salinas River Watersheds Signage	<p>This referral seeks to install 6 signs in Monterey County identifying the Elkhorn Slough Watershed, Gabilan Mountain Watershed and Salinas River Watershed (2 signs per watershed):</p> <p>North bound signage placement: -Entering Elkhorn Slough Watershed sign will be placed just passed Crazy Horse Canyon Road. -Entering Gabilan Mountain Watershed sign will be placed near Spence Road. -Salinas River Watershed sign will be placed after crossing into Monterey County from San Luis Obispo County.</p> <p>South bound signage placement: -Elkhorn Slough sign will be placed in Monterey County when crossing from San Benito County. -Entering Gabilan Mountain Watershed sign will be placed just before Crazy Horse Canyon Road. -Entering Salinas River Watershed sign will be placed near Spence Road.</p> <p>Staff anticipates a report to the Board on February 11, 2020 seeking Board consideration of prioritizing resources for this referral.</p>	Pending

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19	2019.16	11/5/2019	Adams	CAO/Sheriff/Co Counsel	Chiuilos/Bernal/Girard	2/28/2020	Big Sur Roadside Camping Prohibition Enforcement	<p>Review of County Code Chapter 14.18 - Camping Prohibited to identify potential amendments to improve, clarify, and strengthen enforcement of Section 14.18.020.A.</p> <p>Illegal roadside camping in the Big Sur area has created public health and safety concerns for the community, particularly regarding fire safety and dumping of waste, including human waste. Monterey County Code Section 14.18.020.A. states, "No person shall camp in the right-of-way of State Highway One between the Carmel River and the Monterey-San Luis Obispo County Line at any time." Section 14.18.040 – Enforcement, while providing discretion to peace officer, also can be interpreted as implying that citations should primarily be issued in locations with no parking signage. "No Parking" signage, or "No Roadside Camping" signage, is not in place in most turnouts on State Highway One through the Big Sur area, thereby limiting the ability of the Monterey County Sheriff's Office to issue citations. Further, the citation process requires the peace office to obtain signatures from the occupants of the vehicle rather than being able to leave a ticket on a vehicle windshield, as is done by California State Parks enforcement officers within their jurisdiction on the Big Sur coast. The purpose of this referral is to request an analysis of this Chapter and recommendations for code amendments to improve, clarify, and strengthen the ability for Monterey County Sheriff's Office peace officers to enforce and better implement the intent of Code Section 14.18.020A.</p> <p>The Supervisor requested a Board Report providing status updates until completed.</p>	Pending
20	2019.17	12/10/2019	Lopez	CAO/Housing & Economic Development	Chiuilos/Wyatt	1/7/2020	Golden State Finance Authority	<p>This referral seeks a presentation to the Board of Supervisors whether the County should become a member of Golden State Finance Authority (GSFA). GSFA is a joint powers authority that provides financing programs for residents of Monterey County. Rural County Representatives of California (RCRC) created GSFA in 1993 to be a vehicle to assist individuals and families with the purchase of a home. Over the years GSFA expanded to include financing programs for multi-family residences and energy retrofit programs and has recently initiated a program designed to finance infrastructure development.</p> <p>A presentation on this matter will be presented to the Board in March 2020.</p>	Pending
21	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.</p> <p>Supervisor requests a presentation in June 2020.</p>	Pending

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22	2020.01	12/14/2019	Aljeo	CAO	Woods	7/7/2020	Formula-E Racing at Laguna Seca Raceway	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Staff will provide a report and presentation to the Board in June 2020.</p>	Pending
22	2020.02	12/14/2019	Lopez	Agricultural Commissioner	Espinoza	2/11/2020	Partnership between Monterey County and Monterey County 4-H Council	<p>Create a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the County of Monterey, through the Agricultural Commissioner's Office and the Monterey County 4-H Council (MC4H) for the purpose of educating our next generation of farmers and ranchers, developing citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills in local youth.</p> <p>This MOU is to provide funding to MC4H for the Monterey County 4-H Council Program and to establish an understanding between the County through the MCAC and the MC4H regarding the roles and responsibilities of said parties. The MOU is to provide funding on or before June 30, 2020, to MC4H for the operating expenses of the programs and projects within the scope of the MC4H Program. The MC4H Program services 700 youth and 300 adults within Monterey County with outreach and partnerships with many local businesses and the agricultural community at large.</p> <p>The Referral requests a Board Report to the Board on February 11, 2020.</p>	NEW Pending approval on 01/14/2020.