

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

**Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/98147828225>
(Meeting ID: 981 4782 8225); or**

Monday, May 12, 2025

1:30 PM

**In-person at 168 W. Alisal St, 2nd Flr, Salinas CA-Monterey Room; or 11140
Speegle St, Castroville CA-Dist 2 Office**

Legislative Committee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the April 14, 2025, Legislative Committee meeting.

ACTION:

- **Approved the action minutes from the April 14, 2025, Legislative Committee meeting.**

Reports from Legislative Offices

2. Introduction of staff and brief reports from State/Federal Legislative Offices:
 - a. Office of Senator Alex Padilla
 - b. Office of Senator Adam Schiff
 - c. Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta
 - d. Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
 - e. Office of Senator John Laird
 - f. Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 - g. Office of Assemblymember Dawn Addis

ACTIONS: Received reports by:

- **Office of Senator John Laird by Isabel Mesa**
- **Office of Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas by Dominic Dursa**

Federal Report - Presenter: Maria Tripplaar & Katlyn Koegel (Ballard Spahr LLP)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Government Update
 - i. Congressional Overview
 - ii. Executive Order Updates
 - b. Budget Update, including Community Project Funding Requests
 - c. Federal Advocacy
 - i. Pajaro-Sunny Mesa-Springfield Area Regional Consolidation Project
 - ii. Protecting the Federal Safety Net
 - d. Legislation
 - i. Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act (H.R. 22)
 - ii. Digital Equity Act Funding
 - e. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports;**
- **Adopted an “oppose” position on the SAVE Act (H.R. 22)**

State Report - Presenters: Ashley Walker & Kasha Hunt (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. Status of the State Budget
 - i. 211 Services Funding
 - c. Legislation:
 - i. AB 49 (Muratsuchi) Schoolsites: Immigration enforcement
 - ii. AB 431 (Wilson) Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Act
 - iii. AB 928 (Rogers) Roosters: restrictions
 - iv. SB 16 (Blakespear) HHAP program: housing element: Integrated Plan for Behavioral Health
 - d. CPUC Letter on Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities
 - e. Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders
 - f. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports**
- **Adopted a “support” position on 211 Services Funding in the State Budget**
- **Directed a revised letter of support on AB 49 (Muratsuchi) to reflect amendments to the bill**
- **Adopted a “support” position on AB 431 (Wilson) Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Act**
- **Adopted a “support” position on AB 928 (Rogers) Roosters: restrictions.**
- **Directed a memo be sent to Senator Blakespear removing the County’s opposition to SB 16, and directing a letter to Senator Caballero as Chair of the Appropriations Committee urging her to move SB 16 out of committee.**

Grant Report – Presenters: Ashley Walker & Kasha Hunt (Nossaman LLP)

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - b. California Coastal Commission Proposition 4 Application
 - c. Proposition 4 - Wildfire Funding
 - d. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- **Received reports**
- **Received public comment from Adam Pinteris supporting funding for eucalyptus removal**

Legislative Advocacy and Grant Services Contracts – Presenter: Annette D’Adamo

6. Receive report and provide direction on renewal of the County’s state and federal legislative advocacy and grant services contracts.

ACTION:

- **Recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve updated state and federal legislative advocacy and grant services contracts with Nossaman LLP and Ballard Spahr LLP with updated “scopes of work” and a 15% contract increase, including the option to extend the contracts for three (3) additional, one (1) year periods under the same scopes of work and payment provisions.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.