

Monterey County Board of Supervisors

MEETING:		August 31, 2021 - Other Board Matters								
SUBJECT:		Board Referrals Update								
DEPARTMENT:		County Administrative Office								
Item #/AG/O11	Brd Ref #	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.	Pending
2	2017.18	9/19/17	Board	HRD/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. A report will be presented to the Board in October 2021. 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.	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.	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

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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.	<p>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.</p> <p>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 December 2021.</p>	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
7	2019.08	9/10/2019	Alejo	PWFP/GLA		Ishii/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. Due to the pandemic the Legislature did not entertain specific budget requests, such as that for the Old Jail. This item is now on hold until the State Budget situation improves. A status update will be provided to the Board in February 2022.	Postponed
8	2019.11	10/8/2019	Adams	Health/Environmental Health/Co Cou		Jimenez/Encarnacion/Strimling	11/19/2019	Establish an Ordinance restricting the use of single-use plastics	Due to the ongoing Shelter In Place order, the development of this ordinance remains delayed. Many of the stakeholder entities have been severely impacted by the SIP (the restaurant and hotel industry particularly) and EH recommends their participation in the development of this ordinance once SIP conditions are lifted or allow business activities to resume at a higher level of production.	Postponed
9	2019.18	12/10/2019	Askew	Health		Jimenez/Burnham	1/14/2020	Spay and Neuter Ordinance	Postponed to a later time due to pending and continued progress in increasing low cost neuter options in the community. Animal Services has a partnership with SNIP and continues to offer free feral cats clinics for the public through June 2021. Referral removed from matrix as part of Board's annual evaluation of pending referrals on August 24, 2021. Matter referred to the Animal Control Advisory Committee to review and make recommendations to the Board, or to include the issue of a spay neuter ordinance in their annual report to the Board, within one year.	Withdraw

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10	2020.06	1/28/2020	Askew	PWFP		Ishii	3/10/2020	Install speed limit signs on West Camp/Watkins Gate Roads	Staff presented to the Board on March 9, 2021, and the Board approved an update to Title 12 to apply the California Vehicle Code to private East Garrison roads. Staff met with the East Garrison CSD Advisory Committee's Traffic Safety Subcommittee on April 9, 2021 to discuss concerns and options along Watkins Gate Road. It was agreed to hold a follow-up field meeting with the subcommittee which occurred on June 10. The subcommittee will likely recommend to the East Garrison CSD Advisory Committee installation of several radar speed feedback signs on Watkins Gate and West Camp Roads. Staff provided estimated costs to the subcommittee, and will coordinate to place the item on the East Garrison Advisory CSD Committee for consideration. If ultimately approved by the Board, the signs will be implemented and monitored before any additional actions are pursued (if needed).	Pending
11	2020.09	2/25/2020	Lopez	CAO		Choulos	3/24/2020	Murals at the Government Center	Partner with the Arts Council of Monterey County to create murals on the walls of the stairways at the County Government Center located at 168 West Alisal. Staff will provide a Board report and presentation in October November 2021.	Pending
12	2020.12	3/3/2020	Phillips & Adams	CAO/PWFP		Vega/Ishii	4/7/2020	Consider funding options to increase the Pavement Condition Index of County roads to at least a "Fair" standard over the next ten years.	Staff has been performing research on funding options with the assistance of a financial consultant. A report will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Capital Improvement Committee (CIC) meeting, unless a special CIC meeting is called. Item scheduled for Board consideration on September 21, 2021.	Pending
13	2020.18	5/5/2020	Askew	Health		Jimenez	5/12/2020	Weekly report on progress to meet six State indicators for reopening	<p>The referral requests a presentation to the Board and a weekly status report for the Board and Public that outlines actions being taken by the County to meet California's six indicators for modifying the stay-at-home order. The referral further requests a robust plan to communicate weekly status towards these six indicators via a digital dashboard that includes, at a minimum, the County staff/departments who are leading action on each indicator, outside agencies who share responsibility, metrics to measure our progress towards goals, and barriers and/or resources needed to make progress.</p> <p>Staff will provide weekly status updates as part of the COVID-19 updates provided during the Board of Supervisor meetings. Referral removed from matrix as part of Board's annual evaluation of pending referrals on August 24, 2021.</p>	Withdraw
14	2020.22	7/7/2020	Phillips	CAO		Bokanovich	7/28/2020	Referral Process Amendment	This referral requests that the process be amended to have Board approval for a referral as part of an agenda item showing the purpose of the referral, costs, time, challenges, and details of the project. Exceptions may be made for urgent matters. The Board approved an Amended Board Referral Process on April 27, 2021 and directed staff to return in 6-months (late October) to conduct a review of the process.	Pending
15	2020.25	9/15/2020	Alejo/Lopez	ITD		Chatham		Addressing Digital Divide in Salinas and Throughout Monterey County	This referral seeks to support collaborative efforts to address the digital divide in partnership with local school districts, cities, the County of Monterey, and community partners to address the digital divide for our local students and all other county residents, and to advocate for solutions at the state and federal level. The referral requests that the Board of Supervisors advocate at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) so that broadband internet access is regulated once again as a utility that is necessary for all Californians' daily lives, and support legislation to reform existing state programs to expand internet access, generate needed revenue and make it easier for local governments to obtain funding to move local projects forward more expeditiously. The referral also requests that Monterey County formally request and sponsor legislation for a universal broadband bond to be placed on the 2022 election ballot to generate the billions needed to address the digital divide in California once and for all. A county-wide community survey is also requested as soon as possible to engage local residents on their needs and concerns regarding the digital divide, online student distance learning, and access to affordable internet service. A report on the legislative advocacy portion of the referral was provided to the Board on November 17, 2020. An update was provided to the Board on July 20, 2021. Request for confirmation of referral completion has been submitted to the referring supervisors.	Pending

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16	2020.27	12/8/2020	Lopez-Alejo	COB		Ralph		Address the need for translation services	This referral seeks to support access to live translation services and translate recorded minutes of Board of Supervisor meetings. Staff anticipates providing a report to the Board in December 2021.	Pending
17	2021.01	1/12/2021	Alejo-Lopez	Health		Jimenez	1/26/2021	Phase 1b Agriculture Workers Vaccination Plan	This referral seeks to devise a comprehensive plan, in collaboration with agriculture associations, employers, labor unions and healthcare professionals, for the successful vaccination of tens of thousands of agricultural workers in Monterey County. Staff continues to hold regular coordination meetings with Ag and Union Leaders. There are concerted efforts in establishing vaccination clinics specific for Agricultural workers by local vaccinators including Clinica de Salud del Valle de Salinas, County Departments of Natividad and Health Department (Public Health and Clinic Services), and other healthcare providers. Additionally, the State provided 3,000 Janssen doses specifically for farmworkers and clinics were set up in Soledad and Greenfield by Optum in partnership with local community based organizations. Referral removed from matrix as part of Board's annual evaluation of pending referrals on August 24, 2021.	Withdraw
18	2021.04	2/23/2021	Alejo-Lopez	CAO		Malais/Vega	3/9/2021	Monterey County COVID Funeral and Burial Assistance Program	This referral seeks the creation of a program to assist eligible and low-income families with funeral and burial expenses of deceased Monterey County residents due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In December 2020, Congress approved \$2 billion for FEMA to offer financial assistance to "an individual or household to meet disaster-related funeral expenses" incurred through December 31, 2020. The program may cover up to 100% of expenses. This referral would request staff to make plans to implement a FEMA funeral and burial cost program for all eligible Monterey County residents. This referral also requests that staff assess options of creating a local program to partially assist low-income Monterey County residents with funeral and burial expenses incurred after December 31, 2020 that may not be covered under the FEMA program. Payments would be made directly to funeral homes. A report and presentation was provided to the Board on April 20, 2021. Staff presented final options (based on previous Board input) for the Board's consideration on May 25, 2021. Request for confirmation of referral completion has been submitted to the referring supervisors. Referral removed from matrix on August 24, 2021 as part of Board's annual evaluation of pending referrals.	Completed
19	2021.05	3/2/2021	Alejo	PWFP		Ishii	6/1/2021	Monterey County COVID-19 Victims Memorial	This referral seeks to create a permanent memorial with the names of all COVID-19 victims of Monterey County on the Monterey County Government Campus at 168 West Alisal Street. Staff anticipates providing a presentation and report to the Board in December 2021.	Pending
20	2021.06	3/9/2021	Adams	PWFP/Counsel		Ishii/Girard	4/6/2021	Scenic Drive No Parking Enforcement	This referral seeks the creation of an urgency ordinance to increase enforcement capabilities within existing No Parking zones on Scenic Drive in the Carmel area. On April 27, 2021, the Board approved an urgency ordinance creating a "no parking \$250 fine tow away" zone along portions of Scenic Drive in the unincorporated area in the Carmel Point area near the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, and authorized the County Administrative Officer to enter into an agreement with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea for its police department to enforce the regulation. PWFP staff has coordinated details of the parking enforcement approach with the Carmel Police Department and County Counsel prepared a draft agreement which was provided to the City for review. No Parking signs have been installed along the affected portion of Scenic Drive, and a field meeting (coordinated by Supervisor Adam's Office) is scheduled for July 21, 2021 with affected residents to review and consider any adjustments to sign locations.	Pending
21	2017.24	10/18/2017	Alejo	Probation		Keating		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.	A memorandum was provided to the Board of Supervisors in late August 2020. Continuing discussions are occurring. Staff provided a memorandum to the Board on May 6, 2021. Referral modified on August 24, 2021 (as part of Board's annual evaluation of referrals) to include a report from the CAO on options for retaining an independent consultant to look into this matter.	Pending

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22	2021.08	5/18/2021	Alejo/Lopez	ITD		Chatham		Monterey County Broadband Joint Powers Authority	This referral seeks to explore the potential of creating a Monterey County Broadband Joint Powers Authority to facilitate regional governance, strategy, collaboration and partnerships on expanding broadband access and closing the digital divide throughout Monterey County. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on June 8, 2021. On July 20, 2021, Monterey County Broadband JPA was approved to set up a Task Force and report back in 90 days (October 2021).	Pending
23	2021.09	5/25/2021	Phillips/Asken	CAO		McKee		Review of Board Committee Responsibilities	This referral seeks to clarify the purpose and responsibilities of each Board of Supervisors committees to improve staff workflow and Board decision making ability. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on June 15, 2021. Staff will be submitting a response to this referral for Board consideration on September 21, 2021.	Pending
24	2021.11	7/13/2021	Adams	HRD		Ramirez-Bough		Juneteenth Holiday	This referral seeks to establish June 19th, also known as Juneteenth, as an official County holiday. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on August 24, 2021. A progress report will be provided to the Board in December 2021, or sooner, depending on the completion of contract negotiations.	Pending
25	2021.12	7/13/2021	Phillips	CAO/HRD		Chiuilos/Ramirez-Bough		Review of Cannabis Program Organizational Structure	This referral seeks the review of the Cannabis Program's efficiencies, particularly the processes for permit review and compliance inspections. Insignificant progress has been made towards local authorizations for cannabis operators related to land use and building permits, which impacts the industry's ability to be considered for state annual licenses. Disparate departmental staff funded solely by cannabis revenue should report directly to the Cannabis Program Manager to expedite permit submittal and reporting efficiencies. This would serve to not only expedite current cannabis permitting, but would in-turn free up staff dedicated to cannabis to more quickly focus on other programs. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on August 24, 2021. The referring supervisor further requested that County Counsel look into the authority cited by the Agricultural Commissioner.	Pending
26	2021.13	7/27/2021	Phillips	Health/Co Co.		Jimenez/Encarnacion/Girard		Desalination Amendment to County Code 10.72	This referral seeks to expand entities allowed to own and operate desalination facilities to provide additional water supply while maintaining protections for health & welfare. Adequate water supply in Monterey County is inconsistent. Climate change is predicted to make water supply reliability erratic. In addition, sea water intrusion continues to negatively impact potable groundwater. Referral 2018.09 in 2018 requested review of County Code Section 10.72 to clarify its limits as well as to allow public-private partnership owned/operated desalination facilities. However, the amendment of 10.72 did not occur. This referral requests that 10.72 be amended to allow public-private partnerships, CPUC regulated utilities and entities who deliver desalinated water to a public entity, a municipal water supplier and/or a CPUC regulated utility. A preliminary response will be provided to the Board on August 31, 2021.	Pending
27	2021.14	8/24/2021	Alejo	CAO		Chiuilos/Paulsworth		EV Charging Station Infrastructure, Mapping and Investment	This referral requests that the Monterey County Sustainability Manager assess and map existing EV charging stations (Level 2 and DC fast chargers) in Monterey County and make it accessible to the public on a new county website, and to assess the need for charging station infrastructure and investment in unserved/underserved areas and disadvantaged communities in Monterey County. This referral further requests that Monterey County partner with the Monterey County Air Resources District, Central Coast Community Energy and other potential partners to pursue grant funding and expand EV charging infrastructure in unserved/underserved areas and disadvantaged communities in our county. A preliminary analysis will be provided to the Board on September 14, 2021.	Pending
28	2021.15	8/31/2021	Phillips	HCD/CoCo		Lundquist/Girard		Update Noise Ordinance Chapter 10.60	This referral seeks to refine the noise ordinance with improved processes through lessons learned. This referral seeks to explore possible ordinance revision solutions, enforcement implementation strategies such as bolstered staffing and technological resources and possible funding solutions to implement them.	"NEW - Pending Approval on 8/31/21"
<i>Completed by Executive Assistant on August 26, 2021</i>										