



Monterey County

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Action Minutes Legislative Committee

Monday, November 9, 2015

1:00 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections.

Public Comment Period

There were no public comments.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of Legislative Committee action minutes from the regular meeting of June 8, 2015 and Special meeting of October 5, 2015.

ACTION:

- Approved the action minutes from the June 8, 2015 and October 5, 2015 meetings of the Legislative Committee.

Federal Reports from Brent Heberlee – Nossaman LLP

2. Receive federal reports, provide direction and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:

- a. Budget/Debt Ceiling Agreement
- b. Legislative Updates
 - i. Surface Transportation bill reauthorization
 - ii. Clean Water rule repeal
 - iii. Drought relief legislation
- c. Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) disbursement
- d. California 1115 Medicaid Waiver renewal
- e. Receive federal bill/issues track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Directed staff to send a letter to Senator Feinstein and Representative Farr in support of increased funding for the HUD HOME program.
- Directed Nossaman to work with staff to define local projects/benefits which might fit under Senator Feinstein's drought relief legislation, and to discuss possible funding opportunities with Feinstein's staff and possibly meet directly

with Senator Feinstein in the future.

State Reports from John Arriaga & Laurie Johnson – JEA & Associates

3. Receive state reports, provide direction and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
- a. Special Session Update
 - b. California 1115 Medicaid Waiver Renewal
 - c. CSAC Annual Conference Workshops -- Monterey County Participation
 - i. Mental Health Conservatorships
 - ii. Drought
 - d. Old Jail/State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) update
 - e. Marijuana Regulations Update
 - i. Clean-up legislation
 - ii. CSAC Workshop
 - f. State Route 156
 - g. "No Blank Check Initiative"
 - h. Receive state bill/issues track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Directed staff to continue to refine the old jail proposal working through the Board's Capital Improvement Committee, work to obtain a support letter regarding the proposal from the Chavez Family Foundation, and to then schedule a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Officer to review the proposal.
- Directed staff to support legislative efforts to remove the March 1, 2016 deadline for counties to adopt final land use regulations pertaining to marijuana cultivation in AB 243 (Woods).
- Work with California State Association of Counties (CSAC), the League of Cities (League) and others to oppose the "No Blank Checks Initiative".

Strategic Grant Services Program Update from Jennifer Capitolo & Ashley Setoudeh – Nossaman LLP

4. Receive report and provide direction on activities of the Strategic Grant Services Program:
- a. Report on activities related to funding Water Resources Agency projects including meetings in Sacramento with State legislators and agencies on October 12, 2015.
 - b. Report on activities related to funding efforts for County project/programs.

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Directed staff to continue to work on funding opportunities related to the Interlake Tunnel project (IRWM and I-Bank) and white bass issue.
- Directed staff to research funding opportunities for the San Lucas Water District.

- Directed staff to meet with representatives from WRA, Health, and RMA regarding the Sustainable Groundwater Planning Grant program.

Water Resources Agency (WRA) updates - David Chardavoyne & Rob Johnson

5. Receive reports and provide direction on legislative, lobbying, regulatory and/or funding efforts related to Water Resources Agency priority projects:
- a. Report on the status of information requested on October 12, 2015 at the WRA/County meeting with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife related to the white bass issue/Interlake Tunnel project.

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Directed WRA staff to develop a response to information requested by the Department of Fish and Wildlife at their October 12, 2015 meeting related to project benefits related to the Interlake Tunnel project.

Resource Management Agency (RMA) updates – Carl Holm & Melanie Beretti

6. Receive reports and provide direction on legislative, lobbying, regulatory and/or funding efforts related to Resource Management Agency priority projects:
- a. Report on the status of regulatory impediments to flood management projects and possible future meetings with Resources Secretary John Laird and the State Water Resources Control Board.

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Directed staff to develop a letter to Secretary Laird regarding regulatory challenges to flood preparation and mitigation efforts, and requesting a meeting to discuss.

Other Items

No other items were discussed.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.