



Monterey County

Monterey County
Government Center
168 W. Alisal St.
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Action Minutes - Draft Legislative Committee

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd floor

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:38 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment

None.

Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on October 14, 2019.

ACTION:

- Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on October 14, 2019.

Federal Report

2. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) High Hazard Potential Dam (HHPD) Grant Program
 - b. Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation (WIIN) Act re: Interlake Tunnel Project
 - c. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Oil and Gas Leases
 - d. Farm Workforce Modernization Act, H.R. 4916
 - e. Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (CalFresh in California) Proposed Eligibility Rules
 - f. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fiscal Mapping
 - g. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTION:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff/Ballard Spahr to continue to work with Senator Feinstein's office to increase funding for the FEMA HHPD program;
- Directed the Water Resources Agency (WRA) to develop a timeline and task list for the WIIN application process – and to report to the WRA Board of Directors and WRA Board of Supervisors on staffing and resources needed to apply for WIIN grant funds;
- Took a “support” position on H.R. 4916, the Farm Workforce Modernization Act – and directed staff/Ballard Spahr to verbally relay comments to Rep. Panetta's office regarding the County's concerns with institutionalizing E-Verify;
- Directed staff/Ballard Spahr to continue to monitor proposed rules that restrict eligibility for the SNAP program;
- Directed staff/Ballard Spahr to continue to pursue options for the County to take advantage of HUD Fiscal Mapping.

State Report

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. SB 200, Safe Affordable Drinking Water Fund Implementation
 - b. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) Funding re: Interlake Tunnel Project
 - c. Emerging Legislative Issue: Take Permits
 - d. Emerging Legislative Issue: Enforceable Speed Zones
 - e. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTION:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff/Nossaman to continue to work with CSAC related to possible legislative efforts related to streamlining the process of obtaining take permits for pre- and post-storm maintenance activities to allow for timely response while protecting the environment;
- Directed staff/Nossaman to continue to work with CSAC and Asm. Friedman's office related to possible future legislative efforts which would change how enforceable speed zones are established to allow Counties greater flexibility in lowering speed limits for safety purposes.

Grant Report

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Judicial Council of California (JCC) Consideration of Priority List for Courthouse Construction Projects
 - b. Old Jail - State Historic Preservation Officer meeting
 - c. Housing and Community Development (HCD) Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) Program
 - d. Housing and Community Development (HCD) Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG) Program
 - e. Support Letter: Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) application for Department of Water Resources (DWR) Round 3 Sustainable Groundwater Management (SGM) Grant Program
 - f. Grants Matrix

ACTION:

- Received reports;
- Directed Nossaman to relay the County's concerns regarding the inability to provide public comment by phone at the November 15, 2019 meeting of the Judicial Council of California (JCC) at which the JCC will discuss prioritization of court construction projects;
- Received a report on a call with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) on 11/14/19 regarding the Old Jail. The county was informed that any project at this site would be subject to CEQA – but not subject to review by the SHPO. No state funding is currently available for these types of projects, however the SHPO offered to lend support in a technical fashion should the County pursue a legislative or budget request;
- Directed Housing Program staff to evaluate establishment of a Local Housing Trust Fund;
- Directed Housing Program staff to evaluate HCD Infill Infrastructure Grant opportunities.

Legislative and Grant Program Updates & Legislative Workshop Update

5. Receive updates on the development of the 2020 Legislative Program and Strategic Grant Services Program updates and the 2020 Legislative Workshop.

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed staff to work on scheduling the 2020 Legislative Workshop in February 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 p.m.