



# Monterey County

Item No.

## Board Report

Board of Supervisors  
Chambers  
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- a) Consider recommending that the Board of Supervisors authorize the Chair of the Board to sign letters of support for local and national organizations and institutions that are applying for grants that directly support sustainability efforts in either the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan, the County General Plan, the forthcoming Climate Action Plan, and other relevant County adopted plans as recommended by the Sustainability Program Manager and;
- b) Provide other direction to staff.

### RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Committee members

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- b) Provide other direction to staff.

### SUMMARY:

Public and private sector partners often reach out to the County Sustainability Program seeking letters of support in their grant applications and need replies in short timeframes. The Sustainability Program is seeking direction from the Committee on guidance for having the Chair of the Board sign-off on letters of support for those grants that seek funding directly related to sustainability efforts that are identified in relevant County adopted plans.

### DISCUSSION:

Sustainability efforts are being undertaken in Monterey County by many of our public and private sector partners. For instance, the nonprofit, Point Blue Conservation Science, is applying for a Proposition 68 grant that would help the region to address sea level rise, storm erosion, and other coastal hazards in Monterey Bay and along coastal California. If awarded, this grant would produce a science-based tool for researchers to identify suitable sites for dune and beach restoration along the coast of California. Sea level rise,

storm erosion, and other such coastal hazards have been identified in the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan as climate-change-related hazards that will have an impact on Monterey County. Since those hazards are already identified in a local plan, it follows that the County would support efforts to implement mitigation measures by local and national partners.

Staff is seeking a recommendation from the committee members to the Board of Supervisors authorizing the Chair of the Board to provide letters of support, at the recommendation of the Sustainability Program, for our local partners who are implementing measures that are related to sustainability efforts identified within adopted County plans. Many of those letters are requested on relatively short timetables as specified within the grant applications and cannot be brought before the Board of Supervisors in time to receive approval in the normal fashion.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

None

FINANCING:

No funding is being requested at this time.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS STRATEGIC INITIATIVES:

*The Sustainability Program is designed to support the County's environmental, social, and economic well-being through comprehensive planning and stakeholder engagement. Our support of programs that work to implement the strategies within our plans is helpful to furthering the goals of the program.*

Mark a check to the related Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives

☐ Economic Development  
☒ Administration  
☒ Health & Human Services  
☒ Infrastructure  
☐ Public Safety

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