



Monterey County

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

Action Minutes - Draft Legislative Committee

Monday, February 8, 2021

1:30 PM

Monterey Room, 2nd Floor, Government Center

Call to Order

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

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment

- Received public comment from John Baillie (MCWRA Board of Directors) regarding the need for a Finance Manager at the Water Resources Agency.

Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on January 11, 2021.

ACTION: Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on January 11, 2021.

Federal Report***Presenter: Brent Heberlee (Ballard Spahr LLP)***

2. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. COVID-19 Relief Legislation and Executive Actions
 - b. Immigration Reform Legislation and Executive Actions
 - c. Central Coast Conservation Act (H.R. 479)
 - d. House Committee Framework to Achieve Health and Economic Equity
 - e. Legislative Workshop - Delegation Priorities
 - f. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed that once immigration reform legislation is introduced, staff immediately bring a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for a support letter or resolution;
- Directed that a "support" position be taken on H.R. 479, the California Central Coast Conservation Act;
- Directed that a thank you letter be sent to Congressman Panetta and the Veterans Administration for scheduling a COVID-19 vaccine clinic at the Marina VA and requesting pharmacy services at the Marina VA clinic;
- Received public comment:
 - o Cesar Lara (Monterey Bay Central Labor Council) on need for comprehensive immigration reform and citing number of undocumented residents in Monterey County.

State Report

Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. 2021-22 Legislative Session
 - b. FY 2021-22 State Budget proposal
 - i. Immediate Action Items
 - ii. Early Action Items
 - c. Legislation:
 - i. AB 34 (Muratsuchi) Broadband for All Act
 - ii. AB 101 (Medina) Ethnic Studies
 - iii. AB 125 (Rivas) Food and agriculture: climate crisis: COVID-19 recovery.
 - iv. SB 74 (Borgeas) Keep California Working Act
 - v. SB 219 (McGuire) Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs: cancellation: public health orders.
 - d. Governor's Executive Orders that Impact Monterey County
 - e. State Advocacy Activities
 - i. Board letter on vaccine, transparency, equity letter
 - ii. Delegation legislative efforts related to vaccines
 - iii. Housing for the Harvest Program
 - f. Legislative Workshop - Delegation Priorities
 - g. State Bill Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Directed that a "support" position be taken on AB 101 (Medina) Ethnic Studies;
- Directed that a "support" position be taken on SB 74 (Borgeas) Keep California Working Act;
- Directed that a "support" position be taken on SB 219 (McGuire) Property taxation: delinquent penalties and costs;
- Directed that a press release be sent out regarding the Treasurer-Tax Collector's involvement in the creation of SB 219;
- Directed Nossaman to follow-up on the County's vaccine letter, requesting a response from the Governor and California Department of Public Health;
- Directed support for core public health infrastructure budget proposals
- Received public comments:
 - o Chris Valadez (Grower-Shipper Association) Desires opportunities to collaborate on communicable disease challenges facing the agricultural workforce. Concerns regarding equitable distribution of vaccine once third-party administrator (Blue Shield) takes over.
 - o Cesar Lara (Monterey Bay Central Labor Council) Supports proactive vaccination of farmworkers, supplies/vaccine doses needed, and equity for farmworkers.
 - o Bernie Gomez (MILPA) Supports proactive vaccination of farmworkers.
 - o Aaron Groff (KION) Question regarding the impact of not having any Multi-County Entities (MCEs) operating in Monterey County upon the County's overall vaccine allocation.
 - o Mark Gonzalez (WRA Board of Directors) Support for additional housing vouchers to combat homelessness.
 - o John Baillie (WRA Board of Directors) Concerns regarding CalOSHA emergency regulations regarding farmworker housing requirements.

Grant Report***Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)***

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) - State Budget Funding for Interlake Tunnel
 - b. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - c. Prop 68: Statewide Parks Program - San Lorenzo Park
 - d. Grant Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.

Legislative Advocacy Contracts***Presenter: Annette D'Adamo***

5. Receive report and provide direction and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on the state and federal legislative advocacy contract and grants contract.

ACTIONS:

- Recommended that the Board of Supervisors:
 - a. Increase the federal legislative advocacy contract with Ballard Spahr LLC and the state legislative advocacy contract with Nossaman LLP by 15% per month effective March 1, 2021;
 - b. Extend the federal legislative advocacy contract with Ballard Spahr LLP; state legislative advocacy contract with Nossaman LLP; and grants and funding advocacy contract with Nossaman LLP for one (1) additional year with the option to renew for three (3) additional one-year periods.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.