

County of Monterey

Government Center - Monterey Room
168 W. Alisal St., 2nd Floor
Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Special Meeting

Thursday, August 14, 2025

11:00 AM

Join via Zoom at <https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/98147828225> Webinar ID: 981

4782 8225 or in person at the address listed above or at 11140 Speegle St,

Castroville, CA District 2 Office

Legislative Committee

Supervisor Glenn Church – District 2

Supervisor Luis Alejo – District 1

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the May 12, 2025, Legislative Committee meeting.

ACTION: Approved the action minutes from the May 12, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting.

Reports from Legislative Offices

2. Introduction of staff and brief reports from State/Federal Legislative Offices:
 - a. Office of Senator Alex Padilla
 - b. Office of Senator Adam Schiff
 - c. Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta
 - d. Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
 - e. Office of Senator John Laird
 - f. Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 - g. Office of Assemblymember Dawn Addis

ACTIONS:**Received reports by:**

- Office of Senator John Laird by Isabel Meza
- Office of Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas by Gilbert Ramos

Federal Report - Presenter: Maria Tripplaar & Katlyn Koegel (Ballard Spahr LLP)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Government Update
 - i. Congressional Overview
 - ii. Executive Order Updates
 - b. Appropriations Update, including Community Project Funding Requests
 - c. Federal Advocacy
 - i. U.S. Department of Defense, Defense Community Infrastructure Program for the Jolon Road Safety Improvement Project
 - ii. National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program
 - iii. Migrant Education Program and Other Education Categorical Funding
 - d. Legislation
 - i. FEMA Independence Act of 2025 (H.R. 2308)

- ii. Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act (S. 356)
- iii. Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R. 3227)
- iv. Central Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2025 (H.R. 2882)
- v. West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2025 (H.R. 2849, S. 1432)
- vi. The Reentry Act (H.R. 2586)
- vii. Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2025 (H.R. 18)
- viii. Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025 (H.R. 3868)
- ix. Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 (H.R. 4696)
- e. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Authorized a letter opposing the Proposed 11th National Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program
- Authorized a letter supporting educational categorical funding.
- Adopted a “support” position on the FEMA Independence Act of 2025 (H.R. 2308/S. 356)
- Adopted a “support” position on the Farm Workforce Modernization Act (H.R. 3227)
- Adopted a “support” position on the Central Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2025 (H.R. 2882)
- Adopted a “support” position on the West Coast Ocean Protection Act of 2025 (H.R. 2849/S. 1432)
- Adopted a “support” position on The Reentry Act (H.R. 2586)
- Adopted a “support” position on the Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2025 (H.R. 18)
- Adopted a “support” position on the Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025 (H.R. 3868)
- Adopted a “support” position on the Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929 (H.R. 4696)

State Report - Presenters: Ashley Walker & Kasha Hunt (Nossaman LLP)

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Status of the Legislature
 - b. Status of the State Budget
 - c. Legislation
 - i. SB 694 (Archuleta) Veterans Benefits Protection Act of 2025
 - d. AB 1439 (Chapter 369, Statutes of 2023) Low-income housing tax credits: farm worker housing. - Implementation
 - e. Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders
 - f. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports;
- Adopted a “support” position on SB 694 (Archuleta) Veterans Benefits Protection Act;
- Authorized the County of Monterey to sign on to a letter with Supervisors from other California counties supporting implementation of AB 1439 (Chapter 369, Statutes 2023) Low-income housing tax credits: farmworker housing.

Grant Report – Presenters: Ashley Walker & Kasha Hunt (Nossaman LLP)

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - b. Land and Water Conservation Fund
 - c. Grant Track

ACTION

- Received reports.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.