

Monterey County Board of Supervisors											
MEETING:		January 13, 2026 - Other Board Matters									
SUBJECT:		Board Referrals Update									
DEPARTMENT:		County Administrative Office									
Item #	Brd R#	Assignment Date	Referred By	Lead Dept.	Sub-Depts.	Project Lead	Item	Report			Status
1	2017.18	9/19/17	Board	CAO		Bokanovich	Request a presentation to the Board of Supervisors with options for commissioner compensation that supports our ability to recruit a diverse and representative pool of commissioners.	The item was presented to the Board on 10/2/2018. The Board directed that HR: 1) convene a committee of Department Heads that manage significant boards and commissions to develop a Commissioner Recruitment Strategy; 2) ask departments to provide information related to the diversity of their current volunteer Commissioner's and committee members; and 3) work with County Counsel and Auditor to determine what would be involved/required to actively implement reimbursement to these volunteers, with budget/cost implications. Referral modified on August 24, 2021 to include: A) an assessment on how commissions are being utilized; how well they are serving in their advisory function to the Board; staffing levels of various committees, and, how that may or may not contribute to their functioning; and, B) referring the referral to the Board of Supervisors - Human Resources Committee to engage in discussion and bring back recommendations to the full Board. This item was discussed with the Human Resources Committee in late January 2022. The referral was been reassigned to the County Administrative Office for response. Additional time is needed for information gathering. Staff anticipates a further response to the Board in January 2025-July 2025-August 2025.			Pending
2	2017.20	11/19/19	Alejo	PWFP		Ishii	Lease agreement between the City of Salinas and the County of Monterey regarding County's parcel adjacent 855 East Laurel Drive in Salinas for the implementation of a BMX Bike Track, new Skate Park, and sidewalk on East Laurel Drive in Salinas.	<p>An initial referral was initiated on September 15, 2017. On September 1, 2017, Supervisor Alejo held a meeting with the City of Salinas, County RMA staff, and a BMX bike park and skate park engineers/designers to review the property. County Staff conferred with City Staff relative to the City's update of their Parks Master Plan. RMA has also been coordinating with City staff regarding sidewalks on County-owned lands along East Laurel Drive adjacent to this property (between Sanborn Road and Constitution Boulevard). The referral was closed on May 7, 2019 for staff to pursue efforts for a Shelter at 855 E. Laurel. RMA is preparing to bring a master planning effort for use of County lands, specifically lands at Natividad/Laurel in Salinas. This matter is reinstated for reconsideration. Public comment on this item was received on January 14, 2020.</p> <p>Item was pulled from the June 16, 2020, Board meeting agenda and is on hold pending identification of funding. Staff to consult with requesting Supervisor prior to resubmitting item to the Board. PWFP staff continues to work with our state legislative consultants to identify potential grant opportunities.</p> <p>At the September 14, 2021 Board Meeting, the Board provided direction to PWFP staff to apply for Prop 68 grant funding. On January 20, 2022, the County submitted a \$3 million application to the Prop 68 Regional Park Program. Project implementation is pending notification of a grant award. On August 24th, the County was notified that its project applications were not selected for grant funding - the process was highly competitive and oversubscribed. Staff will continue to find new opportunities to raise fund to build the project. Staff continues to seek grant opportunities and/or partnerships to fund raise and build the project. Staff received notice from the Salinas Regional Sports Authority ("Authority") that they would be proceeding with the design and placement of the skate/bike park within their complex and would include it as part of their operations. Project is on hold pending funding. Staff continues to seek grant opportunities and/or partnerships to fund raise and build the project. Authority submitted for FY26 Federal Earmarks through Congresswoman Lofgren's office. Awaiting response.</p>			Postponed
3	2018.28	12/4/2018	Phillips	HCD		Spencer	Affordable Housing in the Coastal Zone	<p>Amend County LCP to be consistent with the Coastal Act regarding affordable housing, authorize staff to investigate processes and provide language revision recommendations to the Local Coastal Plan. A presentation was provided to the Board on January 15, 2019. Section 30500.1 was added by Senate Bill 626 in 1981 to state: "No local coastal program shall be required to include housing policies and programs."</p> <p>HCD is working on the 6th Cycle Housing Element which includes housing opportunity sites in the Coastal Zone. The Housing Element is anticipated to be completed by September 2025. HCD staff have coordinated with Coastal Commission staff on the properties that fall within the coastal zone. HCD staff has also coordinated with the Coastal Commission on housing policies contained within our Land Use Plans that integrate affordable housing policies as we update those plans (for example: Moss Landing Community Plan and Big Sur Land Use Plan updates). This work is ongoing.</p>			Pending
4	2020.22	7/7/2020	Church	CAO		Bokanovich	Referral Process Amendment	<p>This referral requests that the process be amended to have Board approval for a referral as part of an agenda item showing the purpose of the referral, costs, time, challenges, and details of the project. In April 2021, the Board approved an amended Board Referral process, which included an exception for urgent matters and provided for Board review of pending referrals on an annual basis. Board review of the referral procedures is anticipated to occur in January 2025, in conjunction with other Board policies. Staff anticipates a further response to the Board in July 2025-August 2025.</p>			Pending
5	2021.05	3/2/2021	Alejo	PWFP		Ishii	Monterey County COVID-19 Victims Memorial	<p>This referral seeks to create a permanent memorial with the names of all COVID-19 victims of Monterey County on the Monterey County Government Campus at 168 West Alisal Street. A presentation was provided to the Board on March 22, 2022. Staff was directed to seek potential match from partners and return to the Board in 45 days for further direction. Staff has been seeking potential partners and will be reporting back. The Board approved a revised concept at its June 22, 2022 meeting. Staff is coordinating with the Budget Office to establish fund to receive donations, and staff is seeking potential donors. On September 13, 2022 the Board of Supervisors approved staff's request to enter into a capital campaign with Monterey County Community Foundation to raise funds to complete the project. Staff provided an update to the Board on June 13, 2023. Staff provided a status update at the June 13 BOS. Funding efforts are at 44% overall project cost. Funding raising efforts have raised enough money to develop plans for permit. Staff initiated a draw from the Community Foundation fund to begin drawings for permit. The project is now fully funded with additional \$50,000 is proposed for funding allocated to the project during the FY26 CIP. Construction site work is underway and the project including art panels is expected to be completed by January 2026.</p>			Pending

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6	Review of Board Committee Responsibilities	This referral seeks to clarify the purpose and responsibilities of each Board of Supervisors committees to improve staff workflow and Board decision making ability. A preliminary analysis was approved by the Board on June 15, 2021. Staff will be submitting a response to this referral for Board consideration in May 2022. The referral has been reassigned to the County Administrative Office for response. Board is scheduled to conduct its 2nd annual evaluation of pending referrals on March 28, 2023. To avoid future delays, all annual evaluations will be scheduled to occur the first month of each calendar year. Board review of the referral procedures is anticipated to occur in October, in conjunction with other Board policies. Staff anticipates a response to this referral in January 2025 July 2025 August 2025.	Pending
7	East Garrison Street Renaming	This referral seeks to identify the process and funding for the renaming of certain streets in East Garrison and revise the naming approval process. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on January 11, 2022. Staff presented to the Board at the May 3, 2022 Board Meeting, and received direction from the Board. HCD has been directed to engage with the public and determine interest in changing the street names within East Garrison. HCD attended the East Garrison CSD (EGCSD) meeting on May 11, 2022, to present the matter. HCD staff will develop a draft program. The program will likely be presented to the Board for consideration once developed. Proposed completion date of October 2025. Proposed completion date in 2026.	Pending
8	Increased Fines for Big Sur Roadside Camping Prohibition	This referral seeks to increase the administrative citation and fine amounts for citations issued under Monterey County Code Section 14.18.020.A. This is a follow-up to Board Referral No. 2019.16 (Big Sur Roadside Camping Prohibition Enforcement). A preliminary response was provided to the Board on January 11, 2022. The Ordinance increasing the existing fine amount to \$1,000 was adopted by the BOS at its July 26, 2022 meeting. New signage to indicate the increased fine amount has been installed on all existing camping prohibition signs. Staff continues coordination with the Big Sur Byways Organization and District 5 on installation of additional new signs. Staff continues to coordinate with Caltrans and Coastal Commission on getting the necessary approval/permits to install along SR 1. Staff is working with HCD regarding Coastal permits. Proposed completion date of January Winter 2025.	Pending
9	Sheriff Oversight Board Formation	This referral seeks to explore formation of a Sheriff Oversight Board. Assembly Bill 1185 authorized counties to establish a sheriff oversight board to assist the board of supervisors to fulfill its duties related supervising the official conduct of all county officers, including the sheriff. An oversight board would consist of civilian residents appointed by the board of supervisors. Formation of the oversight board can be accomplished by action of the board of supervisors or through a vote of county residents. This referral requests the Board of Supervisor form such an oversight board and that staff return with a report that includes bylaws, formation resolution, and an outline of administrative capacity needed to support the oversight board. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on March 22, 2022; at which time, the Board took action to defer the item until after the new Sheriff is elected and the Board has had an opportunity to establish a relationship. An Ad Hoc Committee has been established by the Board to study the various options concerning oversight of the Office of the Sheriff, pursuant to Assembly Bill 1185. Report is currently with Ad Hoc committee for review and revision. <b>Referral on hold pending results/recommendations received from the Board of Supervisors requested Sheriff Office financial audit.</b>	On hold
10	Revisit Rossi Road Extension Plan	This referral seeks to revisit the Rossi Road extension plan and explore solutions to alleviate traffic congestion and improve traffic circulation in the Boronda area as a result of the population and business growth and the relocation of the SVSWA transfer station and Republic Services' yard. A preliminary response was provided to the Board on March 8, 2022. A Town Hall was conducted on July 27, 2022. A working group has been started, and next steps and roles are being established. CEQA and funding are also being researched and discussed. HCD staff is preparing a draft MOU with the City of Salinas. The draft MOU will be presented to the Board once completed. Proposed completion date of December 2028.	Pending
11	Harkins Road	This referral requests that staff investigate the possibility of changing Harkins Road into a one-way street. Staff presented the Preliminary Analysis Report at the May 17, 2022 Board Meeting. PWFP engaged consultant support to evaluate a potential one-way concept for Harkins Road, and a community meeting was held in Spreckels on December 5, 2022 to get feedback. Staff provided a verbal update to the referring Supervisor in January and a report to the Board is planned for the February 28, 2023 March 7, 2022 Board meeting. With the Board Report seeking approval for the Harkins/Hunter project, staff is presenting our recommendation for the Harkins Road next week. The one-way option of Harkins is not being recommended. Staff is recommending upgrading signage and constructing improvements to the Harkins/Hunter intersection instead. The additional signs were installed at the Harkins/Hunter intersection to detour trucks around Spreckels. The one-way option was not recommended by the BoS. Continuing to monitor the effectiveness of the addition signs that were installed. Referring Supervisor has asked that this Referral be re-engaged for potential options, including pilot programs. Staff is exploring a "pilot program" option with TAMC.	Pending
12	East Salinas District 1 Office/ <b>District 1 Carryover Office Budget Funding For Planned East Salinas Office</b>	This referral requests that staff search and open a District Office for District 1 in East Salinas 93905 to provide greater office access to constituents in this area of Salinas with the greatest need. A preliminary response was presented to the Board on October 25, 2022. A site has been identified and staff is coordinating with the landlord on ADA upgrades prior to executing the lease. Modified by the referring Supervisor on May 18, 2023 to include that any leftover District 1 office budget funding for 2022-23 be carried over into the next fiscal for the specific purpose of paying and offsetting any costs in opening the D1 office in East Salinas. Real Property continues to keep an active search open for available office space within District 1 and provide occasional update to Supervisor Alejo of staff's efforts. Currently there are no opportunities available that meet the Supervisor's requirements. PWFP Real Property Staff is continuing to search for viable office space based on the D1 Office needs within the Alisal District 1 Area on a consistent basis. To date, no viable office options which meet the D1 office needs for required sq. ft., security needs and accessibility have been located. Staff will continue to present any viable options located to the D1 Office as warranted.	Pending

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13	Affordable Senior Housing Project at 855 East Laurel Drive	2023.03	2/7/2023	Alejo	HCD		Spencer					Pending
14	Salinas Regional Soccer Complex Grant Opportunities	2023.09	4/18/2023		PWFP		Ishii					Pending
15	Laurel Yard Master Plan	2023.13	7/11/2023	Church	PWFP		Ishii					Pending
16	Safeguard & Maintain Historic Buildings in Monterey County	2023.17	7/19/2023	Adams	HCD		Spencer					Pending
17	Littering Fines	2023.20	11/7/2023	Church	Health		Jimenez					Pending
18	Non-County Entity Appointments Procedure for Supervisors	2023.21	11/7/2023	CAO	Chilios/Bokanovich							Pending
19	Bixby Bridge - Traffic and Pedestrian Safety	2023.22	11/28/2023	Adams	PWFP		Ishii					Pending
20	Wine Improvement District	2024.03	3/12/2024	Lopez	CAO		Vaughn					Pending

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21	Maintenance of Little Bear Creek: Permits	2024.04	3/23/2024	Church	CAO/PVFP		Paolini/Ishii	This referral requests a study of permit processes for cleaning and long-term maintenance of Little Bear Creek. A preliminary response will be presented to the Board on April 16, 2024. PWFP is acquiring a hydrologic and hydraulic study proposal from one of our on-call consultants. This is the next step identified in the Preliminary Analysis Report. There is currently not enough information to determine a completion date. Much will depend on State and federal regulators (as well as the public and Board if this effort should be funded). The hydrologic and hydraulic study is underway. The hydrologic and hydraulic study report has been completed and will be presented to the Board. The report presents several options to mitigate the extent of the flooding. The exact option will depend on State and federal regulators, as well as the public and Board if this effort should be funded.	Pending
22	Speed Hump Fee Waivers for Low-Income Neighborhoods	2024.05	5/14/2024	Church	PWFP		Ishii	This referral requests that the Board implement a policy that will waive the fees for speed hump installment in low-income neighborhoods to create safer roads. A preliminary response was presented to the Board on June 8, 2024. Staff is proceeding with the process presented in the preliminary response and exploring prioritization criteria and funding options. However, research and analysis is more involved than initially anticipated. Staff anticipates having more information to report in Summer 2025 Early 2026.	Pending
23	County Tenant Relocation Assistance Ordinance Update	2024.07	5/14/2024	Alejo	HCD		Spencer	This referral request is to update the current County Relocation Assistance Ordinance 18.15.050 – “Tenant relocation provisions for rental housing” to allow an option by the County of Monterey to require landlords/property owners, who violate the county housing ordinance, to pay owed tenant relocation assistance upfront into a county account so that tenants can claim the owed rent later, without having to interact with the landlord/property owner and to better track payments made to housing victims and ensure timeliness. A preliminary response was presented to the Board on June 25, 2024. The Board provided direction to HCD to prepare an ordinance that amend current requirements to authorize the County to provide tenant relocation assistance directly to impacted families and individuals and to seek reimbursement from the landlord/property owner for those costs. The ordinance is on the list of long-range planning projects and is scheduled in “future years.” The Board is asked to help review and prioritize the long-range projects annually.	Pending
24	Allow POU/POE Water Treatment for New Construction (Including ADUs)	2024.10	9/10/2024	Church	Health		Jimenez	To allow for Point of Use/Point of Entry water treatment devices to be used for new construction on vacant legal lots of record and for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). A preliminary response will be presented to the Board on October 1, 2024. EHB has prepared a draft amended ordinance that will be sent to County Counsel for review this week. The amendments add the option to use POU/POE for new development on a vacant lot or for an ADU or other second unit. Once County Counsel approves the amended ordinance, EHB will contract with Rincon to do the Initial Study. It is necessary to prepare the draft ordinance before contracting with Rincon, so they know what to include in the initial study. The updates in the amended ordinance regarding new development are the same as Rincon analyzed in the initial CEQA document, which will help streamline the process. Staff gave an update to the Board on April 22, 2025 and were instructed to return by December 2025 with a proposed amendment to the ordinance and an initial Study-Mitigated Negative Declaration evaluation. Staff will provide an update to the Board on February 6, 2026.	Pending
25	Modifications to the County's Rooster Ordinance	2024.11	9/10/2024	Church	Health		Jimenez	This referral seeks to modify the County's Rooster Ordinance in order to make it more effective at eradicating cockfighting operations in unincorporated Monterey County. A preliminary response will be presented to the Board on October 1, 2024. Staff presented a Preliminary Analysis Response to the Board on 10/1/24 where the referral will be deemed complete contingent upon staff returning in 6 months with recommendations for updating/changing the Rooster ordinance. Staff is waiting to see if there is a change in State law and will bring the update back to the BoS once that information is confirmed next month (March 2025). Then a date will be set on the Board Agenda for an update. Staff is working on a letter of support for AB-928 (Rogers) Cockfighting Cruelty Act that is going to the Hitchcock Road Advisory Committee the week of May 19, 2025. Proposed completion date in October 2025.	Pending
26	1220 Natividad Road Property Repurposing for County Housing Trust Fund	2024.12	9/24/2024	Alejo	HCD		Spencer	This referral requests a feasibility study for developing commercial uses of County property located 1220 Natividad Road (old Ag Commissioner's Office off of East Laurel Street) with proceeds capitalizing the Monterey County Local Housing Fund (MCLHTF). The study should identify the types of potential users, demand for commercial uses at this location, potential lease revenue generated by the property, and legal requirements to lease the property to fund the MCLHTF. A preliminary response was presented to the Board on October 15, 2024. The Board directed HCD to coordinate with Public Works, Parks, and Facilities to incorporate the option for commercial use of 1220 Natividad Road in the Facilities Master Plan. See Referral 2023.13. Being reviewed as part of the Facility Master Plan. Completion date in 2026.	Pending
27	Tiny Homes Village Renaming	2024.13	9/24/2024	Church	CAO		Paolini	This referral requests that the name of the pending Tiny Homes Village in Watsonville be changed to a more suitable name that inspires hope, that is easy to pronounce bilingually, and that has input from Monterey County, Santa Cruz County and the City of Watsonville. A preliminary response will be presented to the Board in January 2025. The Supervisors agreed that the renaming of the Watsonville Tiny Village will not be revisited until the Building Permit has been issued. The Counties are still working closely with the City to meet the remaining components of this process. Staff anticipates it will be completed in May 2025. Staff will provide a response on October 7, 2025.	Pending
28	Policy for Evaluating Housing Economic Impacts on Residents in Legislative Decisions	12/3/2024		HCD/CAO	Spencer/Paolini			This referral request for the Board of Supervisors to implement a policy requiring an assessment of potential housing economic impacts on residents in the legislative decision-making process. A preliminary response will be presented to the Board on February 4, 2025.	Pending

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29	Monterey County Fracking Ban								Pending
30	Encouraging Broad Diverse Applicant Pools with Transparent Outreach	2025.03	2025.01	Alejo					Pending
31	Follow-up to Referral #2023.19 - Monterey County Regional Fire District Board of Directors (MCRFD) Vacancies, to ensure completion of BOS direction.	2025.04	4/22/2025	Askew	CAO/COB	County Counsel	Blitch		Pending
32	Bixby Bridge – No Parking	2025.05	5/13/2025	Daniels	CAO/County Counsel/COB		Chiulos/Ralph		Pending
33	Monterey County Health Department Clinics Indigenous Pilot Program	2025.06	6/10/2025	PWFPP	Health		Ishii		Pending
34	The Alisal Arch of East Salinas	2025.07	8/5/2025	Alejo/Lopez	Health		Ishii		Pending
35	Mitigation Monitoring for the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex	2025.08	8/5/2025	Health	PWFPP		Jimenez		Pending
36	Anza National Historic Trail Auto Tour Signs	2025.09	8/19/2025	Ishii					Pending

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37	Monterey County Spay and Neuter Ordinance for Cats and Dogs	2025.10	2025.12	9/16/2025	Aléjo		Jimenez	The purpose of this referral is to enact a Spay and Neuter Ordinance for cats and dogs to address pet overpopulation, euthanasia rates, and overcrowded shelters with minimal staffing. A preliminary response will be provided to the Board on September 30, 2025.	Pending
38	No Recreational Vehicle Parking on Railroad Avenue in Pajaro	2025.11	10/14/2025	Church	Church	PWFP	Health	This referral request for the Board of Supervisors to consider adoption of an ordinance to prohibit recreational vehicle parking on the entirety of Railroad Avenue in the unincorporated area of the County of Monterey and establish a tow-away zone, authorizing the immediate removal of vehicles that violate this no-parking restriction. Staff will provide a preliminary response on November 4, 2025.	Pending
39	Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee on the Salinas Train Station (Intermodal Transportation Center) between the City of Salinas and County of Monterey.	2025.12	10/21/2025	Church	Church	CAO	Padinelli/Vaughn	The purpose of this referral is for the committee to coordinate station upgrades and maintenance, develop tourism strategies, develop economic development strategies, engage stakeholders, and identify funding opportunities. Staff provided a preliminary response on December 10, 2025. An Ad Hoc Committee has been established by the Board. <b>The referral was deemed complete by the referring supervisor on January 8, 2026.</b>	COMPLETE
40	County of Monterey Facility Naming Policy	2025.13	10/21/2025	Aléjo	CAO	Chiulos/Pasculli	Paolinelli/Vaughn	The purpose of this referral is to create a formalized process and policy for naming County of Monterey-owned and county-operated facilities. Staff provided a preliminary response on December 10, 2025.	Pending
41	Monterey Count Arts Master Plan	2025.14	10/21/2025	Church	CAO	Paolinelli/Vaughn		The purpose of this referral is to initiate the development of an Arts Master Plan for the County of Monterey, designed to establish a long-term vision for promoting, supporting, and expanding public art throughout the county's unincorporated areas. Staff provided a preliminary response on December 10, 2025. Staff will provide an update to the board in March 2026.	Pending
42	Urgency ordinance adopting a moratorium on Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) facilities in unincorporated Monterey County while regulations for BESS operations are developed	2025.15	10/28/2025	Church	HCD/County Counsel	Spencer/Bitch		This referral seeks to adopt an urgency ordinance placing a moratorium on BESS facilities in unincorporated Monterey County and develop a countywide policy and oversight framework to govern the operations of all BESS facilities in Monterey County for the health and safety of residents and the environment. Staff will provide a preliminary response on November 18, 2025.	Pending
43	Esperanza Care 2.0	2025.16	11/18/2025	Aléjo	NMC/Health	Harris/Jimenez		The purpose of this referral is to bring back the Esperanza Care Program in light of thousands of Monterey County residents who are expected to lose their MediCal coverage starting in 2026. Staff will provide a preliminary response on January 27, 2026.	Pending
44	Local Government Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Coordination Program and Coalition	2025.17	11/18/2025	Askew	CAO	Chiulos/Hollingsworth		The purpose of this referral is to consider adopting a resolution to affirm the County of Monterey's opposition to offshore drilling and seabed mining, as well as consider joining and financially contributing to the Local Governments OCS Coordination Program to ensure the local government perspective is not diminished in federal decision making. Staff will provide a preliminary response on January 6, 2026. <b>The referral was deemed complete by the referring supervisor on January 8, 2026.</b>	COMPLETE

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45	2025-18	1/2/10/2025	Daniels	HCD	Spencer		History and Status of Monterey County Trails: Jack's Peak to Laureles Grade	This referral seeks to better understand the status of trail alignments on private land throughout the general area between Jacks Peak, Laureles Grade, Highway 68 and Carmel Valley Road. Staff will provide a preliminary response on January 6, 2026.	Pending

*Completed by Executive Assistant on January 8, 2026.*