

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Friday, November 15, 2024

1:00 PM

Legislative Committee

Attendees: Supervisor Wendy R. Askew, Chair; Supervisor Luis Alejo, Vice-Chair; Nicholas E. Chiulos, Chief Assistant CAO; Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Program Manager; and Rocio Quezada, Committee Secretary.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Public Comment Period

No public comment received.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on October 14, 2024.

ACTION: Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on October 14, 2024.

Adoption of 2025 Meeting Schedule

2. Adopt the Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025.

ACTION:

- **Adopted the 2025 meeting calendar for the Legislative Committee.**
- **Revisit meeting calendar if there are changes to the Committee Members or identified meeting conflicts at the January meeting.**

Reports from Legislative Offices

3. Introduction of staff and brief reports from State/Federal Legislative Offices
 - a. Office of Senator Alex Padilla
 - b. Office of Senator Laphonza Butler
 - c. Office of Congressman Jimmy Panetta
 - d. Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren
 - e. Office of Senator Anna Caballero
 - f. Office of Senator John Laird
 - g. Office of Assemblymember Robert Rivas
 - h. Office of Assemblymember Dawn Addis

ACTION:

- **Received report from Assemblymember Dawn Addis' Office by Alexis Arrazola.**

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

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of

Supervisors on:

- a. Federal Government Update
- b. Budget Update
- c. Federal Budget Requests, including Community Project Funding Requests Summary
- d. Federal Advocacy
 - i. FEMA Reimbursements
- e. Legislation
 - i. Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) provision
- f. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTION:

- **Received reports.**
- **Directed staff to report back on the total dollar amount of pending FEMA reimbursements.**
- **Directed letters be sent to the County’s Congressional Representatives and Senators requesting the inclusion of language in the House version of the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) legislation (H.R. 8812) that is currently included in the Senate version of the bill (S. 4367) to authorize a “Project for flood risk management and ecosystem restoration, Salinas River, California”.**
- **Provided direction on legislative advocacy efforts to uphold the County of Monterey’s values and protect services (i.e., immigration, reproductive freedom, LGBTQ rights, provision of County services, etc.) related to potential changes proposed by the Trump Administration.**
- **Directed a letter be prepared to thank Senator Laphonza Butler for her service to the County of Monterey and State of California.**
- **Directed a letter be prepared to congratulate Senator-elect Adam Schiff as the new Senator representing California, inviting him to tour Monterey County, and inviting him to participate in the County’s annual Legislative Workshop.**

State Report - Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Status of the Legislature
 - b. Election Recap
 - c. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - d. Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders
 - e. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTION:

- **Received reports.**
- **Directed that staff/Nossaman aggressively pursue grant opportunities which become available as a result of the passage of Proposition 4.**

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

6. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - b. Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program
 - c. Dam Safety Grant Program
 - d. Grant Track

ACTION:

- Received reports.

2025 Legislative & Grant Program Development – Presenter: Annette D'Adamo

7. Receive report and provide direction on the legislative and funding priorities to be included in the 2025 Legislative Program and 2025 Strategic Grant Services Program Work Plan.

ACTION:

- Received reports.

- Approved the presented 2025 legislative and funding priorities with the following changes:

- Expand language in priority to establish a Monterey County Veterans Home, to alternately include establishment of a Community Living Center.**
- Create a new state and federal legislative advocacy priority to uphold the County of Monterey's values and protect services for residents, addressing immigration, reproductive freedom, LGBTQ rights, provision of County services, etc. Additionally, work these issues into the Legislative Platform.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.