County of Monterey

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

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, December 2, 2024

1:30 PM

Legislative Committee

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 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 November 15, 2024.

ACTION: Approved the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on November 15, 2024.

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 Laphonza Butler
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

ACTION:
- Received report from the Office of Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren by Jordan Montgomery

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

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
a. Federal Government Update
b. Budget Update, including Community Project Funding Requests
c. Federal Engagement
    i. FEMA Reimbursement Update
    ii. Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Update
    iii. Letter to Senator Butler
    iv. Letter to Senator-Elect Schiff
d. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:
- Received reports.
- Directed that a letter be sent to Senator Butler thanking her for her service.
- Directed that a letter be sent to Senator-Elect Schiff congratulating him on his election, inviting him to visit Monterey County, and inviting him to the Board's annual Legislative Workshop in February.
- Requested a presentation from the Department of Emergency Management at the January meeting regarding pending FEMA reimbursements.

State Report – Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

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

ACTIONS:
- Received reports.
- Directed staff to prepare a letter to the Governor, Senator Laird, Assembly Speaker Rivas, and Assemblymember Addis, in support of any and all funding that will support legal fees necessary to defend California values against the incoming Trump Administration's potential actions related to immigration, abortion access, civil rights, and climate change.

Grant Report – Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP)

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
a. Proposition 4 Grant Programs
b. Dam Safety Grant Program
c. Grant Track

ACTIONS:
- Received reports.

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

6. Receive reports, provide direction, and recommend adoption by the Board of Supervisors of the:
a. 2025 Legislative Program
b. 2025 Strategic Grant Services Program
c. State Budget Request
d. Federal Community Project Funding Requests
e. 2025 Legislative Workshop Agenda

ACTIONS:
- Received reports.

- Provided direction on changes and recommended that the Board of Supervisors approve the 2025 Legislative Platform, 2025 Strategic Grant Services Program, 2025 potential State Budget requests; FY26 potential Federal Community Project Funding requests; and 2025 Legislative Workshop agenda.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.