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Consider the recommendations of the Measure AA Ad Hoc Committee to dissolve the existing Ad Hoc Committee, establish a new standing committee of the Board in its place, appoint the current Ad Hoc Committee members as the initial supervisorial representatives on the new standing committee through December 31, 2026, direct that beginning January 2027, one Measure AA Standing Committee appointment shall rotate among the Supervisors representing Districts 2, 3 or 5, with the other seat rotating among all Supervisors and provide direction as deemed appropriate.

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Consider the Measure AA Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to dissolve the Ad Hoc Committee and reestablish it as a standing committee of the Board;
- b. Appoint the current Ad Hoc Committee members as the initial supervisorial representatives to the new standing committee through December 31, 2026;
- ~~b-c.~~ Direct that beginning January 2027, one Measure AA Standing Committee appointment shall rotate among the Supervisors representing Districts 2, 3, or 5, who primarily serve unincorporated communities, with the other seat rotating among all Supervisors; and,
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- ~~e-d.~~ Provide additional direction, as appropriate.

SUMMARY:

The Measure AA Ad Hoc Committee was established by the Board of Supervisors on January 7, 2025, following voter approval of Measure AA in November 2024—a 1% sales tax dedicated to general government purposes and consumption within unincorporated areas of Monterey County. On January 14, 2025, the Board appointed Supervisors from Districts 2 and 3 to serve on the committee. In August 2025, recognizing the ongoing need for the committee's work, the Board directed staff to explore transitioning it into a standing committee. In response, the Ad Hoc Committee now recommends its formal dissolution and reconstitution as the Measure AA Standing Committee. This change reflects the long-term nature of its responsibilities, which include monitoring revenues, assessing projections, and reviewing projects for potential funding—tasks that warrant continued oversight and public engagement.

DISCUSSION:

On January 7, 2025, the Board of Supervisors established an Ad Hoc Committee. It appointed Board members from Supervisorial Districts 2 and 3 on January 14, 2025, to develop recommendations on the use of Measure AA revenue for general governmental purposes in unincorporated Monterey County and to advise on the structure of a future citizens' oversight committee.

On August 26, 2025, the Board directed staff to return with recommendations to establish both a standing committee to review budget requests and citizens' oversight committee to oversee related expenditures.

Approval of the recommended actions will dissolve the current Measure AA Ad Hoc Committee and reconstitute it as a standing committee of the Board, retaining the current members from Districts 2 and 3. The new standing committee will be subject to the California Open Meeting Law (the Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 et seq.). Starting in January 2027, committee membership will follow the Board's Standing Committee Rotation Schedule. However, the Ad Hoc Committee proposes that because Measure AA funding and programs primarily serve unincorporated communities, beginning January 2027, one committee seat appointment shall rotate among the Supervisors representing those areas (Districts 2, 3, or 5), with the other seat appointment rotating among all Supervisors. One seat is proposed to rotate among districts with the largest unincorporated populations, while the other would rotate sequentially among all districts which would be noted in the rotation schedule.

Keeping the current members in place during the transition will help continue oversight of Measure AA revenues, refine general revenue allocations, and strengthen long-term revenue projections. These members will also help define the standing committee's purpose and shape the formation of a citizens' oversight committee.

Following approval, the County Administrative Office will update the Boards, Committees, and Commissions appointments list accordingly.

Staff will return at a future meeting to request formal establishment of the citizens' oversight committee.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Office coordinated with the Office of County Counsel on the development of this report. The Ad Hoc Committee provided the proposed recommendations.

FINANCING:

There is no impact on the General Fund associated with the recommended action.

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Attachments: