

County of Monterey

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1441 Schilling Place
Salinas, CA 93901



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Special Meeting

Friday, June 27, 2025

10:00 AM

1441 Schilling Place, 2nd Floor, Salinas, CA 93901

Thyme Room

Urban County Standing Committee

10:00 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Wendy Root Askew, present by Zoom

Supervisor Glenn Church, present in person

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

AGENDA, ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS

There were no agenda additions, deletions and corrections to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of the March 10, 2025 Urban County Standing Committee Draft Minutes

Action: The Draft Action Minutes from March 10, 2025, were approved as submitted. Supervisor Root Askew and Supervisor Church each expressed their approval separately. After noting no public comment, Supervisor Root Askew stated that the minutes were approved by consensus.

AYES: Supervisor Church, Supervisor Root Askew

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Passed 2-0

Public Comment: None

SCHEDULED MATTERS

2.
 - a. Conduct a workshop on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and,
 - b. Provide direction to staff.

Darby Marshall led a workshop on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

Darby Marshall requested to reconvene in late October to discuss creating a more objective system for next year's application and to determine the appropriate minimum grant amount.

Supervisor Root Askew and Supervisor Church requested to consider making changes that would guide the plan development on the FY 26/27 Annual Plan.

Additionally to discuss the following three questions below:

- 1. What is the Minimum grant amount?**
- 2. What is the scoring criteria? Staff will provide options.**
- 3. What is the policy? What are the areas of focus?**

Supervisor Root Askew requested a memo addressing the two questions below before the October meeting.

1. Review the definition of blight and create a memo regarding this issue. Identify the criteria that would qualify for blight removal under Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) projects, and then cross-reference that information with the list of blighted properties in the county. Public Works maintains a list of these blighted county properties. Determine which of these properties could potentially qualify for CDBG funding. Additionally, please conduct further research on this topic.

2. Details on the definition of homelessness and eligibility for county-wide homeless service programs that qualify for CDBG funds.

No motion required. The Committee received and discussed information on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)

Public comment: Helbard Alkassadeh

- 3. Receive and support staff recommendation for 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP) funding allocations and provide feedback to staff.**

Dawn Yonemtisu presented a report on the staff's recommendations for funding allocations in the 2025/2026 Annual Action Plan (AAP).

Supervisor Root Askew made a motion to roll over the \$107,906 to next year's budget, dedicating these funds for a project that will be determined later. This will allow future applicants to apply for the funding. Additionally, requested that staff will have all the options outlined in a staff report. Supervisors Church and Root Askew each separately stated their approval, noting that there were no public comments. Supervisor Root Askew confirmed that the funding allocation mentioned above was approved by consensus.

AYES: Supervisor Church, Supervisor Root Askew

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINED: None

Motion Passed 2-0

Public Comment: None

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

Darby Marshall provided an update on the Home Program.

ADJOURNMENT

Supervisor Root Askew moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.