County of Monterey

Monterey County Government Center
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Meeting Minutes - Draft

Join via Zoom at https://montereycty.zoom.us/j/95701485190 (Meeting ID: 95701485190 and Password: 276210); or in-person at 168 W. Alisal St, 2nd Flr, Salinas CA-Monterey Room; or, 11140 Speegle St, Castroville CA–Dist 2 Office

Monday, March 10, 2025

1:30 PM

Legislative Committee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

None.

Public Comment Period

None.

Approval of Action Minutes

1. Consider approval of the action minutes from the February 10, 2025, Legislative Committee meeting.

ACTION: Approved the action minutes from the February 10, 2025, Legislative Committee meeting.

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 Adam Schiff
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

ACTIONS: Received reports by
- Office of Senator Alex Padilla by Margaret Arechiga
- Office of Assembly Speaker Robert Rivas by Dominic Dursa
- Office of Assemblymember Dawn Addis by Alexis Arrazola

Federal Report - Presenters: Maria Tripplaar & Katlyn Koegel (Ballard Spahr LLP)

3. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
a. Federal Government Update
  i. Congressional Overview
  ii. Executive Order Updates
b. Budget Update, including Community Project Funding Requests
c. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:
- Received reports
- The Committee requested additional information on the impacts of tariffs on Salinas Valley agriculture.

State Report – Presenters: Ashley Walker & Kasha Hunt (Nossaman LLP)

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

a. Status of the Legislature

b. Status of the State Budget

i. Proposition 4 Hearings

ii. myCAvax reinstatement

c. Legislation:

i. AB 269 - Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program

ii. AB 303 (Addis) Battery energy storage facilities

iii. AB 761 (Addis) Monterey-Salinas Transit District: retail transactions and use tax

iv. AB 1185 (Hart) California Library Services, Equity in Opportunity Act.

v. AB 1288 (Addis) Registered environmental health specialists

vi. SB 74 (Seyarto) Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program

vii. SB 283 (Laird) Battery energy storage facilities: emergency response plans and emergency action plans

viii. SB 296 (Archuleta) Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners

ix. SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator

x. Low Income Water Rate Assistance Program Bills

i. AB 532 (Ransom) Water rate assistance program

ii. SB 350 (Durazo) Water rate assistance program

d. Governor's Actions and Executive Orders

e. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports

- Adopted a "support" position on State Funding to support the myCAvax system

- Adopted an "oppose" position on AB 269 (Bennett) Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program – as part of the Dam Safety Coalition

- Continued a "watch" position on AB 303 (Addis) Battery energy storage facilities – with direction to report on the bill at the next meeting.

- Recommended a "support" position to the Board of Supervisors on AB 761 (Addis) Monterey-Salinas Transit District: retail transactions and use tax.

- Adopted an "oppose" position on AB 1185 (Hart) California Library Services, Equity in Opportunity Act.

- Adopted a "support" position on AB 1288 (Addis) Registered environmental health specialists

- Adopted a "support" position on SB 74 (Seyarto) Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program

- Continued a "watch" position on SB 283 (Laird) Battery energy storage facilities: emergency response plans and emergency action plans – with

direction to report on the bill at the next meeting.
- Adopted a "support" position on SB 296 (Archuleta) Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners
- Adopted a "support" position on SB 346 (Durazo) Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator
- Received public comment from Mark Gonzalez representing the Water Resources Agency Board of Directors in opposing AB 269 (Bennett)

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

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
a. California Public Utilities Commission Hearing - Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications
b. 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
c. Congressional Funding Requests - Letters of Support
d. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
e. Grant Track

ACTIONS:
- Received reports
- Supervisor Alejo requested to be informed of the CPUC meeting where Round 2 FFA Last Mile Grants will be considered.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Committee Members: Supervisor Glenn Church, Chair; and Supervisor Luis Alejo, Vice-Chair. Committee Staff: Nicholas E. Chiulos, Chief Assistant CAO; Annette D'Adamo, Legislative Program Manager; and Rocio Quezada, Committee Secretary.

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