

County of Monterey

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



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, February 10, 2025

1:30 PM

Legislative Committee

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

Additions and Corrections

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda.

Public Comment Period

Public comment received by Nina Beatty.

2025 Legislative Committee Chair and Vice Chair Appointment

1. Appoint Committee members to serve as the 2025 Chair and Vice Chair of the Legislative Committee.

ACTION: The Committee appointed Supervisor Church to serve as Chair and Supervisor Alejo to serve as Vice-Chair of the Legislative Committee for 2025.

Approval of Action Minutes

2. Consider approval of the action minutes from the Legislative Committee meeting on January 13, 2025.

ACTION: The Committee approved the action minutes from the January 13, 2025 Legislative Committee meeting.

Reports from the Legislative Offices

3. 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 from:

- Margaret Padilla representing Senator Alex Padilla
- Jordan Montgomery representing Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren

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

4. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:
 - a. Federal Government Update
 - i. Congressional Overview
 - ii. Federal Funding Executive Order Updates
 - iii. Immigration Related Executive Order Updates
 - iv. Other Significant Executive Order Updates

- b. Budget Update, including Community Project Funding Requests
- c. Legislation:
 - i. Caring for Survivors Act of 2025 (H.R. 680)
 - ii. Every Drop Counts Act (H.R. 338)
 - iii. Fix Our Forests Act (H.R. 471)
- d. Federal Bill/Issues Track

ACTION:

- Received reports.
- Adopted a “support” position on the Caring for Survivors Act (H.R. 680).
- Adopted “support” positions on the Every Drop Counts Act (H.R. 338) and the Fix Our Forests Act (H.R. 473) – with direction to hold off on sending the letters until presented to the Water Resources Agency Board of Directors.

State 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. Status of the Legislature
 - b. Legislation:
 - i. AB 1 (Connolly) Residential property insurance: wildfire risk
 - ii. AB 49 (Muratsuchi) Schoolsites and day care centers: entry requirements: immigration enforcement
 - iii. AB 53 (Ramos) Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act
 - iv. AB 226 (Calderon) California FAIR Plan Association
 - v. AB 259 (Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences
 - vi. AB 303 (Addis) Battery energy storage facilities
 - vii. SB 23 (Valadares) Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners
 - viii. SB 72 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. - and State Budget request
 - ix. SB 239 (Arrequin) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary bodies
 - c. Special Session Updates
 - i. Defending California Values (AB X1-1, AB X1-2, SB X1-1)
 - ii. AB X1-2 and SB X1-2 Budget Act of 2024 - Immigrant Removal Defense Funding
 - d. Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders
 - e. State Bill/Issues Track

ACTIONS:

- Received reports.
- Adopted a “support” position on AB 1 (Connolly) Residential property insurance: wildfire risk.
- Adopted a “support” position on AB 53 (Ramos) Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.

- Adopted a “support” position on AB 226 (Calderon) California FAIR Plan Association
- Adopted a “support” position on AB 259 (Rubio) Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.
- Adopted a “watch” position on AB 303 (Addis) Battery energy storage facilities. – and requested the item be placed on the March agenda.
- Adopted a “watch” position on SB 283 (Laird) Battery energy storage facilities: emergency response plans and emergency action plans. – and requested the item be placed on the March agenda.
- Adopted a “support” position on SB 23 (Valadares) Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.
- Adopted a “support” position on SB 72 (Caballero) The California Water Plan: long-term supply targets. – and State Budget request.
- Adopted a “support” position on SB 239 (Arrequin) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary bodies.
- Received public comment from Mark Gonzalez.

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. California Public Utilities Commission 1/30/24 Hearing - Last Mile Federal Funding Account Applications
 - b. Climate Bond Implementation Briefing - California Natural Resources Agency
 - c. 2024 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)
 - d. San Lucas Drinking Water Project
 - e. Grant Track

ACTION: Received reports.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.