County of Monterey

County of Monterey Government Center 1441 Schilling Place Salinas, CA 93901 Thyme Room



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Wednesday, May 14, 2025 6:00 PM

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

Housing Advisory Committee

6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER

There was no Chair, therefore, Vice-Chair Ramos called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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Members Present: Sandi Austin, Robert Chacanaca, Eric Palmer, Gilbert Ramos, Peter Said, Mitch Winick

Members Absent: Braulio Fabian Zamudio, Cary Swensen

Staff Present: Melanie Beretti, Criag Spencer (Zoom) Sonia De La Rosa (Zoom) Reed Gallogly (Zoom), Darby Marshall, Anita Nachor, Dawn Yonemitsu (Zoom)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Esther Malkin

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND CORRECTIONS

Esther Malkin sent screenshots from the YouTube video for the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

Action: A motion was made by Committee Member Chacanaca to approve the consent agenda. Chair Said seconded the motion.

Ayes: Austin, Chacanaca, Ramos, Said, Winick

NAYES

ABSENT: Fabian Zamudio, Swensen

ABSTAINED: Palmer Motion Passed – 5-0 Public Comment: None

1. Approve March 12, 2025 Draft Action Minutes

SCHEDULED MATTERS

2. Conduct a study session to prioritize 6th Cycle Housing Element Policies and Program for implementation.

No motion required. The Committee received and discussed the 6th Cycle Housing Element Policies and Program for implementation.

Public Comment: Esther Malkin

3. Conduct a workshop on the Draft Request for Proposals to prepare an Affordable Housing Strategic

Plan for Monterey County and provide feedback to staff.

No motion required. The Committee conducted a workshop on the Draft Request for Proposals to prepare an Affordable Housing Strategic Plan for Monterey County and provided feedback to staff.

OTHER MATTERS

Darby has invited the Housing Advisory Committee members to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 24, 2025. He will be presenting the Housing Report that was given to the Health, Housing, Homelessness, and Human Services Committee. This item will be discussed in the afternoon, starting any time after 1:30 PM.

Additionally, Darby provided a report on the Housing Pipeline which includes active Planning development applications or applications that have been approved and still have units to build.

Vice-Chair Ramos requested to add a column to the Housing Pipeline that states when the application started.

The Housing Advisory Committee reached a consensus to approve the input on the Housing Plan and the Scope of Work presented by Darby Marshall.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS, REQUEST AND REFERRALS

Welcomed newest Committee Member Eric Palmer to the Housing Advisory Committee.

DEPARTMENT UPDATE

- 1. Craig Spencer will present future developments on Water Policy to the Housing Advisory Committee (HAC).
- 2. Request for Environmental Health to present on alternative water sources for single unit development at the HAC.
- 3. Request that Groundwater Sustainability Agency present on water sources to HAC.
- 4. A notice to the County of Monterey has been received that the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) will be renewed for another year.
- 5. A notice to the County of Monterey has been received indicating that the County of Monterey is now eligible to apply for designation as a "Home Participating Jurisdiction." The County will automatically receive funding allocated specifically for affordable housing starting next year, provided it remains within the next Federal budget.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING:

Wednesday, July 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Ramos moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.