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January 31, 2019

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Board of Directors

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General Manager

Subject:

January 15, 2019 Special Districts Association Meeting

The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDA) met on January 15, 2019 at the Shoreline Community Center in Marina. SDA members approved the nomination committee recommendation for officers including President Tom Moore from Marina Coast Water District, Vice President Pete Poitras from Monterey County Regional Fire District and Secretary/Treasurer Rick Verbanec from Pebble Beach Community Services District.

Monterey County Supervisor Jane Parker and chair of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), spoke on the process to sunset FORA, formed in 1994 with a life of 20 years. Legislation carried by Bill Monning subsequently extended FORA for an additional 6 years to 2020. Most of the old Fort Ord land was sold in 1994 to Monterey County, Marina, Seaside, Del Rey Oaks, Monterey, Monterey Peninsula College, UC Santa Cruz and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The FORA Board of Directors includes representatives from additional cities affected by the Fort Ord base closure. The Base Reuse Plan focused on Education, Environment and Economy. California State University at Monterey Bay and the National Monument status for BLM land have been successes, but the job creation envisioned in the Reuse Plan has not met expectations and only 15% of the expected development has been completed to date. The FORA Board recently approved a transition plan prepared by staff that will assign all assets, responsibilities and liabilities to successor agencies when FORA sunsets. Staff is currently working on developing agreements with the successor agencies to address issues like funding sources for roads and habitat protection, monitoring unexploded ordinances and any unfunded liabilities from FORA staff.

New California Special Districts Association (CSDA) field representative Steven Nascimento reported the new Governor submitted his first budget and indicated he is not interested in reviving Redevelopment 2.0, which could have allowed cities to siphon off local funds from other local agencies located in redevelopment areas.

Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County (LAFCO) Executive Director Kate McKenna reported that LAFCO is working on the FORA transition plan to include Marina Coast Water District annexation issues on Fort Ord land. LAFCO is also reviewing information from agencies providing Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services on a countywide level with an emphasis on better serving rural unincorporated areas and Salinas Valley annexation plans primarily in Salinas and the South County cities.

The next SDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 6,00 pm at the Shoreline Conference

Center in Marina.

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