



# Memorandum

## MONTEREY REGIONAL WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Date: July 24, 2017  
 To: Board of Directors  
 From: Director Campbell  
 Subject: July 18, 2017 Special Districts Association Meeting

The Special Districts Association of Monterey County (SDA) met on July 18, 2017 at the Shoreline Community Center in Marina with Directors Verbanec and Froke attending.

Transportation Agency of Monterey County Planner Grant Leonard reported on proposed improvements for the Highway 68 corridor between Monterey and Salinas. He indicated surveys related to the Measure X bond identified the Highway 68 corridor as the number one priority corridor in the County and \$50 million of the Measure X proceeds have been allocated to this project. Highway 68 is located on the original wagon trail between missions. TAMC received a Caltrans grant in 2015 to study how to improve traffic operations in the corridor and considered three options.

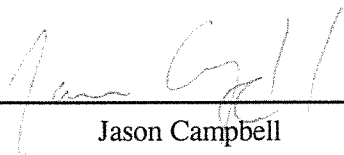
- 1) Replace existing traffic intersections with roundabouts (\$48 Million)
- 2) Replace existing traffic intersections with roundabouts and widen sections between Corral De Tierra and Toro, between Monterey Airport and York Road and add a third lane between Corral De Tierra and Laureles Grade (\$107 Million)
- 3) Add adaptive signaling and widening consistent with the Ferrini Ranch Development (\$34 Million).

An intersection control evaluation using a Caltrans model found all but one intersection had a higher benefit cost ratio with roundabouts compared to signals and that the corridor would perform best with roundabouts. The need for underground wildlife crossings was also studied using cameras and roadkill data and 10 locations were identified where culvert improvements totaling \$40 million would provide safe wildlife crossings. The TAMC recommendation is a project with a \$60 million budget including new roundabouts and \$10 million worth of wildlife crossing improvements.

Anna Palmer, from the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) Member Services Team, reported on Legislative issues related to special districts. Local Director and current CSDA President Vince Ferrante reported the annual CSDA conference will be in Monterey this September.

Kate McKenna, Executive Director of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County, reported LAFCO is planning a review of Fire Protection Districts county wide with an emphasis on unserved areas in Big Sur, reviews of sphere of influence and boundaries for Salinas Valley Memorial Health Care District, Marina Coast Water District, Seaside County Sanitation District and Monterey One Water (Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency). LAFCO will also review the dissolution plan for the Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

The next SDA meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Shoreline Conference Center in Marina.

  
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 Jason Campbell