



## **FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

4:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 2, 2016  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina CA 93933

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Potter declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

#### **Voting Members Present:**

Chair/Supervisor Potter (County of Monterey)  
Mayor Rubio (City of Seaside)  
Mayor Pro-Tem O'Connell (City of Marina)  
Mayor Edelen (City of Del Rey Oaks)  
Mayor Pendergrass (City of Sand City)

#### **Others Present:**

Jon Giffen (FORA Authority Counsel)  
John Arriaga (JEA & Associates)  
Nicole Charles (17<sup>th</sup> State Senate District)  
Nick Chiulos (County of Monterey)  
Christina Watson (TAMC)  
Michael Houlemard  
Steve Endsley  
Jen Simon  
Candy Ingram

### **2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Pledge of allegiance was led by Chair Potter.

### **3. ACKNOWLEDGMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

None.

### **5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

a. December 2, 2015 Legislative Committee Minutes

**MOTION:** Mayor Pendergrass moved, seconded by Mayor Rubio, to approve the December 2, 2015 minutes, as presented.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### **6. BUSINESS ITEMS**

a. Sacramento Legislative Mission update

Michael Houlemard provided an update on the Sacramento Legislative Mission and reported on productive meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet), California Department of Fish and Wildlife, and California Department of Toxic Substances Control on issues related to the Veterans Cemetery, FORA's sunset and transition plan, and the City of Seaside's remedial schedule, as examples.

b. Washington, D.C. Legislative Items update.

Michael Houlemard reported meeting with Charlotte Bertrand of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and their discussions on the need for FORA's successor in securing funding

sources to complete the Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement (ESCA). He said another option to consider is to “de-list” ESCA off the Superfund designation, thereby increasing success while making the process less expensive. Mr. Houlemard then reported on productive meetings held with the Department of Interior and Congressman Farr’s office. Mayor Rubio and Supervisor Potter concurred. John Arriaga and Nick Chiulos reported meetings with the U.S. Army were very productive as well.

- c. 2016 Annual Fort Ord Reuse Authority Legislative Agenda - Update.  
(Committee members agreed to discuss this item at end of the Agenda.)

Nicole Charles reported on the newly introduced legislation from the Assembly Veterans Committee, AB 2561, which allows CalVet to receive donations that can be used at the cemetery, a continuous appropriation to allow CalVet to use the money for specific enhancements and provide consistency for all current/future state cemeteries to have a fund via CalVet for these donations. Ms. Charles then asked for letters of support. Chair Potter suggested receiving the staff report first and then requested John Arriaga to conduct research on AB 2561 and report back at the next meeting.

- d. FORA Board Legislative Session Items/Date.  
A general discussion on a possible date to hold FORA’s Board Legislative session noting that the usual recommendation is May or June.

- e. Fort Ord Reuse Authority 2020 Sunset and Transition Plan.  
Steve Endsley provided a presentation and noted that this has been shown to the Finance, Administrative and Executive Committees, with the Executive Committee members asking this item be brought back to them for recommendations on when it should be presented to the Board. Discussion was then made on the complexities and amount of work yet to be completed. Mayor Rubio said this needs to be forwarded to the Board as soon as possible and added that core essential items be prioritized while removing non-essential items in order to complete all items before 2020. Mayor Pendergrass asked why some items go beyond 2020. Mr. Endsley answered that some items will continue beyond FORA’s sunset date due to not having a finite completion date. Mayor Pendergrass expressed his concern that the jurisdictions need to know as soon as possible what needs to be done and stated legislation might not allow another extension beyond FORA’s sunset date. A discussion on whether a special board meeting or ad hoc committee needs to be formed to review the transition plan. Mr. Houlemard commented that obligations will continue past FORA’s sunset, that resources, both financial and skill sets, will be required and recommended the Board review this item and take action to form an Ad Hoc committee.

**7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None.

**8. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

The Committee received public comment.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Potter adjourned the meeting at 5:13 p.m.