



# FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY

## VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

3:00 p.m., Thursday, August 29, 2013 | FORA Conference Room  
920 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Suite A, Marina, CA 93933

### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Edelen called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. The following were present, as indicated by signatures on the roll sheet:

#### VIAC Members:

Jerry Edelen, FORA Board  
James Bogan, United Veterans Council  
Sid Williams, Mo. Co. Military/Vets  
Wes Morrill, Mo. Co. Vets Services  
Edith Johnsen, Vets Families/Fundraising  
Greg Nakanishi, CCVC Foundation  
Jack Stewart, Cemetery Advisory Comm.  
Thomas Moore, FORA Board

#### FORA Staff:

Michael Houlemard  
Robert Norris  
Crissy Maras

#### Others:

Sonja Arndt, Rep. Farr  
Nicole Charles, Sen. Monning  
Erica Parker, Asm. Stone  
Richard Garza, CCVCF  
Kathleen Lee, Sup. Potter  
George Dixon, DMVA

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Edelen asked Sid Williams to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

### 3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

Wes Morrill introduced George Dixon with the Military Veterans Affairs.

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

None.

### 5. APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: June 27, 2013

MOTION: Sid Williams moved, seconded by Greg Nakanishi, to accept the June 27, 2013 minutes as presented.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

### 6. OLD BUSINESS

#### a. California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery Status Report

The California Department of Finance gave certification to forward the cemetery construction grant application to the US Department of Veterans Affairs. A response is expected by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Staff will continue to work on verifying the water supply, refining the cost estimate, and processing the property transfer deeds and contract with the State.

Nicole Charles reported that there is currently a \$2.6M funding gap, which represents costs that are not reimbursable by the federal grant. She noted the importance of demonstrating local support through fundraising. Ms. Charles and Sonya Arndt discussed possible bill amendments to address language that is out of date, the endowment and Operations & Maintenance costs.

Committee members asked FORA to explore alternative funding options, like the possibility of a loan, to meet the funding gap.

**b. VA/DoD Veterans Clinic Status Report**

Veterans Affairs anticipates selecting a master developer in September 2013 with construction beginning in 2014.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Fort Ord Initiatives Status Report**

Both initiatives were qualified and the FORA Board acted to place them on the ballot for the November 5<sup>th</sup> election. The City of Seaside challenged that both initiatives violate local land use authority and requested an expeditious review prior to the election. The request for expeditious review was denied. FORA anticipates election costs to be \$1-1.2M

**8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS**

None.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Edelen adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Crissy Maras, Grants and Contracts Coordinator

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Michael A. Houlemard, Jr.