

Kim Shirley's Council Report for Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Wednesday, April 19th- City Finance Meeting- As usual, we began reviewing our monthly financials, which showed we were on track with our budget. We asked for a few additions to the financials (acronyms spelled out and to list the interest rate we're receiving on accounts) which will make reading these financials a bit easier for the public and will serve as good reminders for committee members. We also received a short update on the airport trueup, which is still being worked on from FY 21/22. It was assumed there may be a \$12,000 difference. We'll hear more next month. We also talked about capital improvement projects in the city, which included a discussion about the recent sinkhole at Safeway, which cost us \$34,000 but we're anticipated getting reimbursed from the city of Monterey (it was their pipe that broke) and maybe Seaside (the official location of the sinkhole). City Manager Guertin also brought pictures of other issues in the city that will need to be addressed in our next budget. Many of the issues can be linked back to the great amount of rainfall this winter and therefore we may have some opportunities for state/federal funding to cover some of these roadway issues.

Wednesday, April 19th- FORTAG Plan Review- Thank you to Mayor Donaldson for asking TAMC to bring in their engineers and FORTAG plan for review. It was great to see the turn out of residents. I enjoyed the opportunity to look at parts of the trail in greater detail while having someone there to answer questions. Sounds like TAMC will hire a construction firm this fall and we can expect construction to begin at the start of 2024. The engineer I spoke with thought a reasonable expectation of completion would be 18 months. I look forward to the increased safety this trail will provide both for those who will be enjoying the trail and those driving who will have fewer pedestrians to worry about and safer intersections.

Friday, April 21st- ReGen Monterey Board Meeting- We had four discussion/action items on our agenda this morning. The first was a look into our budget process and a consideration of a 5% tipping fee increase for all material types in the FY 23/24. Some of the reasons behind this fee increase includes: CPI (around 5%), costs for SB1383 and other regulatory mandates, continuing to plan for our post closure reserve, as well as supply chain, labor, and fuel costs. We will also be seeing a raise in our garbage costs which translates to about a 1% increase for jurisdictions. Next we approved the Memorandum of Understanding for negotiations with one of our local unions. After that we addressed the annual performance review procedure for our General Manager. We agreed on the peer and self assessment, followed by a board review. And lastly, we discussed and approved the Board Member Teleconferencing Policy which clarified further our options for attending meetings using the older rules (adding your public location to the agenda and attending via teleconferencing) as well as the newer rules set forth by AB 2449. And finally, in our Staff Reports, we had a report from the Technical Advisory Committee and SB 1383 which included topics such as the rate increase jurisdictions will be seeing soon, an update on the edible food recovery portion of SB 1383, as well as an update on the shared

costs for SB 1383. The rates will be increasing, which our Board will review in May and then those will go to jurisdictions for their approval.

Sunday, April 23rd- Sustainable Seaside Earth Day Celebration- Many thanks go Sustainable Seaside for the organization of this fabulous event. Great thanks also goes to DRO resident, Susan Ragsdale-Cronin who planned and organized the *Trashion Show*, which highlighted fun fashion made by using items that would normally end up in our landfill. I also owe Susan (and Bill!) much gratitude for the work they put into making my outfit. Although, I'm not one for getting up on stage and dancing while covered in plastic bags, I actually had a super fun time! Additional thanks goes to Councilmember John Uy for showing me his moves while we were onstage. The smiles and laughter while celebrating our earth was such a joyful experience for me!

Tuesday, April 25th- City Council Meeting- What a great celebration to swear in Commander Chris Borquin as our new Police Chief! It was energizing to see the law enforcement community come out to support this appointment. This is a well-deserved position for Chief Borquin and it was clear he is supported by many throughout the city. It was also heartwarming to see and hear from his wife, who also offered great love and support for Chris. After the swearing in (and cake) we moved onto the proclamations and then the consent agenda. I had some questions about some of our policing stats which Chief Borquin was so good at clarifying for me as a follow up to our meeting. Also on the consent agenda was the Supplemental Agreement for FORTAG which we were all able to vote on after applying the Public Generally Regulation 18703. I discovered this regulation and after getting some analysis done from Dr. Fred Watson regarding the percentage of residents who fall within 500ft of the trail. This regulation releases elected officials from financial conflicts if their benefits are similar to at least 15% of residents. After Dr. Watson's analysis, he roughly calculated that 49% of our residents fall within 500 ft of FORTAG. With this knowledge, I asked and received informal legal advice from the FPPC, which agreed that this regulation would allow me to vote on items related to FORTAG. Once we passed the consent agenda items we moved onto new business where we happily approved the appointment of Ann Ahmadi as our newest Planning Commissioner. With her background, experience, and her interest in the community, I know she'll be a great addition to our commission. The last two items on the agenda pertained to our police department. The first was a presentation and request for support for an MOU in the application of a training program called "Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement" (ABLE). This training will help our officers know when and how to intervene in situations to reduce misconduct, mistakes, and to produce greater health and wellness for our officers. Having this training would actually lower our liability costs in the police department, too. It's supported not only by the law enforcement community but also the social justice community, which really makes it a win-win in my book. The last item was a mandated report out on our military equipment changes in our police department, which were minimal.

Saturday, April 29th- DRO Earth Day/Ice Cream Social- What a wonderful day of celebration in Del Rey Oaks! Many thanks goes to the collaboration of the Parks and Rec Committee, the

Citizens Actions Group, and Sustainable Del Rey Oaks for putting on such a fun event, which celebrated Earth Day and the spring renewal with free ice cream, fun activities, and lots of great vendors. The Parks and Rec Committee created a rock painting activity which, at the end of the event when they were all placed under one of our park trees, completely warmed my heart! So uplifting to see the personalities and positive messages left for others to admire. Also at the event, I was able to get my sticker from Sustainable Del Rey Oaks for being an Earth Friendly Household. I will proudly display this sticker on my yard waste can and I look forward to seeing more throughout the city! As a member of the ReGen Monterey Board, I was able to table for that fabulous organization and had a great time talking to adults and kids about what goes where in terms of trash, recycling, compost, and hazardous waste or donations. I also brought my composting worms which turned out to be a fun topic for adults and kids. Digging for worms while learning about how they can benefit our soil and reduce our climate impact is always uplifting! Big thanks to all the vendors who were there to provide positive and informative messages for our community.

Wednesday, May 3rd- ReGen Monterey Finance Committee Meeting- We had several items on our agenda for discussion at this month's meeting. The first was a preliminary look at the budget, for which the committee recommended approval. Next was a request to support a construction consultant for our module 7 landfill liner construction. The consultant amount was estimated to be roughly \$400,000-\$500,000. We discussed the draft lease agreement and feasibility study that will be done with the biochar pilot study in the next agenda item. This is exciting new technology and ReGen will only be supplying the land for them to place their equipment where they will be taking the oversized wood pieces and turning it into biochar. After that topic, we talked about the District taking over the state composting permit from Keith Day who currently holds the permit. This simplifies things for Keith Day and the move is also supported by the Air Resource District. Next we talked about the update on the white paper which will talk about solid waste practices in the District. Lastly, we quickly had a discussion about some of the potential remodeling that the District is planning for in terms of a 2nd floor addition on the shop as well as improvements to the administration building. I did suggest that when they move forward with plans, that they consider looking at environmentally sustainable improvements that can be made, possibly even moving towards a LEED certification.

Wednesday, May 3rd- Recreation and Parks Committee- I attended this committee meeting because I knew that city committees were going to be a topic that we will be talking about in the future at the council and given their agenda items, I wanted to hear from the committee members. It was mentioned by the Chair that they have no bylaws, similar apparently to the Planning Commission as well as the Police Advisory Committee. There was a positive Earth Day/Ice Cream Social recap, talk of the upcoming movie night on May 26th where they'll be playing "Shrek", along with talk of items they'd like to purchase for the movie night (which included dollar amounts not to exceed), including projector, stand, popcorn, and a banner. All ideas easily passed and were supported by the committee. Additional items that were discussed were the continued request for new members to make for easier planning, the hope for classes that they'd like to provide (apparently the liability form still remains with city staff after a year's

time), and a general feeling of frustration with the lack of support from the city for the recreation opportunities they've been trying to provide. I knew this committee had been struggling and hearing it stated publicly made me feel that this was a topic that needed further discussion at the council level.

Wednesday, May 3rd- Housing Element Workshop (Zoom only)- This workshop was presented by Denise Duffy (our contract planner). She provided an overview of the Housing Element as well as an update on our demographics (ex. decrease in city population, an aging population, increase in female head of households). As we've been talking about, Denise talked about the various options for placement of housing. Since we do not have a compliant 5th cycle Housing Element, we're responsible for zoning for 86 units from the 5th cycle, as well as the 184 units from the 6th cycle, for a total of 270 units, spread across various income levels. There were a few questions with some talk about universal design for aging in place, but in general, few people from the public attended.

Sunday, May 7th- Fundraiser for County Board Supervisor Wendy Root Askew- So happy to be a co-host (one of several!) for our District's County Board Supervisor Wendy Root Askew at a DRO fundraiser. People from all over District 4 attended and for some, this was their first political event. I'm so proud of the work that Wendy does, as she works tirelessly for our region. Seriously, she is such a hard worker! She sticks with her values, is a great collaborator, and always engages in a thoughtful and critical manner. I serve with Wendy on ReGen Monterey and am always impressed with her willingness to ask hard questions, provide positive feedback, show enthusiasm, and critically think about how decisions will affect all areas of our county. I'm grateful for her friendship and having her as a role model.

Tuesday, May 9th- Special Council Meeting- This was a quick meeting that was arranged prior to the Housing Element Workshop where the only item we addressed was the Public Utility Easement for FORTAG. This item was passed unanimously.

Tuesday, May 9th- Housing Element Workshop (in person)- joint meeting with Planning Commission and City Council- This in person meeting again reviewed our sites available for housing, but seemed to have a focus on the introduction and feedback of the new programs being implemented into the 6th cycle Housing Element. The programs that were presented seemed appropriate and reflected items we had talked about in past workshops. I did bring up the idea of permit costs based off square footage as opposed to units, which had also been mentioned in the past, so I hope to see that somewhere in our Housing Element (not sure of the proper placement—is that a program?). Denise solicited for other program ideas, but it was hard to do on the spot, not having had the ability to read any of the materials before the meeting. What's clear is that there is a tight timeline for many of the components of this Housing Element, so we will likely be talking about this frequently. Lastly, it was made clear that our 5th cycle Housing Element is currently at HCD for review.

Monday, May 8th- MST Administration Meeting- This is a sub-committee meeting for MST that meets every other month. We received an update from General Manager Carly Sedoryk who reported that ridership is up by 20% after implementing the Better Bus Network (changes which aimed at efficiencies and increasing riders). There was a drop in the Rides program in March, but April has rebounded. Next we received updates on both the State and Federal legislative activities. Lots of talk about potential bills, the budget, funding for transportation, appropriations, and the debt limit. In addition, we received an update on recruitment practices, mainly focusing on getting 20 new coach operators (anyone out there who wants to learn how to drive a bus???). Last item was a quick update on diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout MST.

Monday, May 8th- MST Board Meeting- Please see the MST board highlights in our agenda packet.

Friday, May 12th- City Finance Meeting- We began by reviewing our city financials for April, which showed that we are right inline with our budget which is good news. Staff received the audited financial statement for fiscal year 21/22 right as our meeting started, so we were not able to review it, but staff did report that there were no findings, so that was also good news. Next item, the Airport Police Services Agreed-Upon Procedures Report for fiscal year ended June 2022, also did not have a current update. It's estimated that the airport may be short by \$12,000 but that still needs to be confirmed. Lastly, at the meeting we received the draft budget for FY 23/24 with a report out on possible capital improvement projects throughout the city. Some of the needed street and gutter repairs were exacerbated by the winter rains and so may be able to be funded through FEMA. Other street repairs will be done and paid for by Cal Am because of the water main break, but we're also going to take the opportunity to do some additional work at the same time (economy of scale). City Manager Guertin will be bringing to the council's attention a Fund Balance Policy as well as a discussion about the Capital Improvement Fund. Overall, there were not any big changes to our budget in comparison to last year (3.9% increase in estimated revenue and 3.3% increase in expenditures).

Saturday, May 13th- Monterey Peninsula Housing Coalition- Our guest speaker for our meeting this month was PK Diffenbaugh, MPUSD school superintendent. It was really informative to hear more about their plans for affordable housing for teachers, families, and students. Given the amount of land they own, they are in a perfect position to use some of the unused land for housing. It was incredible to hear that they have a teacher turnover rate every year of about 20% which is largely due to the cost of housing in our area.

Councilman Hallock
Monthly Report May 2023

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City Council Liason to
Parks & Rec Committee.
Attended monthly meeting.
Nothing substantive to report.

5/8

Monthly individual briefing meeting with City Manager J. Guertin.
General discussion of current City matters.

5/9

Attended Special Meeting.
City Council voted unanimously to direct staff to grant City land easement for various utilities relocation relative to FORTAG.

5/9

Attended joint City Council/Planning Commission Housing Element Update Workshop.

5/18

Attended Community Human Services Board of Directors Meeting/Annual Retreat.

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Councilperson Bill Ragsdale-Cronin monthly report

- 1) 4/19 Attended Budget Committee meeting received updates on Audit and draft budget preparations. The audit should be wrapped up soon and we should see a draft budget at the next meeting on 5/12. Also requested the City Manager develop a capital expenditure list for the committee to review as well as where we should look to spend any surplus funds.
- 2) 4/25 Attended Earth Day event at DRO park, the event was wonderful, well organized and well attended.
- 3) 5/9 Attended special City Council meeting for FORTAG easement approval. Attended joint Planning Commission/City Council for an update on the Housing element.
- 4) 5/12 Attended City Budget Committee received draft budget and capital outlay list, the audit was sent to the City Manager during the meeting, and it was reported that there were no issues with the audit. Discussed capital outlay list and where we can combine projects with things currently in the works to help reduce costs. Reviewed projects currently underway.

Respectfully submitted

Bill Ragsdale-Cronin

Council Report from Councilmember John Uy May 23, 2023

I. Council Report: FORTAG Plan Public Workshop in DRO City Hall on April 19, 2023

I attended the FORTAG Plan Public Workshop on April 19, 2023, at DRO City Hall. This workshop was an opportunity for our community to review the design plans for the FORTAG project and have their questions answered by FORTAG engineers.

As you may recall, this public workshop was proposed by Mayor Donaldson in our March regular city council meeting and was unanimously approved by the Council. I am happy to report that the event was a success, with blueprints on the walls and an Engineer from the project there to answer questions from the public.

As a council member, it was encouraging to see so many members of our community taking an active interest in this project. The FORTAG project is an important initiative that will significantly impact our city's future. The public workshop was a great opportunity for our citizens to voice their concerns, ask questions, and provide valuable feedback to the engineers.

I want to express my gratitude to the FORTAG team, who attended the workshop and provided informative answers to the public's questions. Their willingness to engage with the community is a testament to their commitment to ensuring that this project is in the best interest of our city and its citizens.

I believe that the FORTAG Plan Public Workshop was a valuable experience for all those who attended. It demonstrated our city's commitment to transparency and open communication with its citizens. As we move forward with this project, I encourage all of us to remain engaged and informed and to continue working together towards a brighter future for Del Rey Oaks.

II. Council Report: Earth Day Celebration Trashion Show on April 23, 2023



I am honored to report my active participation and cooperation in the Earth Day Celebration Trashion Show held in the City of Seaside. As a council member, I believe that it is our responsibility to take action and promote sustainability in our community. I am proud to have danced Zumba with two Zumba instructors, Raya and Wendy, wearing sustainable apparel that looked not only good but also did good for the environment.

Our presentation was all about a fashion revolution that aimed to promote sustainability. We wore yoga pants made from post-consumer recycled plastic (rPET), which showcased the innovative use of materials that can make a significant impact on our environment. The PET used in these pants is 100% recyclable and made from clear plastic water bottles. We hope that this will inspire our citizens to embrace sustainability in their everyday lives.

I also wore the world's first biodegradable and plant-based pair of shoes. These shoes were designed to replace petroleum plastics with plant-based materials that create NO FOREVER PLASTICS. The shoes were not only sustainable but also incredibly comfortable and durable, which proved that sustainability doesn't have to compromise quality and comfort.

I am proud to be an active participant in this inspiring event, and I hope that this will encourage our citizens to take small but meaningful steps toward a more sustainable future. Let's continue to promote sustainability in our community and strive for a better tomorrow.

III. Council Report: Regular Meeting of the DRO City Council on April 25, 2023

Swearing in Ceremony for Chief of Police Bourquin

I want to extend my warmest congratulations on the appointment of Chris Bourquin as our new Chief of Police! His appointment is a significant achievement, and we are confident that he will continue to serve our community with the same dedication and passion he has already shown in his previous role.

His exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication to public safety are truly remarkable. He has already shown his commitment to our community, and I am confident that he will continue to do so in his new role as Chief of Police.

I am excited to work alongside him and support him in his efforts to enhance the quality of life and safety for our residents, businesses, and visitors. I believe that his experience and expertise will be a valuable asset to our city, and I look forward to seeing the positive impact that he will make on our Police Department and community.

Once again, congratulations on your appointment, Chief Chris Bourquin! We look forward to working closely with you to make Del Rey Oaks a better and safer place for everyone. The Del Rey Oaks community is honored to have you on board.

On Proclamation of Municipal Clerks Appreciation Week

As we celebrate Professional Municipal Clerks Week on April 30 - May 6, I want to take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation for our city clerk staff at City Hall, Ms. Karen

Minami and Ms. Leigh Fitz. Their hard work, dedication, and commitment to serving our community are truly admirable.

Our city clerk staff are the unsung heroes who keep our city running smoothly. They work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that our meetings are organized, our records are accurate, and our citizens are heard. They are the guardians of our city's history and traditions, and they ensure that our city's decisions are made with transparency and accountability.

So, to all our city clerk staff, I want to say again thank you for everything you do. You are an essential part of our team, and we are lucky to have you. I hope you had a wonderful Professional Municipal Clerks Week!

On Proclamation of Arbor Day in Del Rey Oaks

I was thrilled about the proclamation of Arbor Day in Del Rey Oaks. On Arbor Day (April 28), we celebrate the beauty and importance of trees. I am reminded of the vital role that trees play in our community, providing shade and clean air, adding value to our properties, reducing noise pollution, filtering pollutants, improving our mental health and well-being, reducing erosion, and creating a home for countless birds and wildlife.

But Arbor Day is more than just a celebration of trees; it's also a call to action. Let us do our part to protect and preserve our local environment, and that starts with planting and caring for trees.

Let us always take a moment to appreciate the trees around us and commit to doing everything we can to ensure that future generations can enjoy their benefits as well.

Nomination and Appointment of Planning Commissioner

I am honored to express my wholehearted support for the nomination and appointment of Ann Ahmadi to the Planning Commission. Thank you so much, Ann, for stepping up to the challenge and for serving our community. We appreciate YOU!

I believe that Ann's skills, experience, and values make her an excellent choice for the Planning Commission, and I wholeheartedly endorse her candidacy. I am confident that she will bring fresh ideas, thoughtful analysis, and a genuine concern for the well-being of our city to this important role.

My fellow council members unanimously supported her appointment to the Planning Commission. Congratulations, Ann!

Presentation on Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project

I am excited to learn from the presentation about the Active Bystandership for Law Enforcement (ABLE) Project. As a councilmember, I believe it is important to support initiatives that improve police/community relations and promote officer health and wellness. The ABLE Project is a prime example of such an initiative.

ABLE is an evidence-based program that teaches police officers how to intervene in another officer's conduct to prevent misconduct, reduce mistakes, and promote officer health and wellness. By creating a culture of active bystandership, we can reduce unnecessary harm to citizens and officers, decrease liability, and improve police/community relations.

Becoming an ABLE agency requires a high level of commitment and ongoing yearly training. However, the benefits of such a commitment are numerous and impactful. Improved officer job satisfaction and citizen satisfaction with law enforcement agencies are just a few examples of the positive outcomes we can expect.

The fiscal impacts of implementing ABLE are minimal. The Train the Trainer training costs are covered by California Affiliated Risk Management Authorities (CARMA). The costs associated with training our departments' full-time and reserve staff are approximately \$5,500, and we may be eligible for reimbursement from POST for a portion of those costs.

In conclusion, I strongly support the Del Rey Oaks Police Department's decision to become an ABLE agency. I believe this initiative will have a lasting positive impact on our community and the safety and well-being of our officers. Thank you for your attention to this important agenda item.

Consider Required Changes to the Del Rey Oaks Police Department Military Equipment List Ordinance

I am pleased to report that the council adopted and approved the modified Military Equipment Use Policy, consistent with the requirements of AB 481, presented by our Chief of Police. AB 481 law requires us to report annually on our use of military equipment, as well as hold public meetings to discuss the funding, acquisition, and use of such equipment.

We have made several changes to our Military Equipment list, including the removal of Section 2, which listed equipment owned and operated by the Monterey Peninsula Regional Special Response Unit (MPRSRU). We have also made small changes to the policy itself. Our Police Department has not used any military equipment outlined in AB 481 within the City of Del Rey Oaks, nor has MPRSRU deployed within our city. Furthermore, we have not purchased any new military equipment outlined in AB 481.

During the public meeting on March 14th, 2023, it was discussed about the funding, acquisition, and use of military equipment by our Police department. We reported on our use of military equipment during the last operational period, which showed that we had not used any military equipment outlined in AB 481 within the City of Del Rey Oaks. We have also listed qualifying military equipment inadvertently left off our Military Equipment list and will destroy any expired munitions.

The ongoing funding costs associated with our equipment listed in Section 1 of our Military Equipment List is \$4,320, with most of the associated costs from ammunition. We have also listed items not required by AB 481, such as Aero Precision Rifles and ammunition used in training, for transparency. The ongoing funding of the LMT Defense 40mm Launchers and Kinetic Energy Munitions is expected to be \$400 per year, with no munitions purchased during the last operational period.

The adoption of the modified Military Equipment Use Policy consistent with the requirements of AB 481 is aligned with our values. Our commitment to transparency and public safety remains a top priority, and we will continue to provide updates on our use of military equipment as required by law.

IV. Council Report: Del Rey Oaks Earth Day Celebration and Ice Cream Social on April 29, 2023



I am thrilled to report back on my experience at the Del Rey Oaks Earth Day Celebration and Ice Cream Socials! It was an incredible event, and I was honored to be a part of it. As one of the exhibitors, I had the opportunity to spread awareness about the importance of sustainability and how each of us can make a difference in protecting the environment.

My table was a hit! I brought along a message of "Choosing Bubbles, not Balloons" to the event. I provided bubbles of all shapes and sizes and encouraged everyone to blow and pop them. It was amazing to see the joy and excitement that bubbles can bring to both children and adults alike. It was an excellent way to engage the community and make them aware of the small steps we can all take to make a difference.

It was humbling to witness the overwhelming support and enthusiasm of the attendees towards sustainability. I am proud of the Del Rey Oaks community for taking a stand to preserve our planet, and I am grateful to be a part of it. We must continue to spread awareness and educate everyone about the importance of sustainability, and we can start by making small changes in our daily lives.

Overall, the Del Rey Oaks Earth Day celebration was a huge success, and I feel fortunate to have been a part of it. Let's continue to work together to create a sustainable future for ourselves and generations to come. I applaud and am grateful to all the organizers who made this event a huge success!



V. Council Report: Virtual Housing Element Workshop on May 3, 2023

I attended the virtual public Housing Element workshop on May 3, 2023. This report highlights the key insights gathered from the workshop, focusing on soliciting public input for the City's 6th Cycle Housing Element (2023-2031). The purpose of the workshop was to gather valuable feedback from residents, stakeholders, and experts, ensuring that the Housing Element addresses the requirements of the State Housing Element law and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). One input that was raised was the importance of incorporating universal design principles into the Housing Element to cater to the diverse needs of our community.

Universal design refers to the concept of creating environments, products, and services that are accessible and usable by people of all abilities, regardless of age or disability. It promotes inclusivity and ensures that housing options are suitable for everyone, including individuals with disabilities, seniors, and families with specific needs.

The following are example of universal design principles.

Accessibility for All:

It stresses the importance of designing and constructing housing units that are accessible to individuals with mobility challenges. Incorporating features such as zero-step entrances, wider doorways, and accessible bathrooms can greatly enhance the usability and comfort of these units for residents of all abilities.

Aging in Place:

This highlights the growing need for housing that enables seniors to age in place comfortably. Design considerations such as grab bars, lever-style door handles, and non-slip flooring can greatly enhance the safety and convenience of housing units, allowing seniors to maintain their independence and quality of life.

Flexibility and Adaptability:

It expresses the importance of designing housing units with flexible layouts that can accommodate changing needs over time. Features such as adjustable countertop heights, reinforced bathroom walls for future installation of grab bars, and wide corridors can make housing units more adaptable to the evolving needs of residents.

Community Integration:

Universal design principles extend beyond individual housing units to the surrounding community. Participants emphasized the need for inclusive outdoor spaces, pedestrian-friendly pathways, and easy access to public amenities, ensuring that residents of all abilities can actively participate in community life.

VI. Council Report: Seaside County Sanitation District Board Meeting on May 9, 2023

I am pleased to provide a council report summarizing the Seaside County Sanitation District (SCSD) Board of Directors meeting held on May 9, 2023. The meeting covered various agenda items, including a financial presentation and the consent agenda items.

Presentation:

The Board received and accepted the June 30, 2022 Annual Financial Report for the Seaside County Sanitation District. This report provided an overview of the district's financial performance for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

The District's basic financial statements include the operations of all organizations for which the Board of Directors exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility is demonstrated by financial interdependency, selection of the governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability of fiscal matters. No operations of other entities met the aforementioned oversight criteria for inclusion from the accompanying basic financial statements. The District is reported as a custodial fund on the City of Seaside's (City) financial statements.

After the presentation, I asked the following questions:

1. How will the increased charges for service affect the customers of SCSD? Are there any plans to mitigate the impact on low-income households?
2. Can you provide more information on the capital renovations that are needed to bring the sewer system up to date? What specific improvements are planned?

The staff will make a follow-up on my questions in the next meeting. I also requested the organization chart of the district with their contact information, so that I can be better informed of who is doing what.

Consent Agenda:

The following items were included in the consent agenda:

A. The Seaside County Sanitation District Operations Report for March 2023 was received for information purposes.

B. The Seaside County Sanitation District Operations Report for April 2023 was received for information purposes.

C. The Board approved the February and March 2023 Expenditure Report for the Seaside County Sanitation District. The approved expenditures included \$329,692.55 for February 2023 and \$143,795.85 for March 2023. Additionally, a drawdown of \$525,194.46 was approved to cover expenses for January, February, and March 2023. The total additional expenditures for January 2023 were \$51,706.06, for February 2023 they were \$329,692.55, and for March 2023 the expenditures were \$143,795.85.

New Business:

No new business items were presented during this meeting.

Staff Reports:

The meeting included staff reports, which consisted of verbal presentations. These reports covered various topics related to the Seaside County Sanitation District. The Board had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss the reports, although no formal action was taken during the meeting.

Board Members Comments:

Board members had the opportunity to provide comments on any matters related to the Seaside County Sanitation District.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned, and the next regularly scheduled meeting was set for June 13, 2023, at 9:30 AM.

I would like to express my sincere and deep appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the SCSD staff to the Seaside County Sanitation District. The recently released Annual Financial Report is a testament to their commitment to ensuring the financial health of our district. Their efforts have resulted in a significant increase in net position, which is a vital component of the district's long-term sustainability.

The report also highlights the district's goal of ensuring that the sewer system is up-to-date, and I commend them for taking on this essential task. I am confident that with their expertise, the planned capital renovations will be carried out successfully, and the system will be better than ever.

VII. Council Report: Del Rey Oaks City Council Special Meeting on May 9, 2023

There was only one agenda item on this Special Council Meeting, and it was to approve public utility easements for Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway Project. It was recommended and approved by the Council to adopt a resolution approving public utility easements with AT&T Communications, California American Water, Pacific Gas & Electric, and Seaside County Sanitation District to relocate their utilities into City-owned property as part of the Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project.

Background:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail & Greenway (FORTAG) aims to create a safe pedestrian and bicycle corridor connecting communities in and around Fort Ord. The project received certification for the proposed 28-mile paved trail in March 2020. Phase 1 of the project involves the construction of the Canyon Del Rey/State Route 218 Segment, which requires the relocation of public utilities.

Discussion:

The Fort Ord Regional Trail and Greenway project is a significant project in the community's recreation and transportation infrastructure. The undercrossing of State Route 218 in the Canyon Del Rey segment necessitates the relocation of public utilities. The project sponsor, the Transportation Agency, has coordinated with AT&T Communications, California American Water, Pacific Gas & Electric, and Seaside County Sanitation District to relocate their equipment

to City-owned property. The relocation process requires the approval of an easement by the City.

The proposed easement will enable the utilities to access the site and relocate their equipment. After completion, the utilities will restore the site to its original condition. City staff and the contract engineer support the relocation plans and recommend the approval of the public utility easements.

Fiscal Impacts:

There will be no financial impact on the City as utility relocation costs will be covered by the respective utility companies or the Transportation Agency for Monterey County. The construction of the Canyon Del Rey segment will be funded by State Active Transportation grant funds and Regional Measure X funds secured by the Transportation Agency for Monterey County.

VIII. Council Report: Joint City Council and Planning Commission on the Housing Element Workshop on May 9, 2023

This May 9, 2023 meeting was scheduled as a public workshop with both the City Council and Planning Commission in attendance. Members of the public who attended in person also had the opportunity to comment and provide input into the Housing Element.

During the workshop, I raised an important question regarding how the city plans to address the potential negative consequences of housing development, particularly displacement and gentrification, in neighborhoods affected by new construction projects. It is imperative that we prioritize the well-being of existing residents and ensure that they are not unfairly burdened or displaced by the progress and growth our city is experiencing.

It was clear that we need to highlight the critical issue of displacement and gentrification in neighborhoods where new housing developments are planned and to explore potential strategies to address these challenges.

IX. Council Report: AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting on May 10, 2023

I attended the AMBAG Board of Director meeting on May 10, 2023, and the following items were discussed:

1. Oral Report by Maura Twomey, Executive Director on AB 2449 “Just” and “Emergency” Cause because Manu Koenig was meeting remotely:

- Received an oral report from Maura Twomey, the Executive Director.

2. Roll Call

3. Oral Communications from the Public on Non-Agenda Items:

- Members of the public were given a maximum of three minutes each to address any non-agenda topics. No member from the public made comments.

4. Oral Communications from the Board on Non-Agenda Items

5. Committee Reports:

A. Executive/Finance Committee:

- Recommended Action: Information
- President Freeman received an oral report.

B. Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting:

- Recommended Action: Direct
- Director Brown provided information about the upcoming meeting scheduled for May 19, 2023. The agenda will be provided at the meeting.

6. Executive Director's Report:

- Recommended Action: Information
- Maura Twomey, the AMBAG Executive Director, provided a report.

7. Consent Agenda:

- Recommended Action: Approved

A. Draft Minutes of the April 12, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting:

- Ana Flores, Clerk of the Board, requested approval of the draft minutes.

B. AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter:

- Miranda Taylor, Planner, presented the clearinghouse monthly newsletter for acceptance.

C. AMBAG Sustainability Program Update:

- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager, provided an update on the AMBAG Sustainability Program.

D. Financial Update Report:

- Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration, presented the financial update report, including AMBAG's current financial position and accompanying financial statements.

8. Items Removed from Consent Calendar for Discussion and Possible Action: None was removed.

9. Administration:

A. Draft FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget:

- Recommended Action: Approved
- Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling, requested approval of the draft FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program and Budget by adopting Resolution 2023-3.

10. Planning:

A. Draft Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy Update:

- Recommended Action: Information
- Amaury Berteaud, Sustainability Program Manager, provided a presentation on the Central Coast Zero Emissions Vehicle Strategy.

B. Regional Early Action Planning Grants 2.0 Program: AMBAG's Draft Guidelines Update:

- Recommended Action: Information
- Heather Adamson, Director of Planning, gave an overview of the REAP 2.0 Public Draft Guidelines for AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs.

11. Adjournment

Note: This report provides a summary of the key items discussed at the AMBAG Board of Director meeting held on May 10, 2023.

On this meeting, the most important agenda item that would affect Del Rey Oaks directly is AMBAG's Draft Guidelines Update on the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grants 2.0 Program.

The REAP 2.0 Program is funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund. AMBAG's share of this funding is \$10,133,742.41. The REAP 2.0 Program is administered by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) (Department), in collaboration with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), and the California Air Resources Board (CARB).

In November 2022, the AMBAG Board of Directors adopted the REAP 2.0 Grant Program Framework, which outlines the core objectives, guiding principles, programmatic areas, major milestones, and schedule for allocating funds available to AMBAG through the state REAP 2.0 grant program. The REAP 2.0 Program Framework includes three core components:

- Regional Competitive Grant Program (60% - \$6,000,000)
 - Developed and administered by AMBAG. Applicant awards must support all REAP 2.0 objectives. This program will suballocate the majority of AMBAG's REAP

2.0 funds to a competitive program, granting awards to applicants that best achieve all REAP 2.0 goals, objectives and scoring criteria.

- Local Suballocation Grant Program (25% - \$2,625,000)
 - The Local Suballocation Grant Program originally set aside \$125,000 per jurisdiction with eligible projects which meet all REAP 2.0 goals and objectives. The goal of this suballocation program is to provide all cities and counties with an opportunity to propose a REAP 2.0 eligible projects while allowing for both implementation and planning uses. All projects or programs must achieve all REAP 2.0 goals, objectives and pass thresholding criteria.
- AMBAG SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, REAP 2.0 Program Development, Outreach, and Administration (15% - \$1,508,742)
 - Regional planning activities that support infill development and implement the SCS such as pricing studies, transit-oriented development and Opportunity Area planning and implementation
 - Technical assistance

The REAP 2.0 Program provides funds to regional governments to achieve the three core REAP 2.0 objectives listed below.

- Accelerating Infill Development that Facilitates Housing Supply, Choice, and Affordability
- Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH)
- Reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT)

UPDATE:

The major update on this briefing about REAP 2.0 was the change of the amount each jurisdiction can get on the Local Suballocation Grant Program (LSGP). It was based on the percentage share of a city's RHNA number. This was recommended by HCD.

Each city and county in the AMBAG region is eligible for funding if an eligible project can be proposed. Funding shall be disbursed on a non-competitive basis based on whether applicants achieve core REAP 2.0 objectives and pass thresholding criteria.

Eligible cities and counties within the AMBAG region and the amount they may apply for are shown in the following table:

Jurisdiction	6th Cycle RHNA Allocation	% Share of RHNA	Allocation: Adjusted LSGP Allocation
Capitola	1,336	3%	\$130,000
Carmel	349	1%	\$85,000
Del Rey Oaks	184	0%	\$85,000
Gonzales	1,266	3%	\$130,000
Greenfield	730	2%	\$85,000
Hollister	4,163	11%	\$180,000
King City	702	2%	\$85,000
Marina	685	2%	\$85,000
Monterey	3,654	10%	\$180,000
Monterey County	3,326	9%	\$180,000
Pacific Grove	1,125	3%	\$130,000
Salinas	6,674	17%	\$180,000
San Benito County	754	2%	\$85,000
San Juan Bautista	88	0%	\$85,000
Sand City	260	1%	\$85,000
Santa Cruz	3,736	10%	\$180,000
Santa Cruz County	4,634	12%	\$180,000
Scotts Valley	1,220	3%	\$125,000
Seaside	616	2%	\$85,000
Soledad	724	2%	\$85,000
Watsonville	2,053	5%	\$180,000
Total	38,279		\$2,625,000