

Kim Shirley's Council Report for Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Friday, Feb. 24th- MST Leadership with Congressman Panetta- A few board members and some of the executive leadership for MST met with Congressman Panetta to talk about potential federal funding for MST's projects, which include the Surf! Busway from Marina into Seaside/Monterey; transitioning to zero emissions electric busses; and preparing facilities for hydrogen, which will power busses that need to go longer distances (in comparison to the electric busses). While I was there, I also received a tour of the MST facilities at One Ryan Ranch. It's impressive what they've done with the facilities, providing space for all the ways they need to care for their current and future fleet. It was fun to see their electric bus and the shop where they clean and work on the busses. Everything was so neat, clean, and orderly! I also appreciated seeing an emphasis on employee health with the gym that they provide their employees, too.

Tuesday, Feb. 28th- City Council Meeting- This was our first meeting as a 5-person council (welcome, Bill!). I felt it was a very productive meeting and was thankful for the interactions and willingness to move ideas forward. During this meeting we agreed to send a letter to the CPUC which asks them to compel Cal Am to sign the Water Purchase Agreement for the Pure Water Monterey Expansion. We also finalized regional board appointments and approved the annual progress report for the General Plan. In addition, we passed an electronic policy and reviewed and discussed the Brown Act, especially as it relates to teleconferencing. With this discussion, council requested that staff look into the timeline and costs associated with improving our technology to allow the public to zoom in and comment during our meetings (right now they can zoom in but not comment). I believe that increased accessibility is always a good thing. I'm hoping this will make it easier for the public to attend and participate in our meetings.

Wednesday, March 1st- ReGen Monterey Finance Meeting- Besides approving the minutes from the last meeting, we mainly were updated on various topics. The first were the assumptions that may be made for the upcoming budget process. A 5% tip fee increase was discussed which is not a surprise given the increased cost in other areas that we're experiencing (labor, capital improvements, etc.). The amount of money we're making from processing material at the MRF has been reduced this fiscal year and so they will make the assumption that that will continue. The team is also looking at adding another head engineer as it seems our director of engineering will be retiring in the next year or so. We're also going to look at creating a reserve for the post-closure of the landfill. We also received an update on the white paper that is reviewing what materials are coming into ReGen and where are they coming from, along with looking at where our materials go. The idea is to better understand how our landfill is being used, which will help us as we look towards the future. Lastly, we discussed the public recycling drop off area that's in front of Last Chance Mercantile. Pre-pandemic this area was staffed, but since then, it has not been staffed and is such seeing some issues with contamination, damage to the railings, potential damage to the nearby cars with careless handling of big items, and people taking items from the bins. We're hoping staff can gather

some additional information (who is using this area and how much it would cost to keep it going) to figure out the next steps.

Wednesday, March 1st- Seaside Groundwater Basin Water Master Mtg- This was an interesting introduction to this committee, as we chose a new chair (Oglesby) and vice chair (Carbone), and discussed whether the committee and subcommittee falls under the Brown Act (this group does not have a lawyer in attendance, so some questions were left unanswered). We basically decided that the committee, along with its subcommittees, do fall under the Brown Act, which means even the subcommittees must now meet in-person (there was some concern that they'll never have a quorum, but we'll see how it goes). We did approve a split cost for a new well between Marina Coast Water and the Water Management District and agreed that a study session in the future would be very beneficial to new (and old) board members. In the end, I was asked and will participate in the Technical Advisory Committee for this group and I was voted onto the ad hoc committee that's looking at the replenishment cost for the basin.

Wednesday, March 1st- Wednesday's with Wendy Root-Askew- County Supervisor Wendy Root-Askew held this meeting to talk about the upcoming budget planning for this next fiscal year. She invited many guests to talk about their need for county support, which included money for childcare and programs, housing, the arts, and supporting community programs that help with job placement and community connections. I was there to talk about sustainability issues and was able to thank the supervisor for keeping the county parks free. I also talked about reach codes for electrification of new buildings, additional support for organic waste composting and infrastructure, as well as single use plastic ordinances. The county really is in a unique position to move sustainable initiatives forward, creating momentum for the rest of the jurisdictions.

Wednesday, March 8th- Seaside Groundwater Basin Watermaster Technical Advisory Committee- Talk about learning something new! One of the things I truly love about being a councilmember are the variety of topics that cross our desk. And this technical advisory committee will be one of those places where I'll be learning something new everytime. Two main topics were discussed today. One was deciding on whether to move forward with more modeling to explore the potential rates of seawater intrusion. What has already been done, shows that the maximum rate, given certain conservative assumptions in pumping and supply, would be 250ft/yr, giving us about a decade before we see major intrusion. The question was whether we should pay for more modeling to look at more conservative parameters. Ultimately, the group decided the answer was "no" since the outcome of that study was predicted to show little change from what was already calculated. The second topic was reviewing a contract for a well replacement. Lots of technical talk went into this discussion (pipe diameters, different types of flow sampling, pumps, etc.). In the end, it was all approved with some edits to the diameter of the well. You learn something new every day!

Thursday, March 9th- Sustainable Del Rey Oaks meeting- This monthly meeting's focus was mainly planning for the joint Earth Day/Ice Cream Social/Basketball court opening event on April 29th at Del Rey Park. Sustainable Del Rey Oaks will have a table and we'll be talking about our Earth Friendly Households program, the Butterfly Garden, as well as other topics such as

FORTAG, household vermicomposting, and the organic waste composting program. The other topic of the evening was announcing that I was stepping down as co-chair of SDRO. This new term on the council has brought on more responsibilities, so I felt I needed to let this position go for the a greater balance in my life. I'll still be participating and working with the group, but will no longer be part of its leadership. With this announcement, I was very grateful that former Mayor Alison Kerr has decided to take on the role! SDRO is lucky to have her and the other wonderful members of its leadership.

Friday, March 10th- City's Finance Committee Meeting- Mid-year reviews were the big topic for this month's meeting. It had been a few months since our last finance meeting, so I was happy to see this latest update, as it looks like our revenues are just about meeting our expenditures. We're still waiting for our audit from last year, but we did look at our finances and approved the mid-year adjustments. The one surprising note was that our revenue from short-term rentals in the city was our third largest revenue source. It easily outpaced our cannabis tax revenue, which will likely be greatly reduced as we look towards the budget for next year.

Monday, March 13th- MST Board meeting- Please see the meeting summary located in our agenda packet. I will note that I voted for the ordinance that would have required mask wearing in the board room and other MST offices if the CDC established our COVID community levels for our county at the medium or high levels (hospital admissions, new cases, etc.). Unfortunately, it did not pass. We did unanimously pass an ordinance that allows the public to teleconference into our meetings.

Thursday, March 16th- Joint Planning Commission and City Council meeting for the Housing Element- This meeting was a long-time coming and I was very happy to join the planning commission as we learned our next steps for getting to a compliant 5th cycle Housing Element, as well as a 6th cycle Housing Element. The plan is to finish off the 5th cycle by the Fall and then we'll be completing the 6th cycle by the mid-December due date. We discussed using Site 1 and 1A (parcels on the north and south side of South Boundary Rd) to zone for our required units. We have 86 units that need be made up from the 4th and 5 cycle and then we have an additional 184 units that are required for the 6th cycle. All 270 units need to have the appropriate amount of space zoned for residential on those two parcels. I would like to argue that we increase our density beyond the minimum 20 units/acre. I'd also like to see us be considerate of the proposed FORTAG trail on Site 1, as well as the potential for wildlife corridors on both of those parcels.

City Council member Ragsdale-Cronin report March 2023

Attended Budget committee meeting.

Council Report from Councilmember John Uy

March 28, 2023

I. Council Report: Regular Meeting of the DRO City Council on February 28, 2023

Presentation by Central Coast Community Energy (3CE) - Ms. Sophia Schwirzke

On February 28, 2023, Sophia Schwirzke, the Customer Accounts Manager of Central Coast Community Energy (3CE), gave a presentation to the Del Rey Oaks City Council. The presentation was focused on the community energy program offered by 3CE, which is a non-profit organization that serves Monterey, Santa Cruz, and San Luis Obispo counties. The program offers residents and businesses in these counties an alternative to their traditional energy provider by sourcing renewable energy from local resources.

Presentation Highlights

Sophia Schwirzke started her presentation by providing an overview of the benefits of the community energy program. She highlighted that the program offers competitive rates that are comparable to the rates offered by traditional energy providers in the area. She also pointed out that the program sources energy from renewable resources, which helps to reduce the carbon footprint of the community.

Sophia Schwirzke also highlighted the community benefits of the program. She explained that the program reinvests a portion of its revenue back into the community in the form of energy projects, such as electric school bus, electrify your ride, new construction electrification. These projects help to create local jobs and reduce energy costs for the community.

Finally, Sophia Schwirzke addressed some common questions and concerns about the program. I asked questions about the program, such as the common misconceptions of residents when it comes to renewable energy and how 3CE plans to address the potential challenges that may arise during the transition to renewable energy, such as ensuring reliability and affordability, how 3CE ensures that their pricing for renewable electricity remains competitive with traditional fossil fuel sources, how 3CE plans to prioritize equity and ensure that all members of the community have access to clean and affordable energy, how 3CE plans to ensure that its governance structure remains representative of the communities it serves and accountable to its stakeholders, and what steps Del Rey Oaks can take to support Central Coast Community Energy's efforts and help advance renewable energy goals in our community. She answered these questions in detail and provided data to support her answers.

Conclusion

Overall, the presentation by Sophia Schwirzke was informative and well-received by the Del Rey Oaks City Council. The program offered by 3CE appears to be a promising option for the

community, as it provides renewable energy at competitive rates and reinvests in local energy projects. The Council will consider the information provided in the presentation and decide whether to take further action to support the program.

Consider a Comment Letter to California Public Utilities Commission Regarding California-American Water and Pure Water Monterey Water Purchase Agreement

I am very hopeful and happy that our Council has felt the need to submit a comment letter to the CPUC in support of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District's petition that would compel Cal-Am to sign the Water Purchase Agreement so that we can move forward with the expansion of the Pure Water Monterey. I encouraged my councilmembers to join in this effort so that we can demonstrate the unwavering dedication and enthusiasm of the City Council towards ensuring that we, as a city, have access to sustainable water sources and can move forward with affordable housing for our residents and workforce in the future. By taking action and speaking out, we, as the City Council, can showcase our commitment to this important issue that we are facing here at the Peninsula, and we can emphasize the importance of responding and addressing this concern in a timely and effective manner as one of our city's core values.

Use of Electronic Communications Devices in Public Meetings Policy

This policy aims to regulate the use of electronic communication devices by city officials during public meetings to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations, such as the Brown Act and due process requirements. However, the policy also allows for some limited use of electronic communication devices in specific circumstances, such as emergency situations or necessary family caregiving.

I agree with this policy because it can promote greater transparency, fairness, and accountability in government decision-making. As I can analyze this, the effectiveness of this policy will depend on its implementation and enforcement.

Receive and Update and Overview of the Brown Act

The Brown Act is a law that requires transparency and openness in the decision-making process of local governments in California. The changes to the Brown Act described in this policy have several implications:

Remote Participation: AB 2449 allows for individual council members to participate remotely for "just cause" or due to "emergency circumstances". This means that council members can participate in meetings via teleconference or videoconference if they meet the criteria for "just cause" or "emergency circumstances." However, the law limits the number of remote

participations by a council member to a maximum of three consecutive months or 20% of the regular meetings within a calendar year.

Public Participation: SB 1100 clarifies the process for removing individuals from a meeting who are disrupting the meeting. The governing body must warn them that their behavior is disruptive and may remove them if they do not stop their behavior. This bill does not prohibit public criticism of the agency or the legislative body, but it does allow for the removal of individuals who are causing a disturbance.

Compliance: Compliance with the new changes to the Brown Act is essential to avoid legal and financial consequences. The Council directed Staff to provide a report on the different viable options that the city can do to comply with the new update of the Brown Act. Staff will work closely with the council to ensure compliance with the new obligations.

Overall, these changes aim to balance the need for transparency and public participation with the practical considerations of holding meetings during times of emergency or when a council member has a justifiable reason for remote participation.

II. Council Report: AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting on March 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM

I attended the AMBAG Board of Director's Meeting on March 8, 2023, at the Monterey Bay Air Resources District Board Room. The meeting was called to order, and a vote was taken on the "Emergency" cause of Assembly Bill (AB) 2449 because a board director was attending remotely. AB 2449 provides alternative teleconference procedures to allow members of the AMBAG Board of Directors to participate remotely under very limited circumstances. The executive director, Maura Twomey, gave an oral report.

During the meeting, there were no oral communications from the public and the board on items not on the agenda. The board received committee reports from Maura Twomey from the Executive/Finance Committee and from Director Brown from the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC). Director Brown provided a report on the February 17, 2023, Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) Advisory Council (SAC) meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled on May 19, 2023.

The Board of Directors approved the Consent Agenda items that included the draft minutes of the February 8, 2023 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting, the AMBAG Regional Clearinghouse Monthly Newsletter, the AMBAG Sustainability Program Update from Amaury Berteaud, the AMBAG Sustainability Program Manager, the Draft Amendment No. 3 FY 2022-23 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget from Bhupendra Patel, Director of Modeling, and the Financial Update Report from Errol Osteraa, Director of Finance & Administration.

The Draft FY 2023-24 Monterey Bay Region Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget were provided for Board review and comments. Heather Adamson, Director of Planning, provided an

update on the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 Program development activities for AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs. And she also provided an overview of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy draft work program and schedule. Board members were requested to discuss and provide input on the draft work program and schedule.

In conclusion, the meeting covered a wide range of topics relevant to the AMBAG region. I look forward to the next meeting and will continue to represent Del Rey Oaks at the AMBAG Board of Directors meetings.

More details about the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 Program Development Activities Update from Heather Adamson, Director of Planning

Heather Adamson, Director of Planning, provided an update on the Regional Early Action Program (REAP) 2.0 Program development activities during AMBAG's Board of Director's Meeting held on March 8, 2023. The report presented the progress of the REAP 2.0 program development activities for AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs.

Background/Discussion:

The REAP 2.0 program builds on the success of the 2019 REAP program and expands its focus by integrating housing and climate goals. It enables broader planning and implementation investments, including infrastructure investments supporting future housing development. REAP 2.0 aims to meet multiple objectives, such as infill development, housing for all incomes, Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) reduction, and affirmatively furthering fair housing. The program intends to accelerate the implementation of regional and local plans to achieve these goals. The REAP 2.0 program is funded with \$600 million from the State General Fund, and AMBAG's share of this funding is \$10,133,742.41.

Updates:

In early June 2022, AMBAG submitted an advanced application to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for funding to deploy an outreach and engagement strategy and to develop a program to disperse these funds throughout the region, promoting the core program objectives of REAP 2.0. AMBAG's advanced application was approved in August 2022.

Throughout 2022, AMBAG conducted extensive outreach to a broad array of stakeholders to gather input and identify programs and partners that assisted in the development of the proposed REAP 2.0 program framework. AMBAG developed a REAP 2.0 program framework, suballocation programs, and draft criteria. The criteria were guided by the State's final program guidelines, HCD input, and stakeholder engagement processes. AMBAG submitted the full REAP

2.0 application to the State in December 2022, and the State is expected to complete the application review within 60 days.

In November 2022, the AMBAG Board of Directors approved the REAP 2.0 program framework consisting of three (3) core components:

- **Regional Competitive Grant Program (60% - \$6,000,000):** This program, which is developed and administered by AMBAG, grants awards to applicants that best achieve all REAP 2.0 goals and objectives. It will suballocate the majority of AMBAG's REAP 2.0 funds to a competitive program.
- **Local Suballocation Grant Program (25% - \$2,625,000):** This program sets aside \$125,000 per jurisdiction with eligible projects that meet all REAP 2.0 goals and objectives. The suballocation program aims to provide all cities and counties with an opportunity to propose a REAP 2.0 eligible project while allowing for both implementation and planning uses.
- **AMBAG SCS Implementation, Technical Assistance, REAP 2.0 Program Development, and Administration (15% - \$1,508,742):** This program includes regional planning activities that support infill development and implement the SCS, such as pricing studies, transit-oriented development, and Opportunity Area planning and implementation. The program also provides technical assistance, development of the REAP 2.0 program, including outreach activities, and REAP 2.0 administration.

REAP 2.0 Grant Programs Criteria:

AMBAG staff developed draft criteria for both the Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs based on HCD program requirements. The draft criteria were presented to the Planning Directors Forum in January and to the AMBAG Board of Directors in February 2023. The criteria are included in the draft grant guidelines for both grant programs. The Board of Directors were asked to review the draft grant guidelines and provide feedback and input.

The next steps for AMBAG include refining the draft grant guidelines and releasing them for a public review period in late March/early April, and then finalizing the grant guidelines and issuing the Notice of Funding Availability. Staff will continue to provide updates on the progress of the REAP 2.0 Program development activities to the AMBAG Board of Directors as needed.

Timeline:

January – March 2023:

HCD and state partners review AMBAG's final full REAP 2.0 application.

Spring/early Summer 2023:

Develop AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs, including criteria, guidelines, application, forms, etc.

Summer/early Fall 2023:

Applications are due for AMBAG's Regional Competitive and Local Suballocation Grant Programs.

Late 2023/early 2024:

AMBAG awards Regional Competitive Grant Programs and enters into funding agreements with grant applicants.

June 30, 2024:

Deadline for REAP 2.0 recipient to encumber funds.

June 30, 2026:

Deadline for REAP 2.0 funds to be expended.

This timeline outlines the major milestones for the REAP 2.0 program, from the review of the application to the distribution of grants and the expenditure of funds.

III. Council Report: Seaside County Sanitation District Regular Meeting on March 14, 2023

I attended the Seaside County Sanitation District regular meeting on March 14, 2023, at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room. The meeting was called to order, and the roll was called, with the three Board of Directors members in attendance: Ian N. Oglesby, Jerry Blackwelder, and John Uy, who respectively served as the Chair, First Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair respectively.

The agenda was reviewed, and there were no items added since the 72-hour posting deadline. During the public comment period, members of the public who wished to address the Seaside County Sanitation District on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board but not on the agenda were given an opportunity to speak. But there was no public comment.

The Board approved the Consent Agenda, which included approving the minutes from the February 14, 2023 regular meeting and receiving the Seaside County Sanitation District Operations Report for February 2023. The recommendation was to accept the report and associated map, which was presented for information only.

The Board also approved the January 2023 expenditure report for the Seaside County Sanitation District in the amount of \$51,706.06. The recommendation was to approve the expenditures for January 2023, and the total expenditures for that month were \$51,706.06.

There was no New Business item, and no staff reports were presented other than the ones on the Consent Agenda.

The meeting was concluded with the Board Members' comments, and the next regularly scheduled meeting was set for April 11, 2023, at 9:30 AM. Overall, the meeting was efficient, and I was pleased to represent Del Rey Oaks at the Seaside County Sanitation District regular meeting.

IV. Council Report: Joint Meeting of the City Council and Planning Commission followed by a Special Meeting of the DRO City Council on March 16, 2023, at 6:00 PM

Housing Element Update Presentation by Denise Duffy, DD&A

I am writing to provide a council report on the Housing Element Update agenda item presented by Denise Duffy of DD&A at the recent Planning Commission and City Council meeting. The presentation aimed to provide an update on the Housing Element process and timeline to address the requirements of the State Housing Element law and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA).

Presentation Overview:

Denise Duffy presented an overview of the Housing Element process to meet the State's housing requirements. During the presentation, the past workshops were discussed, which focused on policies and programs to meet state requirements. These workshops involved community input and feedback, which helped to shape the Housing Element Update. The presentation outlined the steps taken during these workshops, which included community engagement, data analysis, and the development of strategies and goals.

The presentation also discussed the policies and programs that are being implemented to meet the state requirements of the Housing Element Law and the RHNA. These policies and programs aim to increase housing production and affordability, as well as address the housing needs of various income levels and demographics.

The presentation outlined the following key points:

- The City of Del Rey Oaks has to update its Housing Element to meet the State's housing requirements. The Housing Element will address the RHNA allocation, which is the number of housing units the City needs to plan for, as determined by the State of

California. For the 4th and 5th cycles, DRO has a RHNA allocation of 86 combined units of the shortfall for low and very low-income levels. For the 6th cycle, DRO has a RHNA allocation of 184 units which is in addition to the shortfall units in the 4th and 5th cycles. The size or type of a unit is not stipulated in the laws.

- The City has to provide opportunities for various income groups and special needs groups, including senior citizens, people with disabilities, and low-income families.
- The Housing Element Update will include policies and programs to address affordable housing, streamline housing development, and promote infill development.
- The Housing Element Update will include an analysis of potential sites for housing development, with an emphasis on opportunities for affordable housing.
- The City has to provide a timeline for the Housing Element Update process, including community outreach and public input opportunities.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the Housing Element Update is an important item for the City of Del Rey Oaks. The presentation by Denise Duffy provided valuable insights into the progress made in meeting the state requirements of the Housing Element Law and the RHNA. It also provided an outline of the process and timeline for the Housing Element Update. The City must ensure that the Housing Element Update addresses the State's housing requirements and provides opportunities for various income groups and special needs groups. I believe that this presentation was informative and useful to the City Council and Planning Commission, and I recommend that we move forward with the Housing Element Update process. As council members, we will continue to monitor the progress of the Housing Element Update and ensure that it is in compliance with state requirements and the needs of our community.

Introduction and first reading of Ordinance #312 amending portions of TITLE 17 of the Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code regarding the definition of "Family", as well as establishing an Emergency Shelter overlay to allow emergency shelters by right in accordance with State Housing Laws

I am pleased to provide this report on the introduction and first reading of Ordinance #312, which aims to amend portions of TITLE 17 of the Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code regarding the definition of "Family," as well as establishing an Emergency Shelter overlay to allow emergency shelters by right in accordance with State Housing Laws.

Amendment of "Family" Definition:

The proposed amendment to the definition of "Family" is intended to align with current social norms and promote fair housing practices. In looking at the revised definition, I set some criteria in my evaluation. Does the proposed definition align with the City's goals and values, such as promoting inclusivity, diversity, and equity? Does the revised definition of "Family"

provide greater flexibility for households with non-traditional arrangements, such as cohabiting couples, single parents, or individuals with disabilities? Does the revised definition of "Family" help to address housing affordability and accessibility issues by allowing more people to live together in a single dwelling unit?

I believe that the proposed definition promotes inclusivity, diversity, and equity. The new definition will also allow for greater flexibility in living arrangements, recognizing that families come in various forms and sizes. The amendment addresses housing affordability and accessibility issues and also includes a feature to prevent discrimination against individuals based on familial status.

I like the proposed new definition of "Family" because it is a bigger improvement from the previous one. However, I also asked Ms. Duffy if there are any potential negative impacts of the revised definition, such as increased density or noise, that need to be addressed. She responded that there is no identified negative impact.

I also raised the question of whether the City will monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the revised definition over time, and make adjustments if necessary. I raised this question because I know that many people also consider their pets as family members and not property. The definition may need revision again in the future because of changing social norms, thus the need for some monitoring mechanism to keep it current and relevant.

Emergency Shelter Overlay:

The proposed Emergency Shelter overlay aims to address the urgent need for emergency shelter facilities in our community. The overlay will allow for emergency shelters to be established by right, which means that they can be developed without requiring a conditional use permit. This change will streamline the process of establishing emergency shelters in accordance with State Housing Laws and provide a necessary resource for individuals and families experiencing homelessness.

Next Steps:

The introduction and first reading of Ordinance #312 is just the beginning of the process of amending TITLE 17 of the Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code. The next step will be a public hearing, during which members of the community will have the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes. The council will consider the feedback received during the public hearing and make any necessary adjustments to the ordinance before proceeding with a second reading and final adoption.

Conclusion:

In conclusion, the introduction and first reading of Ordinance #312 is an important step towards amending portions of TITLE 17 of the Del Rey Oaks Municipal Code. The proposed

changes to the definition of "Family" and the establishment of an Emergency Shelter overlay will promote fair housing practices and address the urgent need for emergency shelter facilities in our community. As council members, we will continue to work towards ensuring that our community is inclusive and provides resources to those in need.

V. Council Report: Seminar on Climate Change on March 20, 2023

On Monday, 20 March 2023, I attended a seminar on climate change at the Chapman Science Academic Center, CSUMB. The seminar titled "Climate Change: An Overview of the Science and the Impacts" was presented by a climate scientist, Dr. Murphree, who discussed some key elements of climate change science, the impacts of climate change on natural and human systems, and some of the implications of climate change for practicing environmental scientists.

The event was free and open to the public, and it was a great opportunity for all attendees to learn about the current state of climate change science and its implications for our planet. The presenter explained in detail the causes and effects of climate change and the steps that can be taken to reduce its impact on our environment.

The presentation was informative and well-structured, and the audience was actively engaged in the discussion. The attendees shared their questions about climate change and its effects on their respective communities. Their attendance manifests their desire to learn about the issue and take concrete actions to address it.

I gained several insights and realizations regarding the severity and urgency of the issue of climate change. One of the key takeaways for me was the significant impact that climate change has on our environment, economy, and social systems. One of the best things that we can do is to help protect natural environments because protecting natural environments is critical in helping to remove and store carbon and absorb the shocks of extreme events. One of the most important ways in which climate change is impacting natural environments is by creating extreme conditions that push these systems and related human systems to their limits.

I also learned that climate change is not just an environmental issue but a broader social and economic issue that requires immediate attention and action. Climate change is critical for people who work in many fields because climate change affects all aspects of human activity (agriculture, fisheries, human health, housing, social justice, etc.).

I also realized that climate change is a global issue that requires collective action at all levels, including individual, community, and government levels. Understanding the basics of climate change science is important in helping us weigh climate change information, support decision-making, and deal with climate change denial and other types of resistance. As a councilmember, I am committed to working with my colleagues and community members to develop policies and strategies to mitigate the effects of climate change.

Another insight I gained was the importance of educating the public about the science of climate change, its impacts, and the steps we can take to reduce its impact. As a councilmember, I am committed to raising awareness about the issue of climate change and encouraging community members to take concrete actions to address the issue.

Overall, the seminar was an eye-opening experience, and I believe it is crucial for community leaders and policymakers to be informed about the science of climate change and its implications. It served as an excellent platform for raising awareness about the issue of climate change, and it was a valuable opportunity for all attendees, including myself, to learn more about the science of climate change, its impacts, and the steps we can take to mitigate its effects. I would recommend similar seminars and discussions in the future to keep the community informed and engaged on this critical issue.

Thank you so much.