

## Council Report from Vice Mayor John Uy March 26, 2024

### I. Council Report: Speaker on the Women's Council of Realtors Panel Discussion on February 26, 2024

I am delighted to share with you an insightful recap of my recent participation in the panel discussion organized by the Women's Council of Realtors at Laguna Seca Golf Ranch on February 26, 2024. It was truly an honor to represent our beautiful city as one of the speakers at the panel discussion alongside esteemed colleagues from neighboring municipalities, Councilmember Ed Smith from Monterey, Councilmember Alex Miller from Seaside, and Planning Manager Grant Leonard from Salinas. Together, we engaged in constructive dialogue addressing pertinent issues and charting a course toward a brighter future for our communities. I had the privilege to address pressing questions and share insights aimed at fostering positive change and progress.



#### **1. Housing Mandate Update for Del Rey Oaks:**

One of the pivotal points of discussion was our city's ongoing efforts to address housing needs as outlined in the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Del Rey Oaks continues to make significant strides in addressing our housing needs. We recently adopted the 6th Cycle Housing Element, marking a pivotal step forward in our commitment to providing housing opportunities

for all and underscoring our commitment to meeting state-certified housing requirements. Our Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) underscores the imperative to accommodate projected household growth, with an allocation of 184 units in this cycle alone. Through initiatives like the Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance adopted in 2021, we are fostering a supportive environment for ADU development, with the expectation of 20 new units over the planning period. Additionally, our engagement with the State Department of Housing and Community Development underscores our dedication to affirmatively furthering fair housing, ensuring equitable access to housing opportunities for all members of our community.



## **2. City Priorities and Challenges for 2024:**

As we embark on a new year filled with promise and opportunity, our city's priorities remain steadfastly focused on fostering sustainable development, enhancing infrastructure, and ensuring public safety. The development of Former Fort Ord Properties presents a unique opportunity to address housing, recreational, and environmental needs while bolstering our revenue streams. Addressing infrastructure requirements, including road repairs, wildfire fuels reduction, and stormwater system maintenance, is paramount to safeguarding the well-being of our residents and ensuring the resilience of our community. However, we acknowledge the challenges ahead, including the need to diversify revenue sources, retain talented staff, and



enhance municipal service delivery. Through collaborative efforts and strategic planning, we are confident in our ability to overcome these obstacles and emerge stronger than ever.

### **3. ADUs and Lot Splits Summary Discussion:**



During the panel discussion, we provided a comprehensive overview of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and lot splits in Del Rey Oaks. The development of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) remains a key focus area for Del Rey Oaks, with recent milestones indicating progress towards facilitating ADU production. While challenges such as water availability persist, ongoing initiatives such as the Pure Water Monterey (PWM) Groundwater Replenishment Expansion Project and the Monterey Peninsula Water Supply Project (MPWSP) offer hope for future expansion and water availability. Since 2020, we have issued permits for 12 ADUs, with plans to further incentivize ADU production through fee waivers and expedited processing. Additionally, Senate Bill 9

presents opportunities for housing development through lot splits, although interest in this option within our community remains limited at present.

### **4. Rental Registry Considerations:**

During the panel discussion, I was also asked whether we are considering the implementation of a Rental Registry similar to those in Salinas and Monterey. I responded that approximately 75% of residences in Del Rey Oaks are owner-occupied. Despite our city's limited rental availability, we remain focused on uplifting our community and prioritizing initiatives that align with our current resources and priorities. At present, implementing a rental registry may not be at the forefront of our agenda, especially considering our modest city revenues. We continue to explore avenues to enhance our city's vibrancy and support our residents in meaningful ways.

In conclusion, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to represent Del Rey Oaks and engage in positive and meaningful dialogue with stakeholders from across our region here in Monterey County. Together, we are laying the groundwork for a vibrant and inclusive community where

all residents can thrive. As we navigate the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead, let us remain steadfast in our commitment to building a better future for generations to come.



## **II. Council Report: Regular Meeting of the DRO City Council on February 27, 2024**

I am honored to present to you a report on our recent Regular City Council Meeting held on February 27, 2024. This meeting was a testament to our commitment to transparency, progress, and the well-being of our community. Throughout the evening, we discussed and made decisions on various important matters that will shape the future of our city.

During the meeting, we had the opportunity to review and approve the January 2024 Financial Reports. These reports provided us with a comprehensive overview of the City's financial performance and position. I am pleased to report that our city continues to maintain a healthy cash balance, with \$13,283,543 in funds invested, of which \$4,609,544 are unrestricted. This financial stability allows us to continue providing essential services and investing in the betterment of our community.

Furthermore, we discussed and approved the Mid-Year FY 2023-24 Budget Recommendations. These recommendations ensure that our budget aligns with the current needs and demands of our community. We strive to maintain transparency and fairness in our fee structure, and these budget adjustments reflect our commitment to responsible financial management.

Another significant topic of discussion was the proposal to place a measure on the November 2024 General Election Ballot to increase the City's Transient Occupancy Tax. The City Council provided guidance to City Hall Staff about this, and staff will come back with a more definite proposal. If approved, this measure will provide additional revenue for our city and enable us to invest in vital infrastructure projects and community programs. We encourage all citizens to stay informed about this measure and participate in the upcoming election. I firmly believe that this proposal aligns with our commitment to creating a thriving and sustainable community. It is an opportunity for us to strengthen our financial foundation, enabling us to meet the evolving needs of our residents and maintain the high quality of life we cherish.

In addition to these important matters, we also took the time to recognize and celebrate Black History Month. Mayor Scott Donaldson proclaimed February 2024 as Black History Month, emphasizing our commitment to diversity, equity, inclusion, and mutual respect. We urge all citizens to celebrate our diverse heritage and culture and continue our efforts to create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for all.

As a person of color and a council member, I am deeply moved by this recognition of Black History Month. It is a time for us to reflect on the remarkable contributions and achievements of African Americans throughout our nation's history. It is a time to honor the resilience, strength, and unwavering spirit of those who have fought against prejudice and injustice to build lives of dignity and opportunity.

Black History Month is not only a celebration of the past, but also a call to action for the future. It reminds us of the ongoing need to combat racism and work towards a society that upholds the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice for all. It is a reminder that our diversity is our

strength, and that by embracing our differences, we can create a world that is more just, peaceful, and prosperous for everyone.

In Del Rey Oaks, we are committed to fostering a community that values diversity, equity, and inclusion. We recognize that our collective success depends on our ability to come together, listen to one another, and learn from each other's experiences. By celebrating Black History Month, we are taking a step towards building a more inclusive and understanding community.

Thank you, Mayor Donaldson, for this proclamation, and thank you to my fellow council members and the residents of Del Rey Oaks for your commitment to diversity and unity. Together, let us celebrate our diverse heritage and culture, and continue our efforts to build a community that embraces and uplifts every individual.

#### Approve First Reading of Ordinance Regulation Smoking in Multi-Unit Residences

I am deeply committed to advocating for safe and healthy living for all our residents. With this agenda item, I believe it is crucial to engage in a thoughtful and productive discussion about the Approval of the First Reading of the Ordinance regulating smoking in Multi-Unit Residences. This ordinance represents a significant step towards creating a safe and healthy living environment for all our residents.

I want to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff for their diligent work in developing this ordinance and providing us with valuable insights. Their commitment to the well-being of our community is truly commendable.

As we move forward with this ordinance, it is essential to remember that our primary goal is to protect the health and safety of our residents. By regulating smoking in multi-unit residences, we are taking proactive measures to reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and create a healthier living environment for everyone.

I encourage all of us to embrace this ordinance as an opportunity to foster a culture of respect, consideration, and well-being within our community. Let us engage in open and constructive conversations with our neighbors, landlords, and property owners to ensure a smooth transition and understanding of the new regulations.

Together, we can create a community where everyone feels safe, valued, and empowered to lead healthy lives. Let us continue to work hand in hand, supporting one another in our shared commitment to safe and healthy living.

Thank you for your dedication to the well-being of our community, and let us move forward with confidence and compassion.



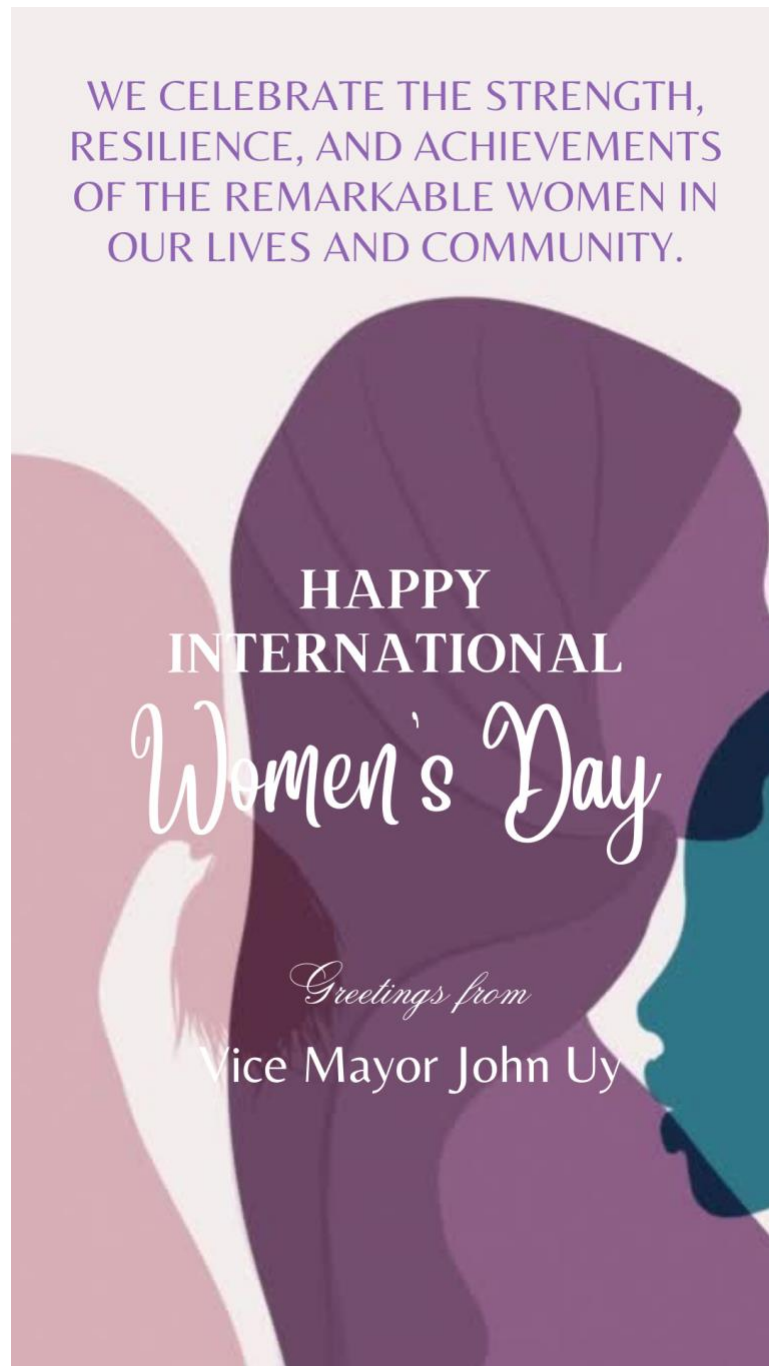
### III. Council Report: Primary Election Day on March 5, 2024



The act of voting is not merely a civic obligation; it is a sacred trust, a solemn pact between the governed and their representatives. It is a manifestation of our shared commitment to the principles of democracy—equality, justice, and liberty for all. In casting our ballot, every citizen becomes an architect of our collective destiny, contributing to the vibrant tapestry of our country's governance.

I wish to extend a heartfelt message to my friends and neighbors: I implore you to exercise your right to vote in every election. Your voice matters, and your participation is vital to the health and vitality of our democracy. Let us stand together as engaged and responsible citizens, united in our commitment to building a better future for all.

**IV. Council Report: Heartfelt Message of Vice Mayor John Uy for International Women’s Day last March 8, 2024**



On this day, as we mark International Women's Day, I am filled with an immense sense of pride and gratitude for the incredible women who shape our lives and community. From leaders in business and education to caregivers, artists, activists, and beyond, our community is enriched by the strength, resilience, and compassion of women from all walks of life.

To all the daughters, mothers, sisters, friends, and mentors who inspire us every day, thank you. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to making our world a better place, for your tireless efforts in lifting each other up, and for the invaluable contributions you make to every aspect of our community.

Today, let's not only celebrate the achievements and progress we've made but also recommit ourselves to the ongoing work of gender equality and empowerment. Together, let's continue to break down barriers, challenge stereotypes, and create a future where every woman and girl can thrive and fulfill her dreams.

To all the women of Del Rey Oaks and in the world, know that you are cherished, respected, and admired. Your voices matter, your stories inspire, and your presence makes our community stronger.

Happy International Women's Day! Let's continue to shine brightly today and every day.



**V. Council Report: Seaside County Sanitation District Board of Directors Meeting – March 12, 2024**



During the Seaside County Sanitation District meeting on March 12, 2024, the Board of Directors and District Staff came together to discuss important matters and make decisions that will positively impact our community. The meeting began with a warm welcome and roll call, ensuring that all members were present and ready to contribute.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the review of the agenda, where the Board had the opportunity to add any additional items that arose after the posting deadline. This demonstrated their commitment to transparency and ensuring that all important matters were addressed.

The public comment period provided an inspiring moment, as members of the public were given the opportunity to voice their concerns and opinions on matters within the jurisdiction of the Board. This open dialogue fosters a sense of community and allows for diverse perspectives to be heard.

The consent agenda included the acceptance of the Seaside County Sanitation District Operations Report for February 2024. This report showcased the hard work and dedication of the District Staff in maintaining the sanitation operations in our community. It is truly inspiring to see the commitment to excellence and the continuous efforts to ensure a clean and healthy environment for all residents.

Another significant item on the agenda was the approval of the January and February 2024 expenditure report. The Board's careful consideration and approval of these expenditures demonstrate their commitment to responsible financial management and ensuring that resources are allocated effectively.

Overall, the meeting was a success, with the Board and District Staff working together to address important matters and make decisions that will benefit our community. Their dedication and commitment to excellence are truly inspiring, and I am proud to report on the progress made during this meeting.

## **VI. Council Report: AMBAG Board of Directors Meeting – March 13, 2024**



During my attendance at the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting on March 13, 2024, I was inspired by the dedication and commitment of the members to address the pressing issues facing our Monterey Bay Area community. The meeting showcased the collaborative efforts of various stakeholders to create a sustainable and inclusive future for our region.

One of the highlights of the meeting was the presentation on the Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) Draft project selection criteria. This program aims to reduce transportation emissions and combat climate change. It was heartening to see the AMBAG region receiving significant funding for this initiative, with a total of \$6.83 million allocated over five years. The draft project selection criteria, which includes alignment with the program's goals, project readiness, and regional significance, demonstrated a thoughtful and strategic approach to achieving tangible results.

Another notable update was the progress made in the development of the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. This comprehensive plan aims to address the transportation needs of our growing region while promoting sustainable and equitable development. The inclusion of draft performance measures showcased AMBAG's commitment to data-driven decision-making and accountability. It was encouraging to witness the dedication of AMBAG staff in engaging with local jurisdictions and stakeholders to ensure the plan reflects the needs and aspirations of our community.

Furthermore, the discussion on the 2024 Title VI Program development process highlighted AMBAG's commitment to inclusivity and equitable public participation. The program aims to ensure that all community members, including Limited English Proficiency populations, have a voice in the decision-making process. The outlined timeline for public comment and engagement demonstrated AMBAG's dedication to transparency and collaboration.

Overall, my experience at the AMBAG Board of Directors meeting left me feeling inspired and hopeful for the future of our Monterey Bay Area. The commitment of the members, the progress made in addressing transportation emissions, and the emphasis on inclusivity and sustainability all contribute to a brighter and more prosperous future for our community. I am grateful to be a part of this collective effort and look forward to the positive impact we will make together.

**VII. Council Report: Heartfelt Message of Vice Mayor John Uy for St. Patrick's Day last March 17, 2024**



🍀 Happy St. Patrick's Day to all our friends and neighbors! 🍀

As we don our green attire and raise a toast to the Emerald Isle, let us take a moment to celebrate the spirit of the Irish and the rich traditions that unite us all.

St. Patrick's Day is more than just a day of revelry; it's a testament to the resilience, humor, and warmth of the Irish people. It's a time to honor our heritage and the contributions of the Irish community to our vibrant tapestry of cultures.

To our Irish friends near and far, may your day be touched with a bit of Irish luck, filled with laughter, and blessed with the company of cherished loved ones. May the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, and may your

heart be light and your troubles few.

As we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, let us embrace the spirit of camaraderie and friendship that knows no bounds. Let's raise our glasses high and toast to the bonds that unite us, transcending distance and differences.

Wishing you all a St. Patrick's Day filled with joy, laughter, and the warmth of Irish hospitality. Sláinte! 🍀🌈



**VII. Council Report: Heartfelt Message of Vice Mayor John Uy for the Persian New Year last March 19, 2024**



I am honored to extend my warmest wishes to our Persian community as you celebrate the joyous occasion of Nowruz.

Nowruz is not just a time for festivity; it's a celebration of renewal, hope, and the triumph of light over darkness. It symbolizes the beginning of spring, marking a season of rejuvenation and growth.

To our Persian friends and neighbors, may this New Year bring you abundant blessings, happiness, and prosperity. May your homes be filled with laughter, your hearts with love, and your tables with the warmth of cherished memories shared with family and friends.

In the spirit of Nowruz, let us all embrace the values of unity, compassion, and understanding that bind us together as a community. Let's celebrate our diversity and embrace the richness of our cultural heritage.

Wishing you all a Nowruz filled with joy, peace, and endless possibilities. Happy New Year!



## **Kim Shirley's Council Report for Tuesday, March 26, 2024**

**Tuesday, February 27th- City Council Meeting-** This month's council meeting began with a proclamation celebrating Black History Month, and then we quickly passed the Consent agenda items. Next, under "Old Business" we agreed to carry over the decision regarding the square footage of 121 Calle del Oaks that we discussed in January. We're hoping for a decision outside of council chambers, so we'll see if anything comes back to us in March (as I write this, I haven't received any additional information regarding the outcome). We had three items of "New Business" to cover. The first was an introduction to a new ordinance that bans smoking in 3 or more multiunit housing complexes. This ordinance was well supported by board members at The Oaks Condominiums and will certainly provide relief to those who may live near a smoker and feel trapped by the exposure of second-hand smoke. It was reported that one of the smokers at The Oaks was happy to hear about the ordinance as it would provide another good reason to quit! I'm so happy with this ordinance and look forward to its final approval at the March meeting. Many thanks to staff for putting this together and to Gonzalo Coronado at the County Health Department for his guidance and support. The residents of Del Rey Oaks will be healthier with this action!

Next, we discussed mid-year adjustments to the annual city budget. Only small edits were made, so there weren't any big discussions, but I was happy to find out we'll be getting those council chamber upgrades by the end of this fiscal year. During this discussion, I did make the point that since we haven't been able to do any strategic planning as a council, I believe it's important that we all come to budget discussions for next fiscal year with ideas for what we'd like to see done. The budget should reflect our values and the direction we'd like to see the city move, so I do hope that council members, and just as important—the residents, come prepared with comments and ideas for what they'd like to see in the next year for our city. We'll start budget discussions soon (look for the finance meetings which occur at noon on the second Friday of the month) and we'll adopt a final budget in June.

Lastly, we had an interesting discussion about the idea of putting a measure on the November ballot that would increase our Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT). TOT is the tax that people pay when they stay in a hotel or short-term rental. We obviously don't have any hotels, but our short-term rentals do bring in a surprising amount of revenue. Our current TOT is set at 10% and we discussed moving the TOT to 12% and then we went so far as to maybe even think about 15%. If this does make it to the ballot, we're going to have to be VERY clear about the type of tax this is (our residents will only benefit and it won't cost them anything!). In the end, we directed staff to talk to other local jurisdictions to see if anyone else was thinking about raising their TOTs. Our TOT is very similar to the rest at this point and it seems as though others haven't made adjustments in a while. We may start the discussion and then collectively cause others in the region to re-evaluate their



TOTs, too. Regardless, it looks like we're all in support of getting this on the November ballot.

And finally, the City Manager's report included the letter we received back from the State Housing and Community Development (HCD) telling us what we'll need to do to move towards compliance on our 6th cycle Housing Element. I know it will be a lot of work, but I think it was a shorter letter than was anticipated, so I look forward to digging into the details at future meetings.

**Thursday, February 29th- Seaside Community Services Building, Town Hall Meeting with Wendy Root-Askew-** I attended this meeting to learn more about the plans to tear down and build back up the new county building on the corner of Noche Buena and Broadway Avenue. Supervisor Root-Askew did a great job of bringing together representatives from all of the county agencies that will be included in this building. The main focus will continue to be on Social Services within the county, but the biggest move will be for the Seaside Library, which will move from its current location next to City Hall. District Attorney Jeannine Pacioni was also there to talk about the Family Justice Center that she'd like to incorporate into the building. She gave a fascinating example of how far a person would have to drive in our county if they were a parent and a victim of domestic violence. She estimates that they would have to drive over 250 miles with probably a dozen stops to get everything covered. The vision is to have everything located in this one building to prevent the extra stress of travel, making it much easier for those who need those services. Currently, the county only has funding for the planning stages, but that's a start! Plans and a vision are what they'll need for the next step in finding that funding.

**Saturday, March 2nd- Braver Angels Meeting-** This was our monthly meeting which brings together local Republicans, Democrats, and other party affiliates to share and learn about how we can connect and discuss our differences. This month there was a focus on getting in small groups to discuss what we feel are important local issues. Although we may have different solutions for these issues, it was clear that many agreed that affordable housing, lack of water, and homelessness were the topics that came up for many people. Although it's not always easy, I do appreciate the opportunity to listen to different voices which can break down stereotypes we have about "the other side." Just when you expect a certain view, someone surprises you with a view you hadn't expected. I will admit though—it's not all rainbows and unicorns, but I am finding it interesting to learn more about this process, especially with the big election year ahead. And with that in mind, I also signed up for a Braver Angels workshop entitled, "Skills for Disagreeing Better." I'll report back next month to let you know how it went!

**Monday, March 4th- Monterey High's MAOS Internship Night-** I was happy to be invited to volunteer during this special event when all of the MAOS high school seniors presented their internship projects to members of the community. As a volunteer, I was tasked with listening to the seniors talk about their projects and then interviewing them to learn more. I

loved seeing students in action and appreciated their ability to share what they worked on with such passion and enthusiasm as they talked about what they did, what they learned, and how they might apply those skills in the future. I spoke with students who shared experiences with editing the school newsletter, volunteering at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and two students who completed a remotely operated vehicle (ROV) camp. I thoroughly enjoyed meeting these students and was happy to provide them all with written supportive comments at the end. I'm grateful that I was able to participate in such a fun event! Thank you, DRO resident, Ms. A for the invite!

**Wednesday, March 6th- Special Board of Directors Meeting: ReGen Workshop-** This half-day workshop was an excellent opportunity for both new and old board members to have a greater understanding of solid waste within the county while also drilling down into ReGen operation specifics that we generally aren't able to cover. Staff provided three presentations which were followed with discussions. The first was titled: "Solid Waste Landscape in Monterey County and Beyond." The second presentation was a deep dive into all of the departments at ReGen including their budgets, number of employees, and a description of what they do. The last presentation was a review of the current development plan for our land footprint and possible alternative plans for the future. Overall, we covered a ton of information that will be so important for all of the board members to know as we make decisions in the future. Some big takeaways for me include the need to continue our conversations around taking in solid waste from regional sources as opposed to only taking in waste from our member jurisdictions. Almost 50% of our solid waste comes from San Jose, which provides revenue to keep prices lower for our member jurisdictions. There's a line there in regards to maintaining the longevity of our landfill versus providing financial benefits to our members. That discussion is informed by the knowledge of all of our operations at ReGen as well as the awareness that in the next 10+ years we will have needed to make some decisions regarding the overall buildout of the landfill. We're lucky enough to have several different types of operations on our footprint (compositing, a truck yard for waste haulers, concrete recycling, sand processing, and a stormwater pond). These things will need to be moved as we prepare space for our future solid waste. As we make those decisions, those discussions will need to be made with board members who are well-informed of our regional/local solid waste needs, and who have an understanding of the diversity of our departments, combined with knowledge of our financial needs. These are extremely important decisions and I'm thankful that we've got a great staff who are taking the time to educate the board so that we can make good decisions for our future.

**Friday, March 8th- Del Rey Oaks Finance Meeting-** At this monthly meeting, we reviewed our financials from February which continue to be good news. The city does an excellent job limiting its spending and sticking to the budget, which will ultimately provide a surplus at the end of the year. The other item for this meeting was talking about a ballot initiative that the California League of Cities is pushing to have all cities oppose in the November election. This initiative, which is being billed as a "Taxpayer Protection" ballot

measure, is being pushed by large corporations but will have significantly detrimental effects on the way cities can charge for services. It's unusual for CalCities to do this type of advocating which is an indication of how financially devastating this could be for many cities. Governor Newsom has filed a legal challenge to this measure which argues that the changes are so significant that it amounts to a change in how the California Constitution structures government finance. It's expected that a court decision will come by the end of June before the final ballot is decided. After a brief discussion, we approved moving forward with a resolution to oppose this measure.

**Monday, March 11th- Monterey-Salinas Transit Board Administrative Performance Committee Meeting-** During this meeting we reviewed the monthly bus report and learned that we have 21 new coach operators going through training which is the largest class they've ever had! If all become certified, then we will have all of our positions filled for the first time in many years. Having these drivers will help us add to our better bus network and work towards more timely arrivals with more buses on the routes. We also received reports from our State and Federal lobbyists. It was good to be reminded that money from the federal Infrastructure bill remains untouched with the budget talks and will provide us with needed transportation funds. Lastly, we also reviewed MST's Investment Policy. No big changes, but it will be brought forward to the full board next month. MST spreads its investment money into three, safe areas which include CD's, LAIF (State pooled investment for public agencies), and US Treasury Bills.

**Monday, March 11th- Monterey-Salinas Transit Board Meeting-** Please see the MST board highlights in our agenda packet. I will point out that I was very happy when our board voted to start including "non-profit human service agencies" in our 50% group discount for monthly bus passes which was caused by a request from Alliance on Aging. They have over 400 seniors who use bus passes every month, so I'm happy we're able to provide the discount for those on fixed incomes. On another request, we also voted to permanently continue issuing discounted bus passes for the School Bus Pass Program which will greatly benefit our local high school students. Good stuff!

**Wednesday, March 13th- Watermaster Technical Advisory Committee Meeting-** True to its name, these meetings are generally technical, and I always feel on the edge of understanding, but for some reason, I was the one who spoke the most in this Zoom meeting! First, when we reviewed the reports from our staff on all of the local water meetings he had attended, I made a pitch that I'd like to have the Salinas Valley Basin Groundwater Sustainability Agency (SVBGSA) present at our next Watermaster mtg. Our basin "leaks" into their basin and I think we all need to be talking more as a collective. Right now, SVBGSA is working towards a plan to deal with seawater intrusion. They are in the early stages but it would be good to see if we're able to play any part in the plan to protect their basin.



The other big topic was talking about suggested ways to determine if the slightly higher conductivity levels in one of our wells might be an indicator of seawater intrusion. There isn't an eminent concern but we talked about all the sources of data which can help us make some determinations. We also talked about getting a cost for updating our Seawater Intrusion Response Plan, which provides the triggers for action. I was in support of all of the suggestions for addressing this increase in conductivity.

Lastly, we talked about whether we'd want to not have a presentation on our annual Seawater Intrusion Report and have the report placed on the website instead which would reduce the need for a couple of additional meetings. I pushed back on that idea since I think it's important that we collectively discuss that report and are able to talk to the consultants while we do it. I don't mind suffering through a couple of extra meetings in the name of greater knowledge, transparency, and information accessibility. Others agreed and we decided to stick with our original plan for presenting the report to both the Technical Advisory Committee and the Watermaster Board.

Attended monthly directors meeting for M1W, discussed moving the monthly billing to the property tax bill, ultimately decided to not do an "opt-out" program, and directed staff to proceed with getting things ready for the move. Each member entity will have to agree to move their monthly fees to the tax bill as well. M1W is reaching out to member entities to assist if needed. Provided feedback to the Board Chair requesting committee assignments, requested Budget and Personnel and Special Projects.

Was appointed to be on the ad-hoc committee to work with Regen on a power sharing project.

Attended the City budget meeting, things are looking good as we are over on anticipated revenues, and under on budgeted expenditures. Great job Everyone.