



# DEL REY OAKS POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To: John Guertin, City Manager  
From: Chris Bourquin, Interim Chief of Police  
Cc: Officer Jeff Andoy / Officer Chris Salopek  
Date: February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023  
Re: Request for Assistance / Monterey PD / San Carlos School

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On February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at approximately 1354 hours, an unknown male called San Carlos School in Monterey and advised that he was on campus with a gun and that he was there to hurt children.

At 1450 hours, Detective Salopek and Officer Andoy responded to the school after a request for allied agencies was put out by Monterey PD. Detective Salopek helped evacuate the school, one class at a time, and reunited students with their parents. Officer Andoy assisted with traffic control when each class was walked from the campus to the unification area, which was located at 777 Pearl St in Monterey. No children were injured. The alleged gunman was not located at the scene.

Both Officer Salopek and Officer Andoy did an exceptional job representing our Department during this request for outside agency help. I commend them both for their leadership and dedication throughout this incident.

  
Chris Bourquin  
Interim Chief of Police

**Del Rey Oaks Police Department**  
650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd – Del Rey Oaks, California 93950 (831) 375 - 8525  
*Serving the City of Del Rey Oaks and the Monterey Regional Airport*  
Jeffrey J. Hoyne – Chief of Police



David J. Hober  
Chief of Police  
Monterey Police Department  
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## MONTEREY POLICE DEPARTMENT

February 10, 2023

Del Rey Oaks Police Department  
650 Canyon Del Rey Blvd.  
Del Rey Oaks, CA 93940

**RECEIVED**

**FEB 15 2023**

**CITY OF DEL REY OAKS  
CITY CLERK**

Chief Bourquin,

I would like to thank and commend all the personnel from the Del Rey Oaks Police Department that assisted our agency during the active shooter threat that occurred at the San Carlos School on February 1, 2023. Their teamwork, tenacity and professionalism helped us tremendously during this critical incident.

The Monterey Police Department's number one priority is to keep our community safe. With the help of your department and many others, we were able to secure the school, assess the threat, set up a perimeter, and safely reunite the children with their parents.

Thank you for your continued support and inter-agency cooperation in keeping our community safe.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David J. Hober".

David J. Hober  
Chief of Police

Great job Lacey!!

(LB)

...VERY MUCH.



OFFICER ANDY,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR

PATIENCE, KINDNESS AND

HELP IN RESOLVING OUR CITY

LONG TERM PARKING ISSUE.

THE NEIGHBORS ARE VERY

HAPPY AND POSITIVE COMMENTS.

Respectfully Joe D'Amico

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THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR  
ALL YOUR HELP, PATIENCE,  
AND KNOWLEDGE IN RESOLVING

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THE LONG TERM PARKING  
ISSUE. THE NEIGHBOURS ARE  
VERY HAPPY AND MENTIONED  
DURING THEIR EVENING WALK,  
THE NEIGHBOURHOOD IS LOOKING  
AS IT SHOULD, BEAUTIFUL.

THANKS AGAIN

Joe Dimaggio



THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR

PLAY

FOUNDER AND PRESIDENT

Stuart Brown, MD  
February 3, 2023

To whom it may concern:

This letter is to formalize how grateful I am to Officer Jeffrey Androy for his professionalism and consideration over the Christmas Holidays. The delay in sending this in no way diminishes my gratitude to him. The story is...

I inadvertently picked up someone else's Mac laptop (that was virtually identical with mine) as I completed my TSA requirements at the Monterey airport on December 24 as I was headed for Denver to spend the holidays with family.

I did not realize the error of my ways until I received a phone message on Christmas eve in Colorado asking me to call Officer Androy at the Del Rey Oaks Police Dept. He answered my call, and reported that he had tracked me through United, obtained my cell #, and was following up as the other party was missing their laptop, and that he had discussed the mixup with others who had left my laptop with him. (Both parties were understandably upset over my pick-up error.) I informed him that I would return to Monterey on the 30<sup>th</sup>, bringing the other laptop to the airport. He was most affable and considerate, relayed this message to the other party, and assured me I could contact him and get my computer back upon my return.

He followed through with this by his considerate arrival at the airport with my computer on the 30<sup>th</sup>, (which he had me open via P-word) and I was profoundly relieved.

This narrative may sound routine, but Officer Androy's reassuring phone and personal involvements produced a happy ending for me, remain heart-warming and allowed me to more fully enjoy a 90 year old grandfather's Christmastime:

I am still very involved in worldwide activity with the non-profit National Institute for Play, and within my computer reside many irreplaceable files, pictures, etc., now safely backed up.

*Stuart Brown*  
Stuart Brown MD

Founder, The National Institute for Play



**MST HIGHLIGHTS**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**February 13, 2023**

**SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

The MST Board conducted a swearing-in ceremony for new board member Kim Shirley, City of Del Rey Oaks.

**APPROVED REMOTE TELECONFERENCE MEETINGS**

The Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) Board approved Resolution 2023-22 authorizing teleconference meetings in accordance with the Brown Act.

**RECOGNIZED FEBRUARY EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2023-23 recognizing Mago Rodriguez, Coach Operator as the February 2023 Employee of the Month for his outstanding contribution to MST and to the entire community.

**APPROVED TRANSIT PLANNING WEB-BASED PLANNING PLATFORM  
SUBSCRIPTION**

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to award a three-year agreement with Remix Technologies, LLC., for a Transit Planning Web-Based Platform subscription in an amount not to exceed \$140,000.

**APPROVED PURCHASE OF THREE TOYOTA RAV4 HYBRID VEHICLES**

The MST Board authorized the General Manager/CEO to purchase three (3) Toyota RAV4 Hybrid Vehicles at the lowest price/best options at the time of purchase utilizing the California Department of General Services (DGS) Contract #1-22-23-23C in an amount not to exceed \$102,000.

**APPROVED RESOLUTION 2023-24 AGENCY-STATE MASTER AGREEMENTS FOR  
STATE AND FEDERAL AID-FUNDED PROJECTS**

The MST Board approved Resolution 2023-24 authorizing the General Manager/CEO to execute master agreements, program supplemental agreements, fund exchange agreements, and/or fund transfer agreements which must be executed with the California Department of Transportation before such funds can be claimed.

**RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION**

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2023-25 in appreciation of the Honorable Senator Dianne Feinstein for her support of Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2023-26 in appreciation of the Honorable Senator Alex Padilla for his support of Monterey-Salinas Transit District.

The MST Board adopted Resolution 2023-27 in appreciation of the Honorable Congressman Jimmy Panetta for his support of Monterey-Salinas Transit District. Congressman Panetta made kind remarks about MST and his support of transit for our communities as a catalyst for economic growth and prosperity for our residents and businesses.

#### **APPOINTED MOBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

The MST Board appointed membership of Steve Macias, Jennifer Ramirez, Bobby Merritt, and Maria Magaña to Monterey-Salinas Transit's Mobility Advisory Committee.

#### **RECEIVED PRESENTATION ON TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PLANNING STUDY**

The MST Board received a presentation on a Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) planning study currently underway to support the SURF! project.

#### **APPROVED TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY COVID DECLARATION**

The MST Board approved the termination of Resolution 2020-18 Declaration of Fiscal Emergency Response to the COVID-19 pandemic in conjunction with the termination of the State of California COVID-19 Health Emergency currently planned for February 28, 2023.

#### **APPROVED TERMINATION OF HYBRID / IN-PERSON BOARD MEETING POLICY**

The MST Board approved the termination of the hybrid/in-person board meeting policy in conjunction with the termination of the State of California COVID-19 Health Emergency currently planned for February 28, 2023.

#### **RECEIVED SUMMARY OF AB 2449 RELATING TO THE BROWN ACT**

The MST Board received a summary of AB 2449 the new Brown Act law regarding board member meeting attendance and provided direction to staff to hold meetings in accordance with the Brown Act (Gov't Code § 54953(b)) with a resolution to allow public access to meetings via teleconference and a resolution to allow partial implementation of AB 2449.

#### **RECEIVED JANUARY 2023 WINTER STORMS AFTER ACTION REPORT**

The MST Board received a report on MST's involvement in Monterey County's Emergency Operations Center's (MCEOC) response to the winter storms of January 2023.

#### **NEXT MST BOARD MEETING**

The next regular MST Board meeting is scheduled on March 13, 2023.



## TRANSPORTATION AGENCY FOR MONTEREY COUNTY

[www.tamcmonterey.org](http://www.tamcmonterey.org)

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

**January 25, 2023**

#### **TAMC Board Elects New Officers & Executive Committee Members**

The Board of Directors of the Transportation Agency for Monterey County elected the following members to serve as their officers and members of the Executive Committee:

- Michael LeBarre, Chair
- Chris Lopez, 1st Vice Chair
- Dave Potter, 2nd Vice Chair
- Mary Adams, Past Chair
- Wendy Root Askew, County Representative
- Chaps Poduri, City Representative

Their terms begin upon their election through the next election of officers at the beginning of the January 24, 2024, Board meeting.

#### **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Excellence Awards**

The Transportation Agency presented their 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Transportation Excellence Awards to honor community members, programs and projects that make a significant contribution to improve transportation in Monterey County. This year's awards honorees are:

**Andrew Easterling, Traffic Engineer, City of Salinas**, for his development and implementation of the Vision Zero Integrated into Maintenance program and dedication to safe routes to schools planning and projects. Andrew worked closely with safe routes to school program partners to develop the Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan from 2019 - 2022 and through the Vision Zero program has already been able to start to implement projects that make it safer for children and people of all ages to get around Salinas.

"Vision Zero" is a strategy to eliminate all traffic fatalities and severe injuries while increasing safe, healthy, equitable mobility for all. "Safe Routes to School" is a TAMC program which offers tools, programming, and resources to schools, guardians, and communities aimed at improving safety



and traffic around schools. The “Salinas Safe Routes to School Plan” was adopted, covering safety recommendations and educational programming for 45 schools throughout Salinas.

**The City of Pacific Grove Public Works, Point Pinos Coastal Recreational Trail**, completed in 2022 addressed nearly a one-mile stretch of coastline on Ocean View Boulevard generally known as Point Pinos. Prior to this project, Point Pinos lacked formalized, safe, and accessible coastal amenities for its various users, including trails, parking, and coastal access points. This stretch also represented the only gap of the California Coastal Trail between the City of Monterey and the three of four miles of PG Coastline.

The Point Pinos Trail project significantly improved safety, access parking, and stormwater capture with the construction of an ADA-compliant, 5-foot-wide trail, a boardwalk, formalized coastal parking, the installation of 10 beach access points, native plant restoration, and various stormwater improvements. All users can now more safely enjoy the Pacific Grove coastline; and have better connections to the larger trail network along the Central Coast.

#### **Caltrans Presents their Draft US 101 Business Plan**

The TAMC Board of Directors received a presentation on the Draft US 101 Business Plan from Caltrans District 5. The Plan created in collaboration with the Central Coast Coalition and regional partners throughout the district raises awareness of the US 101 Corridor within the boundaries of Caltrans District 5 as a major economic asset to the state and nation and encourages investment in the corridor. The Plan’s purpose is to provide data, strategy, and community support needed to help secure financial investment in the US 101 corridor (including \$260 million in project costs in Monterey County) with summarized potential avenues for funding the projects.

During the discussion after the presentation, Council Member Smith stated that he was excited about the plan because, “it gives us opportunities to identify emerging problems before the problems are staring us in the face.” Executive Director Muck further emphasized that the Business Plan provides TAMC and its partners in the Central Coast Corridor with the supporting document for future grant applications.

The draft Business plan will be available for public review and Caltrans staff will be collecting questions and comments until March 10, 2023. Comments can be submitted via email at [matthew.welker@dot.ca.gov](mailto:matthew.welker@dot.ca.gov).

- ▢ [US 101 Business Plan Fact Sheet](#)
- ▢ [Monterey County Project Tables](#)
- ▢ [Draft US 101 Business Plan](#)



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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

**February 22, 2023**

#### **TAMC Board of Directors Hosts Unmet Transit Needs Public Hearing**

The Transportation Agency Board of Directors held a public hearing to receive comments to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County.

In its role as the Transportation Development Act fund administrator, the Agency holds this hearing annually to seek public input to identify unmet transit needs in Monterey County. The unmet needs process is associated with the Local Transportation Fund, which is one of two designated funding sources for public transit created by the California Transportation Development Act.

The Agency solicits public input on unmet transit needs and places comments into the following categories:

1. Transit service improvement requests that would improve an existing service.
2. Transit service expansion requests that extend a transit route beyond its current limits and fill a gap in service.
3. Capital improvement projects that would enhance existing public transit facilities.

In addition to public testimony provided at the hearing, the Transportation Agency accepts comments throughout the year in writing, by email, through a questionnaire posted on the Agency website and through the Monterey-Salinas Transit Mobility Advisory Committee.

The Transportation Agency's deadline for accepting public comments and questionnaires for the consideration as part of the annual unmet transit needs process

is April 30, 2023. Comments can be submitted at:  
<https://www.tamcmonterey.org/unmet-transit-needs>.

Staff will present the final list of comments to the TAMC Board, prior to allocating Local Transportation Funds in June.

### **TAMC Board Selects Pajaro to Prunedale (G12) Project for Federal Appropriations Funding**

The TAMC Board of Directors provided Agency staff direction to nominate a segment of the Pajaro to Prunedale G12 project for federal appropriations funding. The Community Project Funding program is a source of funding for public transportation projects whose recipients and purposes are specifically identified by Congress in an appropriations act, the annual process of funding transportation programs and projects. Project nominations are expected to be due in March to Senators and in April to House Representatives. The funding must be for federally eligible projects that can obligate the funding by 2027 and spend it by 2031.

The G12 corridor is 10.5 miles in length and extends south along Porter Drive and Salinas Road from the Santa Cruz County/City of Watsonville limits, then east on Elkhorn Road and Hall Road, then south again on San Miguel Canyon Road, terminating at US 101 in Prunedale. TAMC and the County of Monterey prepared a corridor study to evaluate improvements to address safety and congested traffic conditions experienced along the generally north-south travel corridor in north Monterey County. Of the six project areas evaluated in the study, TAMC staff identified segment 6, Salinas Road and Pajaro, as the best fit for this funding. The project is located adjacent to the Pajaro/Watsonville Multimodal Station project site.

### **MST Seeks Public Input on Transit Oriented Development Survey**

Monterey-Salinas Transit announced their SURF! Transit Oriented Development Planning Survey is open for public input. Public input through the survey will help inform MST as they are studying programs, policies, and infrastructure improvements that could increase access to active and public transportation and support future development along MST's SURF! project in collaboration with local cities. Community members are encouraged to help shape the future of transportation in Monterey County by taking the 5-minute survey at this link: <https://bit.ly/SURF-TOD>



**850<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
926 East Blanco Road  
Salinas, CA. 93901

**February 14, 2023**

**~AGENDA~**

**12:00 P.M. Noon**

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Salinas, CA 93901

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Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jeff Cecilio  
Board Chair  
County at Large

Don Cranford  
Vice Chair  
County at Large

Nancy Amadeo  
Secretary  
City of Marina

Jason Campbell  
Trustee  
City of Seaside

Ray Coopersmith  
Trustee  
County at Large

Mary Ann Carbone  
Trustee  
City of Sand City

Louise Goetzelt  
Trustee  
City of Del Rey Oaks

Jim Tashiro  
Trustee  
City of Salinas

Diane de Lorimier  
Trustee  
City of Monterey

*We strive to host inclusive, accessible meetings that enable all individuals, including individuals with disabilities, to engage fully. To request an accommodation or for inquiries about accessibility, please contact the District.*

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

**2. ROLL CALL – ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

**3. PUBLIC INPUT: (Limited to 3 minutes)**

*The consent calendar includes routine items that can be approved with a single motion and vote. A member of the Board of Trustees may request that any item be pulled from the Consent Calendar for separate consideration*

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: January 2023**
- B. PAYROLL WARRANTS: January 2023 \$78,554.19**
- C. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: January 2023 \$56,009.07**
- D. UMPQUA BANK: December 2022 \$12,118.83**
- E. TIME DISTRIBUTION: January 2023**
- F. BALANCE SHEET: January 2023**
- G. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: January 2023**

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

- A. Approval of the 2023 Policy Book changes from Northern Salinas Valley Mosquito Abatement District, or (NSVMAD) to Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District or (MCMAD)**
- B. Board Chair to appoint finance to committee for the 2023-2024 budget**
- C. Approval to accept quote from Versaris (attached)**

**6. MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: Ken Klemme, District Manager**

**7. TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

*Adjournment to: March 14, 2022*

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE 849th REGULAR  
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE  
MONTEREY COUNTY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT  
January 10, 2023**

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Monterey County Mosquito Abatement District was held on January 10, 2023, at the District Office in Salinas, California.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Jeff Cecilio, Chair, County of Monterey  
Don Cranford, Vice Chair, County of Monterey  
Mary Ann Carbone, City of Sand City  
Ray Coopersmith, County of Monterey  
Jim Tashiro, City of Salinas  
Diane de Lorimier, City of Monterey  
Louise Goetzelt, City of Del Rey Oaks

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Ken Klemme, District Manager  
Mona Sloan, Administrative Assistant

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Nancy Amadeo, Secretary, City of Marina  
Jason Campbell, City of Seaside

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Board Chair Jeff Cecilio called the 849<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting to order at 12:00 PM

**2. ROLL CALL:**

Administrative Assistant Mona Sloan called roll; it was determined that a quorum was present

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

NONE

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: November 2022
- B. PAYROLL WARRANTS: November 2022 \$78,622.99
- C. PAYROLL WARRANTS: December 2022 \$78,767.46
- D. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: November 2022 \$52,198.69
- E. COMMERCIAL WARRANTS: December 2022 \$192,541.59
- F. UMPQUA BANK: October 2022 \$7,413.49
- G. UMPQUA BANK: November 2022 \$6,065.56
- H. TIME DISTRIBUTION: November 2022
- I. TIME DISTRIBUTION: December 2022

- J. BALANCE SHEET: November 2022
- K. BALANCE SHEET: December 2022
- L. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: November 2022
- M. SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES: December 2022

With no further inquiries, **Trustee Tashiro moved to approve the consent calendar as presented; Trustee Goetzelt seconded; the motion passed unanimously.**

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS:**

**A. Consideration and Approval of Subordinate Certificate for the Dunes Project**

Manager Klemme received a request from the City of Marina, asking that the District agree to the issuance of RDA bonds for the Dunes project in Marina.

After Board input, **Trustee Goetzelt moved to approve the certificate as submitted; Trustee Carbone seconded; the motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Discussion of Logistics for the Annual Mosquito and Vector Control Conference in Anaheim**

Board members and staff attending the conference, agreed to meeting at the District office on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> between 10 and 10:30 am. Trustees confirmed which members would be carpooling together and who would drive on their own.

**C. Discussion of Recent Rains and Pesticide Inventory**

Manager Klemme informed the Board that the heavy onslaught of rain, has washed away pesticide that was recently applied. Klemme stated that in the next month, he may ask the Board to allocate additional funds to purchase necessary product.

**6. MONTHLY OPERATIONS REPORT: Ken Klemme, District Manager/Biologist**

Manager Klemme informed Trustees the quarterly meeting for the Special District Association (SDA) scheduled for Tuesday 1/17/23 has been cancelled. The Association is hoping to meet again in April. Klemme, again, spoke to the Board about freshly applied pesticide which, unfortunately, had washed away in the recent rains. That issue, and the fact that it hasn't been very cold, indicates mosquitos will be breeding. He also said that

because of the rains, it makes it very difficult to access certain areas due to mud, and would like to purchase a larger drone. He plans to include the cost in the 23-24 fiscal year budget. He also updated the Board in regards to the alarm system and lighting status, which is still not complete. Klemme said that he would like to dedicate the museum room in the spring, possibly at our annual open house. Trustee Carbone spoke to the Board about a project that she has been involved with where Tribal families receive work experience in different fields. She asked if the District would like to get involved in education training and Manager Klemme stated he would be interested in learning more about the project. Lastly, Manager Klemme let the Board know that one Argo is down.

7. **TRUSTEE COMMENTS:**

Trustee Tashiro said he wouldn't be attending the February meeting. Trustee Cranford spoke about an email issue between the District and his email server where he is unable to receive attachments. Trustee de Lorimier discussed an alternative to our annual Engineers Report consulting firm and Manager Klemme said he would look into the remaining time on the contract.

8. **ADJOURNMENT:**

***With no further inquiries, Board Chair Cecilio adjourned the meeting at 12:27 pm. to the next regularly scheduled meeting on February 14, 2023 at noon.***

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Jeff Cecilio, Board Chair

**ATTEST:**

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Nancy Amadeo, Secretary

# Monterey County Veterans Issues Advisory Committee ((VIAC)

## Report to the Del Rey Oaks City Council

**Date of Meeting:** January 26, 2023

The following is an overview of issues reported to, and considered at, the August meeting:

### **Veterans Transition Center (VTC)**

- Currently 102 veterans are living in VTC sponsored housing.
- Lightfighter Village has a construction start date of April 15, 2023, ground breaking ceremony will be held approximately one month later. The projected finish of the project is December 2024, with an occupancy of 70 veterans and their families. This project will be restricted to veterans-only housing.
- The VTC is in final negotiations with the federal government and local VA offices for the Enhance Use Lease Project. The project is currently approved for 60 units, with plans to expand it to 120 units. Although the project is not restricted to veterans-only, veterans will have priority.

Note: The two projects investment total is about \$106 million.

- Erica Parker formerly employed by Assemblyman Mark Stone has joined the staff at VTC.

### **California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery (CCCVC)**

#### **Cemetery Foundation**

- Plans for the Donor Wall at the Central Coast Veterans Cemetery are moving ahead. The Wall will be located directly south of the Flag Circle. The Foundation has provided environmental information, and is in the process of producing a construction support plan to the Army and to the City of Seaside. Following receipt of the construction plan, the City of Seaside will determine if a grading permit will be necessary,  
The State Fire Marshall must sign-off on the Wall for safety purposes.
- A continuing priority for the Foundation is to envision and construct a structure for services that won't be affected by the weather.



### **Veterans Affairs and Department of Defense Clinic (VA-DoD)**

- The Palo Alto VA Medical Center is providing a PACT ACT Open House at the Gorley Medical Center on the former Fort Ord to conduct toxic exposure screening, as well as other benefit explanations for the local veteran community. The intent is to invite all veterans who have been previously denied benefits, as they may now qualify under the Federal PACT ACT.

### **Military and Veterans Affairs Office (M&VAO)**

- Assembly Bill 1623 has been introduced by Assemblyman Ramos, the former Chair of the Veterans Affairs Committee. The bill would provide tax benefits for military veterans and surviving spouses receiving retiree benefits. Note, California is the only state that does not provide any tax relief in any form for retirees.
- The Monterey County Board of Supervisors continues to support as a legislation priority locating and constructing a California Veterans Home in Monterey County.

### **Election of VIAC Officers**

- **Ian Ogelsby was unanimously elected as the 2023 Chair of the Monterey County Veterans Issues Advisory Committee.**
- **Dan Presser was also unanimously elected as Vice-Chair of Monterey County Veterans Advisory Committee.**

*As always,. Thank you to all the military veterans, their spouses and their dependents living in Del Rey Oaks. You make us a better community! If any of you have questions about possible benefits, please don't hesitate to contact me through City Hall, or email me at [rlj.dro@gmail.com](mailto:rlj.dro@gmail.com).*

*Best regards –*

*-Rick Johnson*