

MONTEREY COUNTY COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

June 29, 2009 - 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Monterey County Administration Building

Monterey Conference Room, Second Floor

168 W. Alisal Street, Salinas CA 93901

- I. **ROLL CALL AND GREETING OF VISITORS** – Vice Chair James Bogan called the meeting to order at 2:15 p.m.

Commissioners Present – Vice Chair James Bogan, Debra Bolger, Carmelita Garcia, Eric Heckman, Candise Pratt, John Pinio, Jose Vasquez, Robert Greene and Mario Salazar.

Commissioners Not Present – Carolyn Hinds, George Molano and Alma Almanza.

Guests and Staff Present – EO Officer David Medrano, Associate Equal Opportunity Analyst Bonita Monarque, Administrative Secretary-Confidential Elisa Cantu, Assistant County Counsel Lee Blankenship, Interpreter Krista Elwood, Debbie Hale and Hank Myers from TAMC; and Ken Kraft from the Blind and Visually Impaired.

- II. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

- III. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Garcia moved to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2009 meeting; seconded by Commissioner Vasquez. The minutes were approved.

- IV. **UPDATE REPORT ON GREENFIELD BRIDGE**

Debbie Hale stated that the Transportation Agency of Monterey County (TAMC) is charged with the planning and funding of transportation related projects in Monterey County. TAMC has official responsibility for allocating funding and working with communities and agencies such as

Cal Trans. Ms. Hale introduced Hank Meyers, Transportation Engineer. Mr. Meyers provided the Commissioners with a handout showing the Cal Trans project in Greenfield. Mr. Meyers stated the total cost of the project is approximately \$429,000. Mr. Meyers stated the construction will take place in the area of Oak and Walnut streets in Greenfield. Mr. Meyers stated six (6) new ramps will be constructed to meet current ADA standards. Mr. Meyers explained how the \$429,000 will be broken down by projects, i.e. new sidewalk, ramps, and gutters. Commissioner Vasquez questioned why the process is taking so long. Mr. Medrano asked whether when safety issues are a concern, do the Cities usually exert pressure to try to accelerate completion. Ms. Hale suggested the Commission appoint 2-3 members to work with TAMC in meeting with the City and Cal Trans. Commissioners Heckman, Vasquez, Garcia and Salazar will work with Ms. Hale. Ms. Hale will coordinate the meeting with Mr. Medrano.

The Commission thanked Ms. Hale and Mr. Meyers for taking the time to come before the Commission.

V. DISCUSSION ON ACCESSIBILITY SURVEY/AUDIT

Commissioner Garcia stated she and Mr. Medrano had a meeting and discussed the survey and related training. Their next steps will be to identify the appropriate audience and best method to deliver ADA training and how to conduct follow-up.

VI. REPORT ON SENATE BILL 1608

Equal Opportunity Officer David Medrano provided the Commissioners with handouts regarding ADA and SB 1608. Mr. Medrano stated that the new legislation has little impact on California's disability laws. The federal legislation, SB 1608, helps to bring federal disability laws inline with California's laws relating to accommodation and rights for the

disabled. Mr. Medrano stated he has a slide show of the handouts, should any of the Commissioners wish to view the presentation.

VII. OUTREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Commissioner Bogan stated he had no report at this time. He asked if the certificates have been distributed.

VIII. REPORT ON IN-HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Commissioner Hinds was not present.

IX. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

None.

X. ANNOUNCEMENT AND EVENTS

Mr. Medrano stated he spoke with Chair Almanza about meeting in August. Commissioner Pinio stated that, per the bylaws, the Commission must meet six (6) times a year. All Commissioners present were in agreement to meet in August.

Commissioner Bogan asked the Commissioners to remember the veterans during this 4th of July.

Commissioner Pratt announced that Central Coast Alliance for Health is now expanding to include Merced County and as of July 1st will be known as Central California Alliance for Health.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the Vice Chair adjourned the meeting.