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## Board of Supervisors Special Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
**Time:** 11:30 a.m.  
**Place:** Board of Supervisors Chambers, Kings County Government Center  
1400 W. Lacey Boulevard, Hanford, California 93230

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**COUNTY OF KINGS PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL IN RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS COVID-19**

The meeting can be attended telephonically or by the Internet by clicking this link:  
<https://countyofkings.webex.com/countyofkings/j.php?MTID=mab1a8163669644d56d7127bcb1ff463b>  
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**\*WebEx will be available for access at 11:25 a.m.\***

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[www.countyofkings.com](http://www.countyofkings.com) and click on the “Join Meeting” button or by clicking this link: <https://youtu.be/MzvVSJpAQAA>

Members of the public viewing the meeting through YouTube will not have the ability to provide public comment.

Members of the public who wish to comment may submit written comments on any matter within the Board’s subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for the Board’s consideration or action, and those comments will become part of the administrative record of the meeting. Comments will not be read into the record, only the names of who have submitted comments will be read into the record. Written comments received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors no later than 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the noticed meeting will be included in the record, those comments received after 8:30 a.m. will become part of the record of the next meeting. Email is not monitored during the meeting. To submit written comments by email, please forward them to [bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:bosquestions@co.kings.ca.us) or by U.S. Mail, please forward them to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kings, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, CA 93230.

I. 11:30 AM **CALL TO ORDER**  
ROLL CALL – Clerk of the Board

II. **UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES**  
*Any person may directly address the Board at this time on any item on the agenda, or on any other items of interest to the public, that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.*



**III. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Public Guardian/Veterans Service Office – Scott Holwell**

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign the letter of support authorizing legislation allowing a Veteran’s Home to be built in the Central Coast Region.

**B. Administration – Edward Hill**

1. Consider authorizing the Chairman to sign a letter requesting the California Department of Fish and Wildlife extend data and comment period to February 5, 2023.

**IV. ADJOURNMENT**

**The Regular Meeting for the Board of Supervisors for Tuesday, January 17, 2023 has been canceled due to the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on January 16.**

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

***FUTURE MEETINGS AND EVENTS***

January 17	-	Regular Meeting Canceled due to Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday on January 16
January 24	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
January 31	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting
February 7	9:00 AM	Regular Meeting

*Agenda backup information and any public records provided to the Board after the posting of the agenda will be available for the public to review at the Board of Supervisors office, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd, Hanford, for the meeting date listed on this agenda.*



# COUNTY OF KINGS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

GOVERNMENT CENTER HANFORD, CALIFORNIA 93230 (559) 852-2362  
Catherine Venturella, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

## AGENDA ITEM January 10, 2023

**SUBMITTED BY:** Public Guardian/Veterans Service Office – Scott Holwell

**SUBJECT:** LETTER OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR VETERAN'S HOME IN MONTEREY COUNTY

**SUMMARY:**

**Overview:**

Currently, there are extended wait times to access the established Veterans Homes in the State for much-needed services. If Veterans are unable to access Veteran Home services timely, they will have to seek other options, potentially out of the State of California or even risk becoming homeless. Veterans need stable, affordable housing and care, as they transition to the later stages of life. Additionally, these housing should be paired with the appropriate wrap around services the men and women who selfishly served our country deserve.

**Recommendation:**

**Authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support authorizing legislation allowing a Veteran's Home to be built in the Central Coast Region.**

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

California is losing veterans at an alarming rate – much faster than the next two largest veteran population states (Texas and Florida). We owe all we have to the veterans of this Nation, and it is our joint obligation to do all we can to care for those who have selflessly served for the freedoms we have today.

Currently, there are extended wait times to access the established Veterans Homes in the State for much-needed services. If Veterans are unable to access Veteran Home services timely, they will have to seek other options, potentially out of the State of California or even risk becoming homeless. Veterans in need of Skilled Nursing and Memory Care must wait years before they get admitted. The construction of a new Veterans Home in Monterey County would help to alleviate the long wait times and keep our Veterans in the State.

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**BOARD ACTION:**

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: \_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that the above order was passed and adopted  
on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk of the Board

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

## **Agenda Item**

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION FOR VETERAN'S HOME IN MONTEREY COUNTY**

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- West Los Angeles: two years wait time for admittance.
- Fresno: four years wait time for admittance.
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The construction of a new Veteran's Home will lower or eliminate wait times for admittance into the CalVET Veterans Homes for services including combined skilled nursing & memory care services. Adding an additional Veterans Home will increase the number of homes to nine in the state. Homes are available to Disabled and Aged Veterans as well as spouses. This home will provide much needed care to our states heroes and decrease the risk of these veterans becoming homelessness.

By taking this action today, we show our support for California Veterans.



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January 10, 2023

The Honorable Anna Caballero  
12<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
1021 O Street, Rm 7620  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable John Laird  
17<sup>th</sup> Senate District  
1021 O Street, Rm 8720  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Robert Rivas  
30<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
1021 O Street, Rm 5110  
Sacramento, CA 95814

The Honorable Mark Stone  
29<sup>th</sup> Assembly District  
1021 O Street, Rm 5740  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## Re: Support for a Veteran's Home in Monterey County

Dear Senator Caballero, Senator Laird, Assemblymember Rivas, and Assemblymember Stone:

On behalf of the County of Kings, we are writing to support Monterey County's request for authorizing legislation allowing a Veteran's Home to be built in the region.

Currently, there are extended wait times to access the established Veterans' Homes in the State for much-needed services. If veterans are unable to access Veteran Home services timely, they will have to seek other options, potentially out of the State of California or even risk becoming homeless. Veterans in need of skilled nursing and memory care must wait years before they get admitted. The construction of a new Veteran's Home in Monterey County would help to alleviate the long wait times and keep our veterans in the State. Current wait times for these services are:

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California is losing veterans at an alarming rate – much faster than the next two largest veteran population states (Texas and Florida). We owe all we have to the veterans of this Nation, and it is our joint obligation to do all we can to care for those who have selflessly served for the freedoms we have today. Currently California veterans receive more than eight billion in Federal VA Compensation and Pension Payments. In addition, many receive Post 9/11 GI Bill, Chapter 33 Education Benefits and DoD Retirements. If Veterans leave the State so will the need for Veteran Serving organizations that create high paying jobs with the Federal VA, State, Counties, Private Sector, and Non-Profits that serve our veterans. Veterans positively impact the California Ecosystem.

The construction of a new Veteran's Home will lower or eliminate wait times for admittance into the CalVET Veteran's Homes for services including combined skilled nursing & memory care services.

Adding an additional Veteran's Home will increase the number of homes to nine in the State. Homes are available to disabled and aged veterans as well as spouses. This home will provide much needed care to our States' heroes and decrease the risk of these veterans becoming homeless. In addition, the location in Monterey County, will provide an attractive geographical location with a rich Military History and current Military presence. Residents of the Veteran's Home would have easy access to the Major General William H. Gourley VA-DoD Outpatient Clinic, Commissaries, Post Exchanges, Military Gyms, and other Military / Veteran accessible facilities. There are a large variety of beaches, walking / bike trails and County / State / National parks that will promote outdoor activity.

Additionally, Monterey County is interested in contributing land for a new CalVET Veteran's Home and Federal Grants are available for 65% of construction costs of the new Veteran's Home.

For these reasons, we support Monterey County's request for State authorization to build a Veteran's Home in the region. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Domingo Cruz, Administrative Analyst, email: [domingo.cruz@co.kings.ca.us](mailto:domingo.cruz@co.kings.ca.us).

Sincerely,

Richard Valle  
Chairman, Kings County Board of Supervisors  
District 2



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## AGENDA ITEM January 10, 2023

**SUBMITTED BY:** Administration – Edward Hill

**SUBJECT:** DATA AND COMMENT PERIOD EXTENSION REQUEST REGARDING  
CANDIDACY OF VARIOUS BUMBLE BEE SPECIES TO THE CALIFORNIA  
ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

**SUMMARY:**

**Overview:**

In October 2018 an environmental group submitted a petition to the California Fish and Game Commission to list Crotch Bumble Bee, Franklin's Bumble Bee, Suckley Cuckoo Bumble Bee, and Western Bumble Bee for listing under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). On December 9, 2022, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) opened public comment and data requests for the petition be submitted by January 15, 2023. Given the short amount of response time considering holiday closers and staff vacations a request for an extension of comment period to February 5, 2023, is being requested by multiple counties.

**Recommendation:**

**Authorize the Chairman to sign a letter requesting the California Department of Fish and Wildlife extend data and comment period to February 5, 2023.**

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund.

**BACKGROUND:**

In October 2018, an environmental group petitioned the California Fish and Game Commission to list the Crotch's, Franklin's, Suckley's cuckoo and western bumble bee species as Endangered under CESA. The Commission determined the listing "may be warranted" and the species became candidates for listing on June 12, 2019. That listing was legally challenged and the Sacramento based California Court of Appeal upheld the Commission's decision and candidacy was reinstated.

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**BOARD ACTION:**

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED: \_\_\_\_\_ OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

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on \_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

CATHERINE VENTURELLA, Clerk to the Board

By \_\_\_\_\_, Deputy.

## **Agenda Item**

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California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Wildlife Diversity Program  
Attn: CESA Conservation Unit  
P.O. Box 944209  
Sacramento, CA 94244-2090

## **RE: Correction to Notice of Status Review for Bumblebee**

To Whom It May Concern:

Due to varying considerations that have prevented a collaborative response, we respectfully request an extension to submit data and comments regarding the candidacy of the Crotch Bumble Bee, Franklin's Bumble Bee, Suckley Cuckoo Bumble Bee, and Western Bumble Bee for listing under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA) (Fish & G. Code, § 2074.4). The notice of status review was sent on Friday, December 9, 2022 with a deadline for receipt of comments by January 15, 2023. With holiday closures and staff vacations, a January 15, 2023 deadline for comment does not provide sufficient time to review and coordinate comments with our ag partners.

We believe this petitioned action is warranted and deserves careful review before a final determination is attained by the commission. We are requesting an extension of the comment deadline by three weeks, or February 5, 2023. As requested, we will utilize this time to closely review the information at our disposal regarding the general ecology of these species to effectively address all factors that may inhibit or impede the reproduction and survival of this varied but integral bumble bee population.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter as it has far-reaching implications not only for this agricultural region but to our respective counties and residents. We are hopeful that this request is granted and will be actively working on a response.

Sincerely,

**KINGS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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**Richard Valle, Chairman**