



AGENDA NO: 7.d

MEETING DATE: March 12, 2024

# Staff Report

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**DATE:** March 6, 2024

**FROM:** Yvonne Kimball, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Report on attendance at the 2024 C-MANC Washington Week Meetings

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Receive and file.

**ALTERNATIVES**

None

**FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

**BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION**

The Council authorized the attendance at the 2024 C-MANC Washington Week meetings. Three members of city officials were approved to attend. The attendance is largely funded by the Central Coast Joint Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee.

C-MANC annually hosts Washington Week meetings, where representatives of California Ports and Harbors have the opportunity to remind Congress and various other agencies of the importance of dredging projects, commercial fishing, ocean and coastal management and other coastal-related issues in California. The City of Morro Bay is a long-standing member of C-MANC, and for over 25 years has sent representatives to the “Washington Week” meetings.

While in DC, city representatives usually engage with city’s federal lobbyist to advocate city’s distinct interest. This includes addressing critical concerns such as harbor dredging, seawall repair, pier maintenance, water reclamation along with other infrastructure needs. Additionally, discussions often extend to broader Morro Bay interests with national implications including the protection of marine lives, the perseverance of the MB National Estuary, and our partnership with local tribes.

Mayor Wixom, Mayor Pro-temp Landrum and City Manager Kimball represented the City in 2024’s DC week. Enclosed includes:

- a post meeting report outlining three days filled with meetings and actions,
- meeting schedules
- briefing paper (which were used in every meeting attended)
- funding requests submitted to Senator Padilla, Senator Butler and Congressman Carbajal

Prepared By: YK

Dept Review: \_\_\_\_\_

City Manager Review: YK

City Attorney Review: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff recommends Council receive and file the above reports. This delegation would like to express appreciation to the Joint Cable Fisheries Liaison Committee for the grant funding, to Harbor and city hall administrative staff for applying for the grant and coordinating travel details, to the Public Works Director and the Harbor Director for compiling the briefing paper, attending meetings remotely and follow-ups to ensure funding. The Delegation would have not been able to have a productive trip without these dedicated staff do what they do.

**ATTACHMENT(S)**

1. post meeting report
2. meeting schedules
3. briefing paper
4. Funding Requests