RECOMMENDATION:
Consider and approve appointments to the Oversight Boards for the former redevelopment agencies of the cities of Gonzales, Greenfield, King City, Marina, Monterey, Salinas, Sand City, Seaside, and Soledad and for the former Redevelopment Agency of the County of Monterey.

SUMMARY:
The County of Monterey is required to make certain appointments to the Oversight Boards created by the Dissolution Act (ABx1 26), which dissolved redevelopment agencies and governs the winding down of agency affairs. Acceptance of the recommended action will make the appointments, facilitating the operation of the Oversight Boards.

DISCUSSION:
The role of the Oversight Board is to review the Successor Agency’s actions in enforcing existing obligations and winding down former agencies. Oversight Boards can also direct the Successor Agency to determine if existing obligations should be renegotiated or terminated (even with damages) in order to reduce former agency liabilities and increase revenues to taxing entities. In turn, the activities of both the Successor Agency and the Oversight Board are subject to review by the State Department of Finance.

All Oversight Boards include two members appointed by the county board of supervisors. The Chair of the Board of Supervisors will be required to appointment one additional member to the County’s Oversight Board to represent employees of the former redevelopment agency. Under the Dissolution Act, Government Code § 1099, relating to incompatible offices, is waived and individuals may simultaneously hold membership on up to five Oversight Boards.

On March 20, 2012, the Board of Supervisors determined how to appoint “county members” pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34179(a) (1) and “public members” pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34179(a) (6). Pursuant to Board action, the Chair was delegated with authority to designate to individual Supervisors the responsibility for recommending appointments to both the “county member” and the “public member” for specific Oversight Boards. The delegations made by the Chair are included as Attachment A. Applications for membership of the “public member” of the Oversight Boards pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34179(a) (6) were solicited in compliance with the Maddy Act (Government Code §§ 54970, et seq.). The nominations will be available at the Board hearing.

The Chair of the Board is required to appoint one additional member to the County Oversight Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 34179(a) (7), for the representation of employee interests of the former redevelopment agency. It is anticipated that the Chair will make that appointment prior to the first meeting of the Oversight Board and report that appointment to the full Board on April 10, 2012.
In addition to these members, all Oversight Boards contain members appointed by the County Superintendent of Education, the Chancellor of California Community Colleges, and the largest special district in the area. All members of an Oversight Boards serve at the pleasure of the body which appointed them, and serve without compensation or reimbursement. These Oversight Boards are expected to exist at least until June 30, 2016, after which point the boards will be consolidated into a single Oversight Board, pursuant to the Dissolution Act.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:
County Counsel’s Office has reviewed the matter for compliance with the Dissolution Act. The Clerk of the Board, the Department of Inter-governmental and Legislative Affairs, and the County’s CAO-Budget Office has also been consulted. The cities with former redevelopment agencies have been consulted on the process for the selection of the “public member” for their respective Oversight Board.

FINANCING:
The Successor Agencies of the respective former redevelopment agencies are required to staff the Oversight Boards.

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ATTACHMENTS: ATTACHMENT A: DESIGNATION OF NOMINATING RESPONSIBILITY