

Monterey County

SPECIAL EVENT TASK FORCE MEETING

Thursday, February 26, 2026

TELECONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

Monterey County Government Center

1441 Schilling Place – South, 2nd Floor Salinas, CA 93901

9:00 AM

Minutes

Scheduled Special Events for Discussion

1. EVENT NAME: RACE TO SPACE (FROM JANUARY 2026 MEETING)

PRESENTED BY: APRIL HENDERSON

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00010

SETUP DATE: 01/24, 6/6, 10/10, 12/05/2026

START DATE: 01/24, 6/6, 10/10, 12/05/2026

END DATE: 01/24, 6/6, 10/10, 12/05/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 01/24, 6/6, 10/10, 12/05/2026

LOCATION: WEATHERTECH RACEWAY (LAGUNA SECA), 1021 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS

Organizer April Henderson was not present and provided the following comments:

- Roughly 100 participants in January.
 - Anticipating around 100 participants for future events.
- Hosted by Monterey Institute of Research in Astronomy (MIRA), who provides telescopes.
- Event is dependent on weather.
- Further information is available on the [Weathertech Raceway website](#) and Social Media.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

2. EVENT NAME: TWILIGHT CYCLE (FROM JANUARY 2026 MEETING)

PRESENTED BY: APRIL HENDERSON

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00011

SETUP DATE: 03/11, 4/1, 5/13, 6/10, 7/22, 10/14

START DATE: 03/11, 4/1, 5/13, 6/10, 7/22, 10/14

END DATE: 03/11, 4/1, 5/13, 6/10, 7/22, 10/14

DISMANTLE DATE: 03/11, 4/1, 5/13, 6/10, 7/22, 10/14

LOCATION: WEATHERTECH RACEWAY (LAGUNA SECA), 1021 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS

Organizer April Henderson was not present and provided the following comments:

- Anticipating 80 participants.
- \$10 Participation fee.
- Same event format as Twilight Cycle in November 2025.
- Further information is available on the [Weathertech Raceway website](#) and Social Media.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE



3. EVENT NAME: CARS AND COFFEE (FROM JANUARY 2026 MEETING)

PRESENTED BY: APRIL HENDERSON

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00012

SETUP DATE: 3/21, 6/06, 9/26, 12/5

START DATE: 3/21, 6/06, 9/26, 12/5

END DATE: 3/21, 6/06, 9/26, 12/5

DISMANTLE DATE: 3/21, 6/06, 9/26, 12/5

LOCATION: WEATHERTECH RACEWAY (LAGUNA SECA), 1021 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS

Organizer April Henderson was not present and provided the following comments:

- Same event format as previous years.
- Event starts at 7:30AM.
- Required \$5 Donation to Friends of Laguna Seca.
- Gathering of cars.
- Currently there are no established car types for each meeting.
- Further information will be available on the [Weathertech Raceway website](#) and Social Media.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

4. EVENT NAME: WILDFLOWER EXPERIENCE

PRESENTED BY: COLLEEN BOUSMAN

FILE NUMBER(S): 25SE00190

SETUP DATE: 4/28/2026

START DATE: 5/1/2026

END DATE: 5/3/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 5/4/2026 – 5/8/2026

LOCATION: LAKE SAN ANTONIO, SOUTH SHORE, 74255 SAN ANTONIO ROAD, BRADLEY

Organizer Colleen Bousman was not present and Dona Luna provided the following comments:

- Triathlon event (Biking, Cross Country and Swimming).
- Event Coordinator is working with Dona Luna on Event Permit for use of the park.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

5. EVENT NAME: BIG SUR MARATHON

PRESENTED BY: KEVIN POOL

FILE NUMBER(S): 25SE00202

SETUP DATE: 4/24/2026

START DATE: 4/26/2026

END DATE: 4/27/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 4/27/2026

LOCATION: HWY 1, FROM BIG SUR STATION TO RIO ROAD, CARMEL

Organizer Kevin Pool was present and provided the following comments:

- No traffic impact in Rocky Creek area. Encroachment Permit application has been submitted to Housing and Community Development and routed for review.
- 9,000 attendees total for this event.
- Chic Event Rentals providing tents.
- Vendor list is in progress.
- Submittal will be completed in March.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

6. **EVENT NAME: NORCAL RACE 3 – LAGUNA SECA (CANCELED)**

PRESENTED BY: STORM GLOVER

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00015

SETUP DATE: 4/9/2026

START DATE: 4/10/2026

END DATE: 4/12/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 4/12/2026

LOCATION: TRAIL 47, OUTSIDE OF WEATHERTECH RACEWAY (LAGUNA SECA), 1021 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS

- **THIS EVENT HAS BEEN CANCELED.**

7. **EVENT NAME: CHALONE PEAKS CIVIL WAR RE-ENACTMENT**

PRESENTED BY: VICTORIA LOPEZ

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00016

SETUP DATE: 4/30/2026

START DATE: 5/1/2026

END DATE: 5/1/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 5/1/2026

LOCATION: SAN LORENZO PARK, 1160 BROADWAY STREET, KING CITY

Organizer Victoria Lopez was not present and Dona Luna provided the following comments:

- Same event format as previous years.
 - Middle School Student Civil War Re-enactment.
- Open to the public.
- All application paperwork has been approved for this event.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

8. EVENT NAME: LIFETIME SEA OTTER CLASSIC

PRESENTED BY: SKIP LATHAM

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00017, 25SE00185

SETUP DATE: 3/23/2026

START DATE: 4/16/2026

END DATE: 4/19/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 4/20/2026

LOCATIONS: 4/16 – 4/19 AT WEATHERTECH RACEWAY (LAGUNA SECA) RECREATION AREA, 1021 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS;

4/17 AT TORO REGIONAL PARK 501 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS:

Organizer Skip Latham was present and provided the following comments:

- Competitive and noncompetitive bicycle races, rides and a trade show.
- Attendees per day vary between and 50,000 – 55,000 people.
 - 6,000 – 8,000 participants.
- Health Department Event Organizer application submitted to Rachel Lamb in February.
 - Over 25 food vendors for the event.
- Encroachment Permit application for signage on Highway 68 submitted to CalTrans.
- Encroachment Permit for Ryan Ranch traffic signage and redirection submitted to City of Monterey.
- Medical Plan approved by Monterey County Regional Fire Protection District.
 - American Medical Response will be have two ambulances on site for the event.
 - Montage Health may be providing orthopedic care on site for the event.
- Del Rey Oaks Police Department may be assisting with coordinating traffic on Highway 68. Contract is pending.
- Contract with Monterey County Sheriff's Department is signed.
- Thanking Liz Gonzales and Domi Hernandez for their support with the online submittal of the Special Event Questionnaire and the tent permits.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

9. EVENT NAME: STAN SILVA MEMORIAL TRUCK SHOW

PRESENTED BY: SHEALYNN DAY

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00018

SETUP DATE: 4/18/2026

START DATE: 4/18/2026

END DATE: 4/18/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 4/18/2026

LOCATION: 11260 COMMERCIAL PARKWAY, CASTROVILLE

Organizer Shea Day was not present and provided the following comments:

- Fundraiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital
 - Invitational semi-truck competition entrance fee will go to charity.
 - Food sale profits will go to charity.
- Coordinating with North County Fire Protection District, pending approval from Housing and Community Development.
- Parking will be on site.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

10. EVENT NAME: CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE DAY

PRESENTED BY: SAVANNAH PENA

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00022

SETUP DATE: 3/27/2026

START DATE: 3/29/2026

END DATE: 3/29/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 3/30/2026

LOCATION: PALO CORONA REGIONAL PARK, 4860 CARMEL VALLEY RD, CARMEL

Organizer Savannah Pena was present and provided the following comments:

- State-sanctioned event.
- Anticipating 1,000 – 1,500 attendees for the 4 hour event.
- 80x40 foot tent will be put up.
 - Updated tent drawings are pending submittal to Housing and Community Development.
- Food will be available for purchase from food trucks and vendors.
- Event activities include environmental presentations, nature-related exhibitions, nature walks, hands-on activities and kids zone with crafts.
- Parking will be on site and at the Community Church of the Monterey Peninsula (4590 Carmel Valley Rd, Carmel-By-The-Sea, CA 93923). Parking is coordinated by Carmel River Watershed Conservancy.
- Event is open to the public and admission is free.
- Construction permit for the tent is pending submittal to Housing and Community Development.
- Food and Health Permit applications have been submitted to the Health Department and pending approval.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

11. EVENT NAME: EVENT NAME: NAMIWALKS (National Alliance on Mental Illness Walks) MONTEREY COUNTY

PRESENTED BY: KATE MITCHELL MEHLE

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00023

SETUP DATE: 5/2/2026

START DATE: 5/2/2026

END DATE: 5/2/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 5/2/2026

LOCATION: TORO PARK, 501 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS

Organizer Kate Mitchell Mehle was present and provided the following comments:

- Registration is required to participate, but there is no fee.
- Events include 1 mile and 5 kilometer walks.
- Event permit application is pending submittal.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

12. EVENT NAME: CARMEL VALLEY GARDEN CLUB GARDEN SHOW

PRESENTED BY: BART BURROWS

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00025

SETUP DATE: 4/30/2026

START DATE: 5/2/2026

END DATE: 5/3/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 5/3/2026

LOCATION: HIDDEN VALLEY MUSIC SEMINARS, 104 W CARMEL VALLEY ROAD, CARMEL VALLEY

Organizer Bart Burrows was not present and Dean Hatfield provided the following comments:

- Spectator parking is at Hidden Valley Music Seminars and has a capacity of 150 vehicles.
- Event Activities include: Plant exhibition, plant photography competition and sale of plants and garden art.
 - Approximately 20 vendors.
 - Proceeds from the event benefit local charities.
- Food for sale is provided by Woody's Restaurant.
 - Health Permit will be obtained by the restaurant.
 - Food is pre-prepared, no food will be cooked on site.
- Beer and Wine will be sold by the Carmel Valley Garden Club.
 - Alcohol and Beverage Control permit submitted to Monterey County Sheriff's Office.
- Admission to the event is free.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

13. EVENT NAME: MONTEREY SPARTAN EVENT WEEKEND

PRESENTED BY: CHELSEA HAWLEY

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00028

SETUP DATE: 5/22/2026

START DATE: 5/30/2026

END DATE: 5/10/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 6/1/2026

LOCATION: TORO PARK, 501 MONTEREY SALINAS HIGHWAY, SALINAS

Organizer Chelsea Hawley was not present and Dona Luna provided the following comments:

- Parking is contracted with Weathertech Raceway (Laguna Seca) and shuttles will take participants to Toro Park.
- Coordinating with Dona Luna on Special Use Permit and will be taken to the Board of Supervisors for approval.
- Anticipating approximately 3,500 participants on Saturday and 4,000 participants on Sunday.
 - The number does not include spectators.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

14. EVENT NAME: TUBA Y TAMBORA FEST 2026

PRESENTED BY: IVAN RAMOS SANTOS QUINTERO

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00013

SETUP DATE: 3/1/2026

START DATE: 3/1/2026

END DATE: 3/1/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 3/1/2026

LOCATION: MONTEREY COUNTY SHERIFF'S POSSE, 395 OLD NATIVIDAD ROAD, SALINAS

Organizer Ivan Ramos Santos Quintero was not present and Liz Gonzales provided the following comments:

- Music Event.
- Parking will be on site.
- Event was originally planned for February and changed to March 1.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Old Items

1. EVENT NAME: LIVE AT RUSTIQUE WINES: THE DEAD CASSETTES

PRESENTED BY: SARA SILACCI

FILE NUMBER(S): 26SE00029

SETUP DATE: 2/21/2026

START DATE: 2/21/2026

END DATE: 2/21/2026

DISMANTLE DATE: 2/21/2026

LOCATION: RUSTIQUE WINES, 1010 RIVER ROAD, SALINAS

Organizer Sara Silacci was not present and Liz Gonzales provided the following comments:

- Live music concert at the winery.
- Use of the property as a music venue is an allowed use of the winery.
- Reminder that Special Event Questionnaires are submitted 60 – 90 days prior to the event to ensure all departments have the time to review.

Regulatory agencies' comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Public comments pertaining to this event: NONE

Adjournment