1. CALL TO ORDER
Chair O’Connell called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair O’Connell.

3. ROLL CALL
Voting Members Present:
- Supervisor Jane Parker (Monterey County)
- Supervisor John Phillips (Monterey County)
- Supervisor Mary Adams (Monterey County)
- Mayor Jerry Edelen (City of Del Rey Oaks)
- Councilmember Frank O’Connell (City of Marina)
- Councilmember Gail Morton (City of Marina)
- Councilmember Alan Haffa (City of Monterey)

Mayor Ralph Rubio (City of Seaside)
Councilmember Dennis Alexander (City of Seaside)
Mayor David Pendergrass (City of Sand City)
Mayor Joe Gunter (City of Salinas)
Councilmember Cynthia Garfield (City of Pacific Grove)
Mayor Steve Dallas (City of Carmel-by-the-sea)

Ex-officio (Non-Voting) Board Members Present: Kathleen Lee (20th Congressional District), Debbie Hale (TAMC), Dr. PK Diffenbaugh (MPUSD), Dr. Scott Brandt (UCSC), Dr. Eduardo Ochoa (CSUMB), Bill Collins (Ft Ord BRAC Office), Vicki Nakamura (MPC), Lisa Rheinheimer (MST), Dr. Thomas Moore (MCWD)

Absent: Nicole Charles (17th State District Senator Monning), Erica Parker (29th State Assembly member Stone), Colonel Brown (US Army)

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CORRESPONDENCE
a. Resolutions Acknowledging Fort Ord Recovery Service

Chair O’Connell acknowledged new Board members. Executive Officer, Michael Houlemard announced the resolution acknowledgment was intended for Congressman Sam Farr; however, the item will be postponed as Mr. Farr was unable to attend the meeting.

5. CONSENT AGENDA
a. Approve November 4, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
b. Approve December 9, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes
c. Administrative Committee
d. Veterans Issues Advisory Committee
e. Water/Wastewater Oversight Committee
f. Travel Report
g. Public Correspondence to the Board
h. Environmental Services Cooperative Agreement-Quarterly Report Update
Chair O’Connell reviewed the items on the consent agenda. Board member Morton posed questions regarding items 5c (“Administrative Committee Report”) and 5i (“Building Removal Update”) and item 5f (“Travel Report”). Mr. Houlemard responded to questions.

**Motion:** On motion by Board member Morton and second by Board member Rubio and carried by the following vote, the Board approved consent agenda items 5a-5e and 5g-5j.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

Mr. Houlemard responded to questions with regard to the details of the Travel Report and advised the Board that the item is still to be considered by the Executive Committee. Board member Parker provided corrections to item 5a (“November 4, 2016 meeting minutes”) and indicated she should be noted as absent.

Public comment was received.

**Motion:** On motion by Board member Morton and second by Board member Rubio and carried by the following vote, the Board approved consent agenda item 5f.

**MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

### 6. BUSINESS ITEM

a. **2017 Board Officers Election**

   Mr. Houlemard provided the voting procedures. The nominations were made unanimously from the nominating committee and announced as follows:

   Chair: Seaside Mayor Ralph Rubio  
   Vice Chair: Monterey County Supervisor Jane Parker  
   Past Chair: Marina Mayor Pro-Tem Frank O’Connell  
   Member-at-Large: Del Rey Oaks Mayor Jerry Edelen  
   Member-at-Large: Salinas Mayor Joe Gunter  
   Ex-Officio (Non-Voting) Member: CSUMB President Dr. Eduardo Ochoa

   A substitute nomination for the position of Chair was made from a member of the public for Board member Jane Parker.

   Chair O’Connell requested a roll call vote and those in favor of the nominating committee’s nomination voted “Rubio” and those in favor of the public’s nomination voted “Parker.” There were no abstentions.

   The roll call vote was recorded as follows:

   Sup. Jane Parker Rubio  
   Sup. John Phillips Rubio  
   Sup. Mary Adams Parker  
   Mayor Jerry Edelen Rubio  
   Councilmember Frank O’Connell Rubio
The vote concluded 10-3 and approved the nomination of Mayor Ralph Rubio as Board Chair.

By voice vote, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination for Supervisor Jane Parker as vice-chair and Councilmember Frank O’Connell for the position of Past-Chair.

A substitute nomination for the position of member-at-large was made from the Board and the public for Board member Alan Haffa. Board member Haffa declined the nomination and suggested that the Board review the process of rotating the leadership roles between Board members at a later meeting.

By voice vote, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination for Mayor Jerry Edelen as the member-at-large.

A substitute nomination for the position of member-at-large was made from the Board for Alan Haffa. Board member Haffa declined the nomination and asked the process to be reviewed and placed on a future agenda.

By voice vote, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination for Mayor Joe Gunter as the member-at-large.

By voice vote, the Board voted unanimously to approve the nomination for CSUMB President, Dr. Eduardo Ochoa as the Ex-Officio (non-voting) member.

These members will also serve as the Executive Committee.

b. Economic Development Quarterly Status Update
Josh Metz, Economic Development Manager, provided a presentation on the “Fort Ord Reuse: Economic Recovery Status,” that reviewed the history, goals, strategies, progress, opportunities and challenges of base recovery on the former Fort Ord. Mr. Metz responded to questions from the Board and the public.

c. Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Report Update
Jonathan Brinkmann, Principal Planner, provided a presentation to update the Board of the HCP. The presentation reviewed the HCP report background, comment letter received from the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the approach utilized to address those comments. The HCP schedule was also outlined in the presentation. Mr. Brinkmann responded to questions from the Board and the public.

d. Authorize Water Augmentation Study Solicitation
Peter Said, Project Manager, provided a presentation about the Water Augmentation Three-Party Planning Study Solicitation. The presentation included the history/background, program overview, the details of the programs phases 1 and 2, and the next steps. Staff recommended the Board authorize FORA Executive Officer to solicit, negotiate, and select a professional services contract
for a Fort Ord Water Augmentation Planning Alternatives Study, not to exceed $157,000. The contract would be brought back to the Board for consideration.

Motion: On motion by Board member Morton and second by Board member Parker and carried by the following vote, the Board authorized FORA Executive Officer to solicit, negotiate, and select a professional services contract for a Fort Ord Water Augmentation Planning Alternatives Study, not to exceed $157,000.

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
There were no verbal comments received from the public.

8. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS
Board member Dr. Thomas Moore announced a Special Districts Association of Monterey County meeting on Tuesday, January 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Chair O'Connell had comments regarding his tenure as Chair of the Board and turned the gavel over to incoming Chair Ralph Rubio.

9. ADJOURNMENT at 4:14 p.m.