



NOSSAMAN LLP | Memorandum

TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

FROM: Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

DATE: February 9, 2023

RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts

- a. **RAISE Planning Grant:** Nossaman is meeting with the PWWF Department to discuss support for this grant application that would fund pre-construction planning for the Jolon Road Overlay Safety Improvement Project. Applications are due February 28, 2023.
- b. **Farmworker Resource Center Grant:** Nossaman reviewed the County's grant application drafted by the County's Health Department. The application proposes to create a new Farmworker Resource Center (FRC) will use methods for engaging with the community and providing services that have been developed over the past two years for its Virus Integrated Distribution of Aid (VIDA) COVID-19 Community Health Worker (CHW) education and services program and which can be readily adapted to a Farmworker Resource Center with multiple partners. The application requested \$1,041,250 and was submitted on December 21, 2022.
- c. **Interlake Tunnel CDFW Grant Agreement Extension:** WRA alerted Nossaman that an extension is needed for the \$17 million CDFW grant agreement for the Interlake Tunnel project. The current agreement for Interlake Tunnel Fish Exclusion Grant is limited to administration and construction costs of the fish screening systems and modifications needed at San Antonio. The agreement is set to expire on June 30, 2023. In order to request an extension, the County would need to secure language in the FY 2023-24 State Budget. Additionally, Nossaman has been advised that this agreement may be subject to a limit of 2, 1-year extension. Nossaman plans to reach out to the delegation and request state budget language.
- d. **Urban Drought Relief Program:** The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (WRA) submitted two applications under this grant program on January 31, 2023. Nossaman alerted the WRA of the grant opportunity, and met with staff several times to discuss the grant program and provide guidance and feedback on the requirements and competitiveness. The Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project Well Rehabilitation and Replacement Proposal requested \$4,302,500, and the Weather Modification Pilot Program for the Nacimiento and San Antonio Watersheds project requested \$3,298,001.
- e. **San Lucas Drinking Water Project:** Nossaman had to reschedule the check-in meeting with the State Resources Water Control Board on January 13, due to the severe storm impacts the County was dealing with. We are working on rescheduling this meeting to discuss updates

and the status of the San Lucas Drinking Water Project. As of November 1, 2022, the Division of Drinking Water has regulatory jurisdiction over the San Lucas Water District's water supply system therefore any proposed alternative for the drinking water system will be permitted directly by the Division of Drinking Water instead of the County of Monterey Health Department. The San Lucas Water District has accepted technical assistance from the State Water Board's Division of Financial Assistance.

f. Grant Track: See attached.