



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

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- a. **Status of the Legislature:** The Governor had until September 30 to take action on all bills passed by the Legislature. The Legislature will be on recess and in their Districts until they come back to Sacramento on December 5<sup>th</sup> to be sworn in. Members will be able to introduce bills that day. The new 2023-24 Legislative session will begin the first week of January. The calendar for the year has not yet been released, but bill introduction deadline will be sometime in late February 2023.
- b. **State Budget Earmark: Next Steps:** Nossaman contacted the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to discuss next steps in drawing down the \$6,163,000 for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) for Nacimiento Dam Maintenance projects. Nossaman had an initial meeting with DWR to discuss the funding agreement. We are working on setting up a meeting with DWR and the WRA to discuss the details of the funding agreement.
- c. **Legislation:** The Governor had until September 30 to take action on all bills passed by the Legislature. Below is a chart outlining the Governor’s actions on bills that the County had a position on.

Measure	Author	Topic	Position	Status
<a href="#">AB 1654</a>	<a href="#">Rivas, Robert</a> D	Low-income housing: insurance tax: income tax: credits: farmworker housing.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">AB 1951</a>	<a href="#">Grayson</a> D	Sales and use tax: exemptions: manufacturing.	Oppose	VETOED
<a href="#">AB 2179</a>	<a href="#">Grayson</a> D	COVID-19 relief: tenancy.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">AB 2256</a>	<a href="#">Quirk-Silva</a> D	Office of Broadband and Digital Literacy: reports.	Co-Sponsored	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">AB 2339</a>	<a href="#">Bloom</a> D	Housing element: emergency shelters: regional housing need.	Support If Amended	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">AB 2449</a>	<a href="#">Rubio, Blanca</a> D	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	Support If Amended	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">AB 2509</a>	<a href="#">Fong</a> R	Vehicles: vehicle license fee and registration fees: exemptions.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">AB 2724</a>	<a href="#">Arambula</a> D	Medi-Cal: alternate health care service plan.	Oppose	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 6</a>	<a href="#">Caballero</a> D	Local planning: housing: commercial zones.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 418</a>	<a href="#">Laird</a> D	Pajaro Valley Health Care District.	Support	CHAPTERED

<a href="#">SB 489</a>	<a href="#">Laird</a> D	Flood management projects: state funding: Pajaro River Flood Risk Management Project.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 496</a>	<a href="#">Laird</a> D	Flood control: water development projects: Pajaro River.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 852</a>	<a href="#">Dodd</a> D	Climate resilience districts: formation: funding mechanisms.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 949</a>	<a href="#">Laird</a> D	Veterans: California Central Coast State Veterans Cemetery.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 1100</a>	<a href="#">Cortese</a> D	Open meetings: orderly conduct.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 1237</a>	<a href="#">Newman</a> D	Licenses: military service.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 1326</a>	<a href="#">Caballero</a> D	Cannabis: interstate agreements.	Support	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SB 1338</a>	<a href="#">Umberg</a> D	Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court Program.	Concerns	CHAPTERED
<a href="#">SJR 8</a>	<a href="#">Caballero</a> D	Social Security Disability Insurance: disabled adult child benefit.	Support	CHAPTERED

- d. **AB 2256 (Quirk-Silva) Middle Mile Advisory Committee – letter:** The Governor signed our co-sponsored bill to add two local government seats to the Middle Mile Advisory Committee. The bill add these seats to the Committee by appointment; one appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the other appointed by the Senate Rules Committee, as members of the committee. Supervisory Alejo would like to request an appointment to the Committee, and would like to send a letter from the Board of Supervisors supporting this request.
- e. **California's Water Supply Strategy:** Meeting with the Governor’s Office Debrief: Nossaman coordinated a meeting with the Governor’s staff on water to discuss our water needs in the context of implementing the Governor’s document released in August, “California’s Water Supply Strategy.” Supervisor Alejo and Supervisor Lopez, along with WRA, PWFP and CAO-IGLA staff participated in the meeting. We did confirm that the final exacted 2022-23 State Budget did include \$100 million in competitive grant funding for dam infrastructure projects. Nossaman will continue to keep the Governor’s staff informed on updates regarding our water needs.
- f. **Veterans Home:** Nossaman has requested a meeting with the Assembly Veteran’s Committee Chair staff to discuss a potential informational hearing related to housing our Veteran’s. Additionally Nossaman participated in an internal County meeting to discuss a press conference related to opening a Veteran’s home in Monterey County. We will be working with our Legislative Delegation to introduce a bill that would allow for the construction of this project.
- g. **Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders:** The following actions have been taken by the Governor since the last Legislative Committee meeting.
- September 9 – Governor Gavin Newsom announced on Friday, September 9, 2022 that California has secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to help ensure the availability of vital resources to suppress the Mosquito Fire burning in El Dorado and Placer counties.
  - September 14 – Public health leaders end weekly COVID-19 testing requirements for workers.

- September 19 - Governor Gavin Newsom signed an emergency proclamation to support communities recovering from several fires that started during the recent extreme heat wave. The proclamation enables the counties to access resources under the California Disaster Assistance Act, expedites debris removal and cleanup of hazardous waste resulting from the fires and supports impacted residents by easing access to unemployment benefits and waiving fees to replace documents such as driver's licenses and birth certificates.
  - September 23 - On Native American Day, Governor Gavin Newsom signed several bills to support California Native communities and build on the Administration's work to promote equity, inclusion and accountability throughout the state. In a ceremony joined by leaders of Native American tribes from across California, the Governor signed AB 1314 by Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland) to help address the ongoing crisis of missing and murdered Native people from communities across the country.
  - September 29 - Working to support communities impacted by Hurricane Ian, Governor Gavin Newsom announced the deployment of emergency management and mass care specialists to Florida to support the state's response to the ongoing crisis.
- h. State Bill Track:** See attached. The State Bill Track is a list of legislative, budgetary, and other issues the County of Monterey has taken position or otherwise engaged in advocacy upon. A full list of County legislative advocacy letters can be found at: [Legislative Advocacy Letters](#).