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# Memorandum

**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee

**FROM:** Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

**DATE:** May 13, 2024

**RE:** Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

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## **Summary of Recent Program Efforts:**

- a. San Lucas Drinking Water Project:** Nossaman has been in discussion with the County's entire Legislative Delegation about a funding solution for this project. There are challenges, as a funding request through the "member request" process in the state budget may not be a viable option this year given the deficit. Additionally, we are evaluating the climate bond for funding programs and project funding opportunities. We continue to maintain communication with the State Board about the long-term project and funding solution. We are also reviewing grant funding opportunities to help finance the project.
- b. Department of Transportation's Rural Surface Transportation Grant program - Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project:** The Department of Public Works, Facilities and Parks is preparing a proposal for the Department of Transportation's Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural) for the Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project improving South Davis Road from Reservation Road to Blanco Road. Nossaman helped secured letters of support for the application from Speaker Rivas and Senator Caballero.
- c. Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance Program:** On December 11, 2023, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) opened the public comment period for the Draft Dam Safety and Enhancements Grant Program Guidelines and Proposal Solicitation and Package (PSP) for repairs, rehabilitation, enhancements, and other dam safety projects at existing state jurisdictional dams and associated facilities. Nossaman shared this draft PSP with the Monterey County Water Resources Agency. The comment period closed on January 29, 2024. DWR recently reopened the public comment period, signaling that they may be opening the solicitation for project soon. Should the funding remain, Nossaman will assist the County in applying for these funds.
- d. Grant Track:** See attached.