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TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

FROM: Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor
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DATE: April 14, 2025

RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts:

- a. Congressional Funding Requests – Letters of Support:** The County submitted several applications to its federal delegation for congressionally directed funding. Nossaman gathered letters of support for the projects listed below, from Senator Laird and Assemblymember Addis.
- San Lucas Clean Drinking Water
 - Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Safety Projects
 - Salinas Skate Park and BMX Pump Track
 - Salinas Regional Soccer Complex
 - County Parks Outdoor Education and Environmental Stewardship Project
 - County Parks Outdoor Accessible and Inclusive Fitness Project
 - Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project
 - Homeless Encampment Resolution - Reclamation Ditch Restoration
- b. Lucas Drinking Water Project:** There was a community meeting held on March 6 by the State Water Board. The County submitted public comment, with Nossaman’s review and suggestions, in support of Alternative 4 – Wellhead Treatment with New Well Drilling, specifically with Sub-Alternative B – Physical and/or Managerial Consolidation with Cal Water, in the final and most recent engineer report. This option represents the most viable, long-term solution for San Lucas, ensuring the community’s water system is affordable, professionally managed, and sustainable for its residents. Nossaman is evaluating Proposition 4 grant funding opportunities for the San Lucas Drinking Water Project. Additionally, we continue to work with the County’s legislative delegation on any state budget or state agency flexible funding that could help finance the project.
- c. California Coastal Conservancy Proposition 4 Application:** Nossaman participated in the Coastal Conservancy webinar in March 2025 about funding opportunities from the 2024 Climate Bond (Prop 4). The Conservancy is accepting applications on a rolling basis now and encourages applicants to meet and discuss projects with the regional managers. We are working with the County to identify potential projects.
- d. Grant Track:** See attached.