



WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

Monterey County

DATE: June 8, 2018

TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee
FROM: Elizabeth Krafft, Senior Water Resources Hydrologist
SUBJECT: Updates: 1. Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification Project Fish Screens
2. Agency grants status

1. The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) has been working with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) since 2015 to identify a solution to the possible movement of white bass from Nacimiento Reservoir into San Antonio Reservoir via the Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification Project (Project).

In February 2018, it became clear that CDFW would require fish screens to be part of the intake design for the Project and that CDFW would not provide funding for the fish screens. CDFW is willing to collaborate with the Agency to define acceptable design criteria for the fish screens and concur on the design of the tunnel intake structure. CDFW has also offered to assist the Agency to develop proposals that are eligible for CDFW grant funds.

The Agency and CDFW continue to meet and have discussions about the fish screen design and finalizing the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA). The current timeline is for the MOA to go before the Agency's Board of Directors and Board of Supervisors on June 11, 2018 for approval.

On May 23, 2017, a request for a \$17 million local assistance grant to pay for the fish screens (to be taken from the California General Fund) was sent to the California Senate and Assembly budget committees. The request letter was signed by Senator Monning, Senator Cannella, Assemblymember Anna Caballero and Assemblymember Mark Stone.

2. The Agency currently has several grants that have been awarded and work is in progress along with others that are currently under review or in the application phase. The following table outlines the grants and the status of each:

Grant Title	Amount	Status	Granting Entity
Update Winter Storm/Flood Annex of Emergency Operations Plan and Begin Migration to ALERT2	\$312,124	Awarded and work in progress	CA Department of Water Resources
Complete Migration to ALERT2	\$162,782	Tentative Award	CA Department of Water Resources
Interlake Tunnel and Spillway Modification	\$10 Million	Awarded and work in progress	CA Department of Water Resources
Salinas River Long-term Management Plan	\$1 Million	Awarded and work in progress	CA Coastal Conservancy
Instream flow assessment of impacts to streamflow regimes impacted by Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams, Salinas River Diversions and Groundwater Extractions (A phased extension of the Salinas River Long-term Management Plan)	\$1.2 Million	Application under review	CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
Protection of Domestic Drinking Water Supplies for the City of Salinas and the Community of Castroville	\$10 Million	Concept proposals due June/July 2018	CA State Waterboard