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Consider taking a support position on Assembly Bill 1585 (Alejo) "Monterey County Water Resources Agency. Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio.", as amended April 4, 2016.
(ADDED VIA ADDENDUM)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board of Supervisors consider taking a support position on Assembly Bill 1585 (Alejo) "Monterey County Water Resources Agency. Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio.", as amended April 4, 2016.

SUMMARY/DISCUSSION:

On January 6, 2016, Assembly Member Luis Alejo introduced Assembly Bill (AB) 1585 in an effort to provide funding to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency to aid in the construction of a tunnel between Lake San Antonio and Lake Nacimiento (Interlake Tunnel Project) and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio. Senator Anthony Cannella is a principal coauthor, and Senator Bill Monning is a coauthor of AB 1585.

AB 1585 was amended on February 8, 2016 and again on April 4, 2016. The current version of the bill includes language changes suggested to Assembly Member Alejo by the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

As of this writing, AB 1585 has not been heard in an Assembly Committee so no Committee analyses are available. AB 1585 is scheduled to have its first hearing on April 12, 2016 in the Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee.

The State of California Office of Legislative Counsel is a nonpartisan public agency that drafts legislative proposals, prepares legal opinions, and provides other confidential legal services to the Legislature and others. The Legislative Counsel's Digest for AB 1585 (as amended April 4, 2016) reads as follows:

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1585, as amended, Alejo. Monterey County Water Resources Agency: Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio.

Existing law establishes the Monterey County Water Resources Agency as a flood control and water agency within the County of Monterey. Existing law authorizes the agency to award a design-build contract for the combined design and construction of a project to connect Lake San Antonio, located in the County of Monterey, and Lake Nacimiento, located in the County of San Luis Obispo, with an underground tunnel or pipeline for the purpose of maximizing water storage, supply, and groundwater recharge.

This bill would appropriate \$25,000,000 from an unspecified source to the agency for the purpose of constructing a water conveyance tunnel between Lake Nacimiento and Lake San Antonio and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio, as specified.

This bill would make legislative findings and declarations as to the necessity of a special

statute for the Monterey County Water Resources Agency.

This bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: 2/3. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no. AB 1585 requires that the Water Resources Agency construct the Interlake Tunnel Project in accordance with the design-build process authorized by Section 11.1 of the Monterey County Water Resources Agency Act (Chapter 1159 of the Statutes of 1990, as amended by Chapter 865 of the Statutes of 2014).

As an urgency measure, AB 1585 requires a 2/3 vote for passage.

According to the Office of Assembly Member Luis Alejo, as of April 5, 2016 the following entities have registered positions on AB 1585:

- Support - State Building & Construction Trades Council of California;
- Oppose - none.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT

Information on AB 1585 contained in this report was provided by the California State Legislature website and by the office of Assembly Member Luis Alejo.

FINANCING

The passage of AB 1585 could result in up to a \$25,000,000 appropriation from an unspecified source to the Monterey County Water Resources Agency for the purpose of constructing the Interlake Tunnel Project and spillway modifications at Lake San Antonio. Due to the late submission of the report, the CAO Budget and Analysis Division was not provided adequate time to review for potential fiscal, organizational, policy or other implications to the County of Monterey.

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Attachments:

- Exhibit A - AB 1585 support letter (Board of Supervisors)
- Exhibit B - AB 1585 (as amended April 4, 2016)
- Exhibit C - AB 1585 Fact Sheet