

EXHIBIT C

Summary of Proposed 2022 Legislative Proposals and State Budget Requests

The County's Legislative Committee recommends that the Board sponsor the following legislative proposal and State Budget requests.

LEGISLATIVE PROPOSAL: Veterans Home in Monterey County

The County will sponsor State legislation that permits the construction of a Veterans Home in Monterey County – preferably on or near the former Fort Ord. The scope of the project, location and cost are to be determined in coordination with the California Department of Veterans Affairs (CalVet) and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). Per Board of Supervisors Referral 2021.17 *“The legislation should replicate SB 1234 (Johannessen) in 2002 that would authorize the State Public Works Board to issue lease-revenue bonds to finance acquisition, design, and construction of an additional Veterans Home on the former Ft. Ord in Marina, California, and to allow the State Department of General Services, on behalf of the State Department of Veterans Affairs to construct an additional Veterans Home in Marina. The legislation should also seek a continuous appropriation for its operation. Federal legislative efforts would also need to be initiated secure two-thirds of the costs for the acquisition, design and construction and a continuous appropriation for its operation through the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.”*

CalVet's eight Veterans Homes offer affordable long-term care to aged and disabled veterans, eligible spouses and domestic partners with services ranging from independent living programs with minimal support to 24/7 skilled nursing and dementia care for veterans with significant clinical needs. Four of the Veterans Homes offer skilled nursing and dementia care, but all have 2 to 5+ year waiting lists. All the Veterans Homes are at a considerable distance from Monterey County with the closest in Fresno and Yountville (both 2.5 hours away) and Ventura (4 hours away). California is home to the largest Veteran population in the nation (over 1.7 million) and Monterey County is home to nearly 21,000 veterans and thousands of active and reserve military members. In Santa Cruz County, San Luis Obispo and San Benito County, there are an additional 10,000, 17,800 and 2,500 veterans, respectively.

STATE BUDGET REQUEST

\$312 million: Water Storage Infrastructure and Maintenance Projects (\$300 million) and San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project (\$12 million)

The County requests \$312 million for water storage infrastructure & maintenance projects at the San Antonio and Nacimiento Reservoirs, and a drinking water pipeline from San Lucas to King City.

Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) owns and operates the Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs which provide flood control, water supply, groundwater recharge, recreation and other benefits. MCWRA's highest priority capital and maintenance projects, identified in the High Priority Capital Asset Management Program, have not been performed due to a lack of financial resources. Completion of these projects will allow MCWRA to fully operate Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams, meet federal and state regulatory compliance including the rigorous requirements of the California Division of Dam Safety, and assure the safety of Monterey County residents. Total project costs are approximately \$150 million: Nacimiento (\$76.4 million) and San Antonio (\$72.4 million).

Additionally, MCWRA has done extensive early planning and design for the Interlake Tunnel Project between both reservoirs and for the potential raising of the spillway at San Antonio to increase water storage capacity. In 2016, the State of California provided a \$10 million grant for the Interlake Tunnel Project and MCWRA has an agreement with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) for an additional \$17 million to install a Fish Exclusion System during the construction. In August 2020, early water projections for the Interlake Tunnel Project and Raised Spillway were estimated at 54,000 new acre feet of water and another 36,000-acre feet for conservation releases and groundwater recharge. Total additional funding needed to complete these projects is approximately \$150 million.

Monterey County does not receive any imported water from state or federal projects and upwards of 95% of the water used comes from local groundwater supplies. Reservoir operations provide a buffer against drought conditions to Salinas Valley water users. The MCWRA has been able to make releases to provide groundwater recharge, despite very limited minimal inflows in the last two years. However, in 2021 operations were curtailed two months earlier than normal. Without significant inflows, there will be little opportunity for operations next season and in future years due to the current severe drought. It is therefore imperative to pursue State funding to help ensure a sustainable water supply for the critically important Salinas Valley region for generations to come.

San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project: San Lucas is a small, disadvantaged farming community located in unincorporated Monterey County approximately eight miles from King City. The community water system (approximately 100 connections) is owned and operated by the San Lucas County Water District. The San Lucas Water Supply Project would address addressing ongoing water quality problems at the existing District water source which have occurred since 2006. The Project would construct a new pipeline to tie into the Cal Water system on the east side of King City and deliver water directly to the District water distribution tank. The pipeline is anticipated to be approximately 7.8 miles long and run along the eastern side of Highway 101 and the railroad line. Funding in the amount of \$12 million is sought for design, environmental assessment, engineering, and construction work to provide a clean, long-term, reliable source of drinking water to meet the community's current and future needs.

STATE BUDGET REQUEST – Dam Safety and Infrastructure Funding

The County will continue to work in coalition with several other water stakeholders across the state to request State funding for dam and spillway safety and infrastructure projects. Monterey County Water Resources Agency (MCWRA) owns and operates the Nacimiento and San Antonio dams and reservoirs. These two dams provide flood protection and groundwater recharge to more than 418,000 acres, with much of the acreage supporting the County's \$11.7 billion agricultural industry. Included in this area is a population of over 200,000 people in the Cities of King City, Gonzales, Soledad and Salinas, as well as rural areas that utilize groundwater as the primary drinking water supply. MCWRA currently has self-imposed operational criteria in place for these facilities and, without improvements, it is possible that further water storage limitations will be required, impacting MCWRA's ability to provide reservoir releases necessary for groundwater recharge and municipal, industrial, and irrigation water supply wells. MCWRA currently needs \$150 million to complete the necessary projects at both Nacimiento and San Antonio dams.

STATE BUDGET REQUEST – Old Monterey County Jail (\$15 million)

The County is requesting \$15 million in State funding for a construction project to reuse the historic Old Monterey County Jail (Old Jail) in Salinas, CA.

The Old Jail was constructed in 1931 and occupies approximately 41,000 square feet. The facility originally consisted of a multi-level Administrative building with the jail located behind the building connected by a stairwell. The most compelling and noticeable architectural feature of the Jail is the front façade of the Administration Wing. The style of the building is Gothic Revival, which was often used during the Art Deco period of the 19th century for public buildings and academic structures. Additions were made circa 1950 around the original building. The Old Jail served as the main County jail until a new jail was completed in 1977 and thereafter has remained functionally vacant.

In 2004, the Old Jail was listed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places reflecting its architectural significance and for areas where César Chávez was imprisoned. It is the only historic landmark of the farmworker rights movement on the Central Coast. In December 1970, César Chávez, co-founder of the United Farm Workers, was held in the Old Jail for 20 days for refusing to call off a lettuce boycott, thereby raising national and international attention for farmworkers. His incarceration brought national figures such as Ethel Kennedy and Coretta Scott King to the jail to visit and advocate for his release. This event is considered pivotal in the struggle for farm labor rights.

The \$15 million in State funding would be used to retain the Administrative Building portion of the Old Jail. This would retain a significant piece of the historic resource that fronts Alisal Street, which could be used as a museum of the Labor movement. The area behind the Administrative Building could be a new memorial park dedicated to César Chávez that could be used for civic rallies similar to the Labor movement and is located at the west end of a promenade leading to Historic Downtown Salinas. This project presents a unique opportunity to preserve and reuse the historic site, stimulate local economy, promote cultural pride for a significant event in the farm labor movement, with careful consideration of the community's needs and with respect for the historic significance of the site.

STATE BUDGET REQUEST – Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility (\$40 million)

The County is requesting \$40 million to convert the old jail to a Mental Health Rehabilitation Facility. The facility would be approximately 110 beds with half of those beds used by Monterey County and the other half by neighboring counties. The facility would provide locked mental health rehabilitation services with a focus on bringing individuals home from locked Institutes of Mental Disease (IMD) placements throughout the state. The goal is to provide rehabilitation services locally, and then step down to unlocked levels of care when possible. One wing would be focused on serving Transition Aged Youth (18 and over). Misdemeanor restoration of competency would be a service provided in the facility. Operations would be contracted out. The facility will require 24/7 staffing, including Psychiatrist, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, support and administrative staff.

STATE BUDGET REQUEST – Health Clinic in Marina, CA (\$10 million)

The County seeks \$10 million in funding to relocate and expand its health clinic in Marina, CA. The current Marina clinic is 1,790 square feet, with four (4) exam rooms, and staffed by two (2) providers that provide general family practice services. The building has a poor layout and is too small to serve the needs of the community. The proposal is to construct a new 10,000 square foot clinic with 12 exam rooms and office space to deliver general family practice, obstetrics and gynecology, and mental health integration services to better support the Medi-Cal and uninsured population in this community. A final site has not yet been selected for this project.