



WATER RESOURCES AGENCY

MEMORANDUM

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Monterey County

**DATE:** March 6, 2026

**TO:** Finance & Administration Committee

**FROM:** Ara Azhderian, General Manager

**SUBJECT:** Agency's 2026 Requests for Federal Funding:

Working with the County's Legislative Program Manager and federal advocacy team, the Agency has prepared funding requests for 3 projects: the San Antonio Dam Low Level Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project; the Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project; and the Reclamation Ditch Restoration Project. These requests have been submitted to Senators Padilla and Schiff, and Representatives Lofgren and Panetta. In the 2025 federal legislative cycle, Senator Padilla picked up the Agency's request for the San Antonio Dam Low Level Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project but, ultimately, it was not included in the final budget package signed by President Trump in January.

The Agency is also preparing for the potential to submit funding requests to our state representatives, if the opportunity presents. The two funding requests we would present would be for the balance of the San Antonio Dam Low Level Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project and for both low-level and high-level outlet works projects at Nacimiento.

Attachments:

- Padilla – Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams/Reservoirs Safety Projects
- Padilla – Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project
- Padilla – Reclamation Ditch Restoration Project