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TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

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RE: State Legislative Program: Advocacy Update – **AGENDA ITEM #**

State Report

1. Receive Reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of supervisors on:
 - a. **Status of the Legislature:** The legislature will reconvene with the second year of the session on January 5, 2026. Throughout the fall, the Assembly and Senate have been and will continue to host informational and oversight committee hearings on various topics. Should there be anything relevant to the County, we will monitor and report on those hearings.

Additionally, the California State Constitution requires that the governor submit a budget proposal to the legislature annually by January 10. The Director of Finance, as the Chief Financial Advisor to the governor, leads this effort and issues instructions and guidelines for budget preparation to agencies and departments. Therefore, planning for the 2026 budget is already underway and will continue through the fall and winter.

Currently, there are no active bills before the legislature. In our last report, we provided an update on the final disposition of the County's priority bills. See below for details on the next deadline for each of the County's two-year bills, should the bill's author resume pushing it forward. In general, bills that did not pass the first house during the first year of the session will have only a few weeks in January to remain active. On the other hand, bills that have already passed through the first house will have more time to move through the process.

Measure	Author	Topic	Position	Notes
AB 63	Rodriguez, Michelle, D	Loitering with intent to commit prostitution.	Support	This bill did not pass the first house and was held in Assembly Public Safety Committee. For this bill to move forward, it would need to pass out of the committee by January 16, 2026, and then move from the Assembly to the Senate by January 31, 2026.
AB 259	Rubio, Blanca, D	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	Support	This bill will not move forward in its current form. It was merged into SB 707.

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<u>AB 431</u>	<u>Wilson, D</u>	Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Act.	Support	This bill passed through the first house and was held in the Senate Transportation Committee. This bill would have until April 24 to pass the policy committee.
<u>AB 928</u>	<u>Rogers, D</u>	Roosters: restrictions.	Support	This bill did pass through the first house and was held in the Senate Agriculture Committee. This bill would have until April 24 to pass the policy committee.
<u>AB 933</u>	<u>Ávila Fariás, D</u>	Organized residential camps: organized day camps.	Oppose	This bill did not pass the first house and was held in Assembly Health Committee. For this bill to move forward, it would need to pass out of the committee by January 16, 2026, and then move from the Assembly to the Senate by January 31, 2026.
<u>AB 946</u>	<u>Bryan, D</u>	Chief probation officer: designee.	Oppose	This bill did not pass the first house and was held in Assembly Public Safety Committee. For this bill to move forward, it would need to pass out of the committee by January 16, 2026, and then move from the Assembly to the Senate by January 31, 2026.
<u>AB 1185</u>	<u>Hart, D</u>	California Library Services, Equity in Opportunity Act.	Oppose	This bill did not pass the first house and was held in Assembly Education Committee. For this bill to move forward, it would need to pass out of the committee by January 16, 2026, and then move from the Assembly to the Senate by January 31, 2026.
<u>AB 1413</u>	<u>Papan, D</u>	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.	Oppose Unless Amended	This bill did pass through the first house and was held on the Senate floor in an inactive file. This bill would have until the last day of session, August 31, to pass the Senate.
<u>SB 74</u>	<u>Seyarto, R</u>	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program.	Support	This bill did pass through the first house and was held in the Senate Suspense File. This bill would have until August 14 to pass off suspense and move to the Senate Floor for a vote.
<u>SB 239</u>	<u>Arreguín, D</u>	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.	Support	This bill did not pass through the first house and was held on the Senate floor in an inactive file. This bill would have until May 29 to pass to the Assembly. It is not likely that this bill will be picked up in the second session as the

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				legislature addressed the Brown Act with SB 707.
<u>SB 357</u>	<u>Menjivar, D</u>	Juveniles: delinquency.	Oppose	This bill did pass through the first house and was held on the Assembly floor in an inactive file. This bill would have until the last day of session, August 31, to pass the Assembly.
<u>SB 496</u>	<u>Hurtado, D</u>	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.	Support	This bill did not pass through the first house and was held in the Senate Suspense File. This bill would have until August 14 to pass off suspense and move to the Senate Floor for a vote.
<u>SB 577</u>	<u>Laird, D</u>	State Government.	Support	This bill did pass through the first house and was held on the Assembly floor in an inactive file. This bill would have until the last day of session, August 31, to pass the Assembly.
<u>SB 599</u>	<u>Caballero, D</u>	Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools.	Support	This bill did pass through the first house and was held on the Assembly floor in an inactive file. This bill would have until the last day of session, August 31, to pass the Assembly.
<u>SB 601</u>	<u>Allen, D</u>	Water: waste discharge.	Oppose	This bill did pass through the first house and was held in the Assembly Suspense File. This bill would have until August 14 to pass off suspense and move to the Assembly Floor for a vote.

b. California State Association of Counties (CSAC) Letter – Victims of Crime Act (VOCA): With ongoing instability in federal funding, the future of services funded by the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) remains uncertain. CSAC has asked the County of Monterey to sign onto a coalition letter to the governor and key State Legislators requesting \$97 million in one-time funding to bridge the gap in federal funding for victim services and prevent the catastrophic impact that decreased federal funding will have on survivors of crime.

c. Suggest Sponsored Legislation and Budget Priorities:

We would like feedback from the Legislative Committee on potential sponsored legislation and state budget priorities. After discussions with four of the five County Supervisors, and several departments, we have generated a list of priority projects for the County which will be discussed later in the agenda.

d. Governor’s Actions and Executive Orders:

- October 13 - Governor Newsom ordered additional specialized equipment and highly trained personnel to protect communities in Los Angeles, Ventura, Orange and Santa Barbara counties.

- October 10 – Governor Newsom signed a bipartisan package of bills to support the ongoing wildfire rebuilding and recovery efforts in Los Angeles.
- October 9 – Governor Newsom approved the prepositioning of fire and rescue resources in Imperial and San Bernardino counties in response to extreme weather conditions forecast to impact the areas.
- October 6 – Governor Newsom announced the deployment of multiple personnel to Arizona and Puerto Rico in response to multiple hazards.

e. State Bill/Issues Track: See attached.