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TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

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DATE: September 14, 2026

RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update – **AGENDA ITEM #6**

Grant Report – *Presenter: Ashley Walker (Nossaman LLP):*

5. Receive reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of Supervisors on:

   a. **San Lucas Drinking Water Project:** The FY 25-26 State Budget allocated $4 million to the San Lucas Drinking Water Project. These funds are being administered by the State Water Board. An agreement was executed for the San Lucas project on July 10. The agreement limits this funding to construction activities. The County is currently in the process of retaining a design consultant who will be funded with federal funding provided by U.S. EPA Community Grants. The design consultant must prepare construction documents before construction will be able to begin. Construction is currently expected to begin next calendar year. EPA funding is expected to be awarded later this calendar year.

   b. **Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Project Update:** Nossaman is participating in discussions regarding FEMA funds for the CRFREE project, and any potential requests for extensions on grant funds for the project. We will continue to be engaged in the matter and enlist assistance from our legislative delegation if needed.

   c. **Proposition 4 Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Program:** The public comment period on the draft grant guidelines closed in June 2026. The official solicitation for applications is expected to be announced between September – December 2026, and will be open for a 60 day period. Grant awards are expected to be made by March 2027. Nossaman is working with WRA to ensure our application is competitive.

   d. **Proposition 4 Stormwater Grant Program:** The draft grant guidelines for this program were open for public comment until August 24, 2026. The solicitation includes $110 million available as grant funding for multi-benefit urban storm water management projects. Grants are available to public agencies, local agencies, nonprofit organizations, special districts, joint powers authorities, public utilities, federally recognized tribe or a tribe listed on California Tribal Consultation List, local publicly owned utilities and mutual water companies for multi-benefit storm water management projects. Nossaman has alerted the County of this opportunity.

   e. **Proposition 4 Statewide Parks Program:** The Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program (SPP) is a competitive grant program creating new parks and new recreation opportunities in underserved communities across California. The 30-Day Public Comment Period closed on June 26. There is $188.5 million available and grant funding will be awarded through a competitive process anticipated to open later in summer 2026.

f. **Grant Track**: See attached.