

**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee**DATE:** March 13, 2017**FROM:** Jennifer Capitolo, Senior Policy Advisor, Nossaman LLP
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Background:

The Strategic Grants Services Program (SGSP) focuses on identifying funding for the County's priority funding needs. The program is managed by the County Administrative Office, Intergovernmental and Legislative Affairs Division in partnership with Nossaman LLP. Priorities are defined by the Board's Strategic Initiatives, the Board's Legislative Priorities, availability of grant funding, ability to meet grant requirements, and a strategic analysis of the County's ability to submit a competitive grant application. Since Nossaman began working with the County, the SGSP has helped secure over \$12 million in grant funding for various Departments.

The matrix attached serves as an update on the activities of the SGSP, and provides information on grants awarded in 2017, grant applications recently submitted, and grant applications currently in progress. The SGSP has alerted County departments and nonprofit partners of ten grant programs on topics such as homelessness, children's services, services for victims of crimes, and redevelopment since January 1, 2017.

SGSP Highlights:

Veterans Court Expansion: The SGSP worked with the Probation Department and the Courts on an application submitted to the U.S. Department of Justice Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program on February 28, 2017. Nossaman took a lead role on the narrative of the application that explained the details of the request and how the funding would be spent. Nossaman assisted with supporting documentation and suggested ways to increase competitiveness. The County requested funding for a new full time Probation Officer position with a sole focus on the Veterans Court and expanding the amount of cases the Court is able to hear. Funding would also support a new partnership with the nonprofit, the Veterans Transition Center. We will know if the County was chosen for funding before September 2017.

Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE):

Nossaman coordinated meetings with the CalOES office and the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to debrief on reasons the County's CRFREE project was not selected for funding through the Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (CalOES) or the Proposition 1 Restoration Grant Program. The Big Sur Land Trust participated in these meetings as a partner on both applications. We believe we were received good constructive criticism and ways we can improve both applications this year. We plan to engage with the County and the Bug Sur Land Trust to re-apply to both of these programs. Nossaman is also working on letters of support for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) FY 2017 Coastal Resilience Grant Program. The Big Sur Land Trust is taking a lead role on putting the application together, with the County as the applicant. Applications are due March 15, 2015. Nossaman has been involved in several strategy calls with the County's Resource Management Agency and the Bug Sur Land Trust to strategize on finding funding to complete the CRFREE project.

Other Grant & Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy Effort Highlights:

California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES): The County has submitted a letter to CalOES to formally request reconsideration of the denial of California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA) funding for the Soberanes Fire. The letter also requests a meeting with CalOES to discuss the reconsideration and the future request for the winter storms damage, which was declared as a State of Emergency by Governor Brown on January 23, 2017. Nossaman has followed up with the Governor's Office and the

legislative delegation representing Monterey County to ensure the meeting is scheduled in a timely manner. As of March 8, 2017, CalOES has not provided us with suggested dates and time. On March 8, Nossaman briefed Assemblywoman Caballero on the lack of response from CalOES and she agreed to place a call to him to move the scheduling along.

Drinking Water Solutions for the Community of San Lucas: County staff continues to work with representatives from the State Water Resources Control Board to discuss drinking water solutions for the community of San Lucas. The County has provided the State Board with a draft scope of work to further evaluate the treatment alternative for the San Lucas Water District. Once the scope of work, timeline, and budget for evaluating the treatment alternative is finalized, the State has committed to amending the financing agreement to incorporate the necessary work.

Governor Brown's Plan to Bolster Dam Safety and Flood Protection: On February 24, 2017, Governor Brown announced a series of actions, immediate and longer-term, to improve dam safety, improve flood protection and fix the state's aging transportation and water infrastructure. To accomplish this goal he is:

- Committing \$437 million in near-term flood control and emergency response actions.
- Requiring emergency action plans and flood inundation maps for all dams.
- Enhancing California's existing dam inspection program.
- Seeking prompt regulatory action and increased funding from the federal government to improve dam safety.

Nossaman will closely monitor the budget process to ensure the County of Monterey/Monterey County Water Resources Agency is eligible for any funds that are made available through the Governor's action.

The following information was provided by the Water Resources Agency related to these types of infrastructure needs:

"The Monterey County Water Resources Agency (Agency) Infrastructure Sustainability Plan (Plan) is designed to address the current state of aging and/or failing infrastructure of Agency facilities that are critical to the provision of water to the Salinas Valley. The age of many of these critical facilities is over 35+ years, with Nacimiento and San Antonio dam infrastructure being over 50 to 60 years old. Though Agency facilities are operational, most of the older facilities have had maintenance, or improvements due to new requirements, deferred. This request covers several discrete facility repairs, and maintenance efforts at Nacimiento Dam and Reservoir, as well as San Antonio Dam and Reservoir.

This latest round of storms has added urgency to need to maintain or repair the aging / failing infrastructure. At Nacimiento Dam and Reservoir, items that need resolution include damage to the Plunge Pool below the Spillway, possible damage to the Spillway (built in the same era as Oroville's Spillway), as well as work that needs to be completed on the Low Level Outlet Works. These appurtenances to the Dam facilitate the effective release of water, which is a major factor to providing water to the Salinas Valley and protection of the Dam itself.

At San Antonio, the outlet works need maintenance and repair. These facilities were built in 1965 and have been underwater since that time. The outlet works, a long pipe and a Butterfly Valve Operator System (60 years old) need to be updated/modified to enhance reliability, efficiency and overall safety for the Dam.

The total for the work needed at both Nacimiento and San Antonio dams and reservoirs is approximately \$12M. Through the work necessary to rehabilitate this aging / failing

infrastructure, the Agency's mission to provide water conservation and flood management, combat seawater intrusion, and increase water source diversity can be achieved."

Interlake Tunnel: Following the Monterey County Legislative Committee's action on 3/7/17 to move forward on legislation to address the White Bass issue, Nossaman has scheduled initial meetings with the California Natural Resources Agency and the Department of Fish and Wildlife to discuss the proposal. Nossaman has provided Senator Canella's staff with the final version of the language for drafting by legislative counsel and will be drafting a legislative fact sheet. Nossaman has met with the Water Resources Agency to draft a list of potential stakeholders and we will be scheduling meetings to educate them on the need for legislation. Lastly, Nossaman had the opportunity to briefly speak with Secretary Laird and gave him a heads up that he would be receiving a call from a County Supervisor regarding the need for legislation. Nossaman will continue to closely communicate these efforts with the Water Resources Agency and CAO-IGLA staffs.

Grant / Issue Tracking Matrix					
Grant Program	Request Amount	Project Summary	Department / Partner(s)	SGSP Role	Award Status
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2017.</i>					
ADMINISTRATION					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2017.</i>					
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES					
<i>No Grant Opportunities Identified yet in 2017.</i>					
INFRASTRUCTURE					
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA) FY 2017 Coastal Resilience Grant Program	\$2 Million	Construction of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE).	RMA, Big Sur Land Trust	Participated in several strategy calls, drafted letter of support, assisted in securing letters of support.	Application Due: March 15, 2017 Awards Expected: September 2017
Beverage Container Recycling Grant Program FY 2017-18 (CalRecycle)	\$249,000	Provide additional recycling and waste facilities and a new refuse collection truck to County Parks, diverting approximately 300,000 more recyclable beverage containers away from landfills each year, and provide educational signage.	Parks, Health - Environmental Health Bureau, CAO- Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs GoGreen Program, and The Offset Project.	Facilitated cooperation with nonprofit Offset Project and the Parks Dept. on application, provided budget support, reviewed application.	Awarded: 01/03/17

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Fire Management Assistance Grant (FEMA)	\$10,300,000	Requested reimbursements for County expenses associated with the Soberanes Fire response effort.	RMA, Sheriff's Department, Office of Emergency Services	Collected all expenses from County departments, audited expenses, prepared and submitted reimbursement packet to CalOES to forward to FEMA.	Submitted: 01/18/17 Awards Expected: Mid-2017
California Disaster Assistance Act (CDAA)	TBD	Requested assistance for repairing damage to County infrastructure associated with January 2017 flood events.	Office of Emergency Services	Reviewed and provided comments and narrative to application.	Submitted: 01/17/17 Awards Expected: Mid-2018
Volkswagen Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Settlement	\$354,000	Installation of electric vehicle charging stations throughout County parking lots and purchase of additional electric vehicles for use in the County fleet.	Contracts and Purchasing	Made department aware of application, reviewed and provided comments on project.	Submitted: 01/16/2017 Awards Expected: March 2017
Proposition 1 Stream Flow Enhancement Program (Wildlife Conservation Board)	\$4.2 Million	Construction of the Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement Program (CRFREE).	RMA	Advised on grant writing strategy and gathered support letters.	Submitted: 08/31/2016 Awards Expected: March 2017

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Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP)	\$9,000,000	Repairs and improvements to Palo Colorado Road, Tassajara Road, Carmel Valley Road, Coast Road, and Los Burros Road to improve access to Federal lands.	RMA	Coordinating initial project meetings, advised on competitive projects, review of draft application material, assisted in securing letters of support.	Application Due: 05/12/2017 Awards Expected: TBD
Congressional Earmark for the Lower Carmel River and Lagoon Floodplain Restoration and Enhancement Project: (US EPA)	\$485,000	Flood reduction and storm water improvements in unincorporated Carmel neighborhoods near Highway 1.	RMA	Facilitated a tour with the US EPA. Facilitated the preparation of bid for environmental review of project, a prerequisite step before funds can become available. A consultant was chosen to work on the project and a contract is being executed.	Awards Expected: Spring 2017
Drinking Water State Revolving Fund	TBD	Drinking water solutions for the community of San Lucas. The County is preparing a scope of work to further evaluate the treatment alternative for the San Lucas Water District.	RMA	Participated in meetings with RMA to assist with strategy on funding opportunities.	Awards Expected: TBD

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PUBLIC SAFETY					
U.S. DOJ Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program	TBD	The County requested funding for a new full time Probation Officer position with a sole focus on the Veterans Court and expanding the amount of cases the Court is able to hear.	Probation Department	Alerted the Departments of the solicitation. Provide grant narrative writing, assistance with attachments, and review of supporting documentation.	Application Submitted: 02/28/2017 Awards Expected: TBD