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ISSUE/BILLS	SUMMARY & STATUS	ACTION(S)
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		
Immigration EO 13767 EO 13768 EO 13769 S. 274 (Feinstein) H.R. 920 H.R. 921 H.R. 837 H.R. 496/S. 128 H.R. 392 S. 1034 (Feinstein) H.R. 2431 H.R. 2406 H.R. 2407 S. 415 H.R. 824 H.R. 83 H.R. 400/S. 87 H.R. 3003 S. 1720 DACA Repeal	President Trump has issued executive orders on immigration and legislation has been introduced in Congress that could have a significant impact on economic development and workforce issues in the County.	2/6/17 BOS resolution sent to House/Senate offices; 2/15/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta; 3/6/17 reviewed new travel ban executive order; 3/16/17 reviewed HR496/S128 (Panetta, Feinstein, Harris cosponsors); 4/3/17 researched status of EO litigation; 5/16/17 reviewed draft Senate legislation; 5/18/17 researched legislation before House Judiciary Com; 6/5/17 reviewed sanctuary city legislation 6/27/17 drafted letter to congressional delegation opposing legislation; 6/29/17 monitored floor debate on H.R. 3003; 8/2/17 monitored WH press conference and analyzed S. 1720; 9/5/17 analyzed DHS memo on DACA
Cannabis Banking Services H.R. 715 S. 1152 H.R. 2215 AG Sessions letter S. 1689 H.R. 2020	Conflicts between federal and state laws result in financial institutions refusing to provide banking services to the cannabis industry in those states where cannabis use is legal. Federal legislation is needed to permit banks and credit unions to serve the cannabis industry.	2/8/17 meeting with CA Credit Union League; 2/15/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta 5/19/17 contacted Sen. Cortez-Masto office re: S.1152 6/5/17 reviewed amendments to H.R. 10 in Rules Committee; 6/28/17 reviewed AG letter; 7/13/17 monitored House Appropriations Committee action; 7/27/17 monitored Senate Appropriations Committee action; 9/6/17 monitored Rules Committee action on medical cannabis amendments

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Fort Ord National Monument EO 13792	President Trump issued an Executive Order (EO) on April 26th that directs the Secretary of the Interior to review certain National Monuments designated or expanded under the Antiquities Act of 1906.	4/28/17 analyzed EO and reviewed Fort Ord background material; 6/1/17 reviewed Fort Ord proclamation; 6/5/17 drafted letter from BOS to Zinke; 6/6/17 submitted BOS letter to regulations.gov 6/7/17 shared letter with congressional delegation
Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary EO 13795 H.R. 731 H.R. 169	President Trump issued an Executive Order titled "Implementing an America-First Offshore Energy Strategy" that directs the Secretary of Commerce to review the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary for potential oil and gas development.	8/2/17 reviewed EO and researched public comments; 8/4/17 reviewed House bills; 8/14/17 drafted and submitted comment letter; 8/22/17 drafted support letters for HR 731 and 169; 8/23/17 emailed support letters to congressional staff
Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) H.R. 753	Congress is expected to consider legislation authorizing a new round of military base closures that could impact DOD facilities on the Central Coast.	3/7/17 reviewed legislation
Housing H.R. 482	Federal policies and financial assistance that support affordable housing are integral to helping the County meets its workforce needs.	2/28/17 reviewed legislation and reported to County staff;
Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)	CDBG is funded through the Transportation-HUD appropriations bill and provides funding to local jurisdictions for a variety of economic development, housing, infrastructure, and social service programs.	3/23/17 contacted Panetta office re: Dear Colleague in support of FY18 funding; 5/1/17 researched funding level in FY17 budget; 9/5/17 monitored House floor action on appropriation bill
ADMINISTRATION		
Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) H.R. 3354	The PILT program, administered by the Department of the Interior, provides compensation to counties with tax-exempt federal land within their boundaries.	5/1/17 researched funding level in FY17 budget; 9/5/17 monitored floor consideration of Interior Appropriations bill
Municipal Bonds	Legislative proposals to limit or eliminate the tax-exempt status of municipal bonds may be considered by Congress in the context of tax reform or infrastructure legislation.	2/7/17 request to Panetta to sign support letter; 2/13/17 report to Leg Com; 7/27/17 reviewed joint statement from WH and congressional leadership; 8/3/17 reviewed NACo material

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Sales Tax Collection on Internet Sales	Congress is expected to consider legislation which would allow counties to enforce their existing sales tax laws regardless of whether a purchase is made in a store, online or through a catalog retailer. Online retailers are now required to collect state sales tax only for states where the retailer has a physical presence, such as a store or distribution center.	
Voting Rights Act	The Supreme Court struck down Section 4 of the Voting Rights Act in <i>Shelby County v. Holder</i> . Section 4 contains the coverage formula that determines which jurisdictions are subject to the federal preclearance requirement in Section 5. Congress must enact legislation to create a new coverage formula in order for Section 5 to have any effect.	
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
Affordable Care Act (ACA) H.R. 1628 Senate amendments	Congress is considering legislation to repeal the ACA as part of a budget reconciliation bill.	2/15/17 reviewed briefing material and coordinated with CAPH for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta; 3/8/17 monitored committee markups; 3/20/17 monitored Rules Committee and floor action; 5/3/17 monitored Rules Com, analyzed amendments, and monitored floor action; 6/6/17 monitored Senate action; 6/26/17 reviewed draft Senate bill and CBO report; 7/25-28/17 monitored Senate floor proceedings 9/6/17 monitored Senate HELP committee hearing
Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)	CHIP provides funding to states for health insurance coverage for kids whose families fall in the gap between meeting eligibility for Medicaid and being able to afford other types of private insurance.	9/5/17 researched status of reauthorization
Medicaid DSH Payments	Natividad Medical Center (NMC) receives Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payments through the Medicaid and Medicare programs to provide care to uninsured patients. The ACA reduced DSH payments as the insured population increased. Repealing the ACA without increasing DSH payments would be detrimental to NMC.	3/1/17 meeting with Panetta

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Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funding	LSTA is funded through the Labor-HHS appropriations bill and provides important funding for County library programs.	3/3/17 contacted Panetta office re: Dear Colleague letter on FY18 funding; 4/27/17 contacted Panetta office;
Social Services Block Grant (SSBG)	In California, SSBG funding is used in Child Welfare, Foster Care, CalWORKS Child Care, and for Regional Center Services for people with disabilities.	3/14/17 reviewed NACo letter in support of SSBG funding; 5/1/17 researched funding level in FY17 budget;
Early Childhood Development Programs	<p>The federal government funds many state/local programs that promote the physical health, social and emotional well-being, and educational opportunities of young children. Programs include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) ● Child Care and Development Block Grant ● Social Services Block Grant ● Head Start (including Early Head Start) ● Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ● HUD Homeless Assistance 	5/1/17 researched funding level in FY17 budget;
INFRASTRUCTURE		
Infrastructure legislation	The White House and Congress are expected to propose legislation that calls for \$1 trillion in spending for transportation, water, energy, broadband, and social infrastructure projects	5/9/17 monitored Senate EPW hearing on water resources; 5/16/17 monitored EPW hearing on alternative financing – Nossaman testimony; 5/17/17 monitored Sec. Chao testimony before EPW; 6/5/17 monitored White House events
Interlake Tunnel	The County is developing a water storage project to improve water supply, water quality, and environmental resources in the Salinas River valley.	2/10/17 contacted NACo re: infrastructure projects for White House 3/7/17 call with Leg Com on white bass issue
Nacimiento-Fergusson Road	The County is working with the U.S. Forest Service to identify federal funds for the repair and maintenance of Nacimiento-Fergusson Road in the Los Padres National Forest.	2/15/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta; 6/20/17 meeting with USFS, Sup. Adams, and Panetta staff
California Drought	Congress may consider legislation to address the California drought.	7/20/17 monitored Senate Appropriations mark up
Pajaro River Flood Control	The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is working with Monterey and Santa Cruz Counties to design and construct a federally authorized flood control project on the Pajaro River.	8/23/17 teleconference with Panetta staff and WRA staff

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Disaster Funding H.R. 1665	The County is seeking federal disaster assistance for the Soberanes Fire and 2016-17 winter storms.	2/15/17 reviewed state EO on winter storms and FEMA disaster declaration; 2/28/17 drafted briefing doc for DC meetings; 3/1/17 meetings with Feinstein, Harris, and Panetta 4/3/17 reviewed FEMA approval of disaster declaration 5/2/17 reviewed H.R. 1665 and Panetta press release
PUBLIC SAFETY		
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)	SCAAP is a grant program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) that partially reimburses state and local governments for the cost of incarcerating undocumented immigrants convicted of crimes.	3/28/17 reviewed proposed budget cuts; 5/1/17 researched funding level in FY17 budget; 6/29/17 monitored CJS approps mark up; 7/27/17 monitored Senate Appropriations mark up; 9/5/17 monitored House floor action on appropriations bill
Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP)	Legislation is expected to be introduced to reauthorize the JJDP. Counties that operate juvenile detention centers, house justice-involved children in jails, or those that provide social services to justice-involved children must adhere to requirements in the JJDP in order to receive federal funding.	
Second Chance Act	Second Change Act grant programs are funded through the Commerce-Justice-State appropriations bill and are designed to assist local jurisdictions with developing, improving, and expanding reentry programs and policies.	3/30/17 contacted Panetta office re: Dear Colleague in support of FY18 funding; 5/1/17 researched funding level in FY17 budget; 6/29/17 monitored CJS approps mark up; 7/27 monitored Senate Appropriations mark up
Drone Use Regulation S. 1272 (Feinstein)	Legislation has been proposed to regulate the use of drones for public safety purposes.	6/21/17 reviewed legislation