



**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee

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**RE:** Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

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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 \$23.5 million in grant funding for various Departments.

The matrix attached provides an update on the activities of the SGSP, and will provide information on grants awarded in 2018, grant applications recently submitted, and grant applications currently in progress.

**SGSP Grants and Legislative/Regulatory Advocacy Effort Highlights:**

- i. **Division of Boating and Waterways: California Shoreline Erosion Control & Public Beach Restoration Grant** – Nossaman is assisting the Resource Management Agency (RMA) with an application for funding the planning and pre-construction costs for the Carmel Lagoon Ecosystem Protective Barrier and Scenic Road Protective Structure. The project is a multi-objective, multi-year, multi-organizational effort to improve habitat for threatened and endangered species in the lower Carmel River and Lagoon, improve natural floodplain function, and protect public infrastructure, while maintaining or improving flood risk to existing developed areas. Nossaman coordinated a call with DBW staff to discuss project details. Nossaman informed the County's legislative delegation about the project and grant proposal. Applications are due February 5, 2018.
- ii. **Cal OES/FEMA Reimbursement** – Cal OES reached out to Nossaman regarding outstanding items needed to process the Soberanes Fire reimbursement request. Nossaman coordinated a call with the County's OES Manager, Resource Management Agency, Cal OES and FEMA to discuss the outstanding items needed. Nossaman has sent Cal OES all requested documents. The County's OES Manager will lead the process moving forward and Nossaman will be available to assist, as needed.
- iii. **CAL FIRE Forest Health Grant** – Nossaman is assisting the Resource Management with a concept proposal for funding to assist with forest health and management at Jacks Peak County Park. The County submitted a concept proposal last year but was not asked to submit a full application. Nossaman was not previously involved in the application, but reached out to CAL FIRE for feedback on the previous concept proposal. Nossaman provided RMA with the feedback from CAL FIRE and will be providing review of the

proposal, and any other resources needed to complete a competitive concept proposal. If CAL FIRE believes the concept proposal is highly competitive, the County will be asked to submit a full application. Concept proposals are due February 21, 2018.

- iv. **San Lucas Safe Drinking Water** – Nossaman coordinated a conference call for RMA with the State Water Resources Control Board to discuss the progress and timeline for review of the County's Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) application for San Lucas. The application includes all of the pre-construction planning and design work needed to either install treatment or build a new pipeline. The State Board informed the County they want to see a scope of work that is broad enough to include either project. RMA has received new estimates from consultants on the updated scope of work. RMA is working on clarifying one point in the new scope of work with staff from the State Water Board. This item is related to the design of the supply pipe connections. County staff will have the updated scope of work completed in about 3 weeks. Staff will submit the scope of work to the State Water Board for review, which is estimated to take about a month. Once the State Board approves the scope of work, the full application will be submitted and expeditiously reviewed by the State Board staff. Final approval of the project is anticipated this Spring.
- v. **Receive Grant Track**