



**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee

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**STATUS OF LEGISLATIVE SESSION:**

The last day for all bills to be introduced was February 16 and all bills must be in print for 30 days before they can be scheduled for a hearing. Policy hearings will begin in late March and early April. Nossaman is reviewing all bills and how they may impact the County of Monterey. Many of these bills are still spot bills, meaning they don't have meaningful content at this point and will need to be amended before they can be heard in a committee.

**BUDGET UPDATE:**

- Court Facilities/Greenfield Courthouse: The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) released a report on the "2018-19 Governor's Criminal Justice Proposals." The report analyzes the Governor's proposal for court construction projects. The LAO recommends that the Legislature determine which specific projects to fund based on its priorities. The LAO recommends the Judicial Council be required to reassess trial court facility needs, given that projects may have changed since the last evaluation that occurred over a decade ago. These recommendations could work in favor of Monterey County's goal to advocate for funding for the Greenfield Courthouse. Specifically, the County could advocate for the Judicial Council to consider evaluation criteria such as access to justice and local matching dollars. Supervisor Salinas and Supervisor Alejo have held several meetings with locals regarding the project and the next step is to meet with the Judicial Council.
- Informational Hearings by Legislative Committees: Over the past few weeks, there have been several informational hearings related to the County's priorities that we have monitored. These informational hearings will likely influence legislation and/or budget priorities in the 2018 session. These informational hearings have included:
  - Ready or Not: Emergency Communications Networks in the Face of Wildfires, Mudslides, and Public Safety Threats
  - Cannabis regulation: An update on statewide implementation
  - 2017 Wildfires and Moving Forward
  - Impacts of SB 1
  - Cybersecurity and California Elections
  - Homelessness, California's Climate Adaptation, Mission-Based Budgeting
  - Implementation of the 2017 Housing Package

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE:**

- **SCR 57 (Cannella) Memorial Highways – SPONSOR.** The Resolution was passed by the Senate on March 5<sup>th</sup> and is being enrolled. This resolution designates specified portions of

State Highway 183, State Highway 101, and State Highway 218, in the County of Monterey, as the “United States Army Chief Warrant Officer 2 Edward Balli Memorial Highway”, the “United States Army Specialist Ricardo Cerros, Jr. Memorial Highway”, the “United States Army Specialist Vilmar Galarza Hernandez Memorial-Highway”, the “United States Army Sgt. Javier Sanchez Memorial Highway”, and the “United States Army Private First Class Conrado D. Javier Memorial Highway.”

- **AB 1909 (Nazarian): Language Translation for IHSS Providers – SUPPORT.** The bill was heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee on March 6<sup>th</sup> and passed with a 7-0 vote. The bill would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to translate information notices and resources for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) providers into the CDSS threshold languages: English, Spanish, Armenian, and Cantonese.
- **AB 1921 (Maienschein): CalWORKS Housing Assistance – SUPPORT.** The bill was heard in the Assembly Human Services Committee on March 6<sup>th</sup> and passed with a 6-0 vote. The bill would remove the consecutive day requirement and allow families to receive 16 total days of temporary housing assistance per year, excluding a case of documented domestic violence. The bill would allow CalWORKs recipients receiving permanent housing assistance to use their payment towards shared housing.
- **Cannabis Cultivation Legislative Proposal.** See below. Nossaman has revised the draft language that was presented at the last legislative committee meeting regarding the inclusion of cannabis in the California County Agricultural Commissioner’s Annual Crop Report. Nossaman is actively working with the County’s legislative delegation regarding their interest in this proposal.

Food and Agricultural Code 2279

a. The commissioner shall compile reports of the condition, acreage, production, and value of the agricultural products in his county. The commissioner may publish such reports, and shall transmit a copy of them to the director.

*b. The report may include estimates on the acreage, production, and production value of cannabis in the county. The report may categorize cannabis production according to the license types issued under Division 10 of the Business and Professions Code, commencing with Section 26200, and the regulations adopted pursuant to that division.*

- **Budget Trailer Bill/SB 623 – SUPPORT.** The Budget Trailer Bill (BTB) language for the new special fund for Safe and Affordable Drinking Water was released on February 1. This program would assist communities in paying for the short-term and long-term costs of obtaining access to safe and affordable drinking water. The BTB is consistent with SB 623 and would establish a program that provides grants, loans, and administrator contracts or services to assist eligible communities and households in securing access to safe and affordable drinking water. Hearings are scheduled in the Assembly Budget Committee, Sub 3 (March 14) and the Senate Budget Committee, Sub 2 (March 15). The BTB require a two-thirds vote and will likely not be voted off the floor until the vacant Senate and Assembly seats are filled. Although BTB bills are supposed to trail the budget, which is signed in June, they can be passed until the end of the legislative session.

- **AB 2421 (Stone): Wildlife Conservation Board: Monarch Butterfly and Pollinator Rescue Program.** This bill would provide grants and technical assistance to farmers, ranchers, nonprofits and public agencies to restore monarch breeding and overwintering habitats to recover and sustain the monarch butterfly populations on the Central Coast. Should the County support this legislative proposal?

#### **BALLOT INITIATIVE UPDATE:**

There are over 40 proposals currently being circulated for voter signatures through the statewide initiative process. These initiatives may be on the June or November ballots. Below, for the County's consideration, please find a summary of three initiatives that have qualified for the June ballot.

**Proposition 69 – SB 1 Revenue Protection** (ACA 5 – Chapter 30, Statutes of 2017) This ballot measure would extend the existing constitutional protections that ensure fuel tax revenues are spent on transportation to the approximately 30% of revenues generated by SB 1 that aren't currently protected. CSAC has requested that all Counties take a support position on Proposition 69 and oppose all future efforts to repeal SB 1. The CSAC Board of Directors took these same actions at its January 2018 meeting. Should the County support Proposition 69 and oppose all future efforts to repeal SB 1?

**Proposition 68 – California Drought, Water, Parks, Climate, Coastal Protection, & Outdoor Access For All Act of 2018** (SB 5 – Chapter 852, Statutes of 2017): This ballot measure will authorize the issuance of \$4 billion in general obligation bonds for parks, environmental protection, and water infrastructure. Should the County support this ballot initiative?

**Proposition 71 - Ballot Measures Effective Date** (ACA 17 – Chapter 190, Statutes of 2017): This measure would delay the enactment of voter-approved initiative or referenda until 5 days after the Secretary of State releases the Statement of Vote. Should the County support this ballot initiative?

#### **RECEIVE MONTEREY COUNTY STATE BILL TRACK**

See attached.

#### **IMPORTANT LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES**

- February 16 – Last day for bills to be introduced
- March 22 to April 2 – Legislature on Spring Recess
- April 27 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report fiscal bills to committee
- May 11 – Last day for policy committees to hear and report nonfiscal bills to the floor
- May 18 – Last day for policy committees to meet prior to June 4
- May 25 – Last day for fiscal committee to hear and report fiscal bills to the floor
- May 29-June 1 – Floor Session only
- Mid-May – May Revise released