



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** October 9, 2019

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RE: Legislative Program: State Advocacy Updates

1. End of Session Wrap Up

The 2019 State Legislative session adjourned on September 13, 2019 and the Governor has until October 13, 2019 to take action on all bills. More than 2,600 proposed laws were introduced in the Legislature this year, a roughly 20% increase from 2018. Please note the governor's action on the following priority bills for the County:

- a. **SB 657 (Monning): Cannabis cultivation: county agricultural commissioners: reporting - SPONSOR:** On September 5, 2019, Governor Newsom signed SB 657 which authorizes a county agricultural commissioner to report to the Secretary of the CA Department of Food and Agriculture the condition, acreage, production, and value of cannabis produced in the commissioner's county.
- b. **AB 2 (Santiago): Community colleges: CA College Promise:** This bill was signed by the Governor on October 4, 2019 and it expands the CA Community College Promise Program.
- c. **AB 206 (Chiu): Public nuisance: abatement: lead-based paint:** This bill was signed by the Governor on August 30, 2019 and it provides limited immunity protection to those opting to voluntarily participate in a lead paint abatement program.
- d. **AB 489 (Stone): Flood control: state financial assistance: Parajo River:** This bill was signed by the Governor on September 27, 2019 and it provides the authorization necessary for the Pajaro River to access state funds for flood control.
- e. **AB 1482 (Chiu) Tenant Protection Act of 2019: tenancy: rent caps:** This bill was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2019 and it places an upper limit on annual rent increases and other protection regarding evictions.
- f. **ACR 1 (Bonta) Immigration Public Charge:** This resolution was filed with the Secretary of State on September 26, 2019 and it condemns the recently adopted

federal regulatory changes related to “public charge” and urges the federal government to repeal the proposed charges.

- g. SB 742 (Allen) Intercity passenger rail services: motor carrier transportation of passengers:** This bill was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2019 and it removes prohibitions on the use of rail bus lines for passengers that did not ride a train.

2. SB 200 Implementation

Nossaman is working with the Office of Environmental Health and the Resource Management Agency to explore opportunities to assist communities that lack access to safe drinking water. Nossaman has scheduled a meeting with the State Water Resources Control Board to discuss the role for the County of Monterey in the State’s newly created administrator program, which is funded through SB 200.

3. State Budget: Funding for Interlake Tunnel

Nossaman scheduled a meeting for the County of Monterey to talk with the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) about the funding allocated through the State Budget. CDFW is developing an agreement. Nossaman will continue to follow up with CDFW until an agreement is signed.

4. Coalition Building to Support Dam and Spillway Improvements: CSAC & RCRC

Nossaman hosted a meeting for the County of Monterey and the Water Resources Agency to speak with representatives from CSAC and RCRC to discuss the County’s need for funding for dam and spillway improvements and to seek their assistance in building a coalition to advocate for funding assistance. In preparation for the meeting, Nossaman researched the list of dams that fall within the jurisdiction of DWR/DSOD and the counties include Alameda, Kern, Lake, Los Angeles, Mendocino, Merced, Nevada, Orange, San Bernardino, San Francisco, Santa Clara and Tulare. Nossaman discussed the research we completed on behalf of the County that included various funding opportunities for dam and spillway repairs. RCRC believes that the County’s most likely source of funding will be advocating for the inclusion of dam and spillway repair funding in the resource bonds that are moving through the legislative process. RCRC also requested that Nossaman send information on programs in other state’s that provide financial assistance for dam owners.

5. State Bill/Issue Track: Attached.