



NOSSAMAN LLP | Memorandum

TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

FROM: Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

DATE: June 8, 2020

RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts

- A. Proposition 64 (BSCC) Public Health and Safety Grant:** The County requested \$996,545 in funding to address improving coordination between County departments, the illicit market, and increase public education and community relations through a county-wide cannabis initiative. Nossaman participated in meetings with several County Department to discuss a potential application for this program. Nossaman and IGLA staff reviewed and provided feedback on the application prior to submittal. The grant proposal was submitted by the due date of June 6, 2020.
- B. Interlake Tunnel Project / Fish Screens:** Nossaman coordinated a meeting with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) to discuss the current status of the funding agreement for the \$17 million allocated in the 2019-2020 State Budget. The funding has been pulled back into the State's general fund because an agreement was not executed with WRA within one year of allocating the funds, and the current State budget shortfalls. CDFW is willing to reopen the discussion of the fish screens and design, in order to attempt to lower costs of the project. We are working to coordinate a follow up meeting with CDFW related to the engineering and design of the project.
- C. I-Bank Financing Opportunity (Dam/Spillway Projects):** As a follow up to the County's meeting with I-Bank regarding low interest financing for the Dam and Spillway project, Nossaman has provided I-Bank staff with several presentations about the project that have been provided to the Board of Supervisors. We intend to send I-Bank the engineers report for the project as soon as it's available. The internal draft engineers report is currently being reviewed by County Counsel. That review will be finished on June 17th, with hopes to put a final version out around June 24th.
- D. Grants Matrix:** See attached.