



# NOSSAMAN LLP | Memorandum

**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee

**FROM:** Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

**DATE:** December 17, 2020

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

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## **Summary of Recent Program Efforts**

- a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) – State Budget Funding for Interlake Tunnel:** The WRA has continued to meet regularly with CDFW regarding the grant agreement needed in order to secure the funding that was allocated in the 2019-20 State budget for the Interlake Tunnel Project. The County provided CDFW a draft grant agreement and CDFW has provided feedback. It is expected that there will be a final agreement for approval by the Board in early 2021.
- b. San Lucas Drinking Water Project:** Nossaman participated in an internal meeting with the County and stakeholders to discuss next steps on a safe drinking water project for the community of San Lucas. Nossaman coordinated a meeting with the County, stakeholders, and the State Water Board to discuss project alternatives and funding opportunities. The County will be providing the State Water Board updated information regarding the alternative project proposal to be approved for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant. The County will submit the additional information to the State Water Board before the end of 2020, and will be meeting with the State Water Board again in January 2021 to discuss next steps.
- c. Proposition 68 Statewide Parks Program:** This program funds projects that will create new parks and new recreation opportunities in underserved communities across California. Applications are due March 12, 2020. The IGLA-Nossaman team will meet with the Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department on December 17, 2020 and will provide a verbal update on the status of the Proposition 68 funding program and proposed County applications at the Legislative Committee meeting.
- d. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program:** The County's Sustainability Program Manager took the lead on drafting and submitting an application for funding through the Sustainable Agricultural Land Conservations Program. The IGLA-Nossaman team provided a review of the application. The application is expected to be awarded on December 17, 2020 for \$175,000 to undertake a Community Climate Action and Adaptation Plan (CCAAP) that will address the importance of agricultural lands to our economy and environment and set strategies for reducing County-wide emissions by 40% by 2030.
- e. Grant Track:** See attached.