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TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

FROM: Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

DATE: January 11, 2020

RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts

a. Carmel River Flood Reduction and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project:

The Housing and Community Development Department most recently provided us with an update on the status of funding for the CRFREE project.

- Status of the CALOES/FEMA grant for \$22.9 million, submitted in December 2019: The County was notified by FEMA that there was a concern about possible duplication of Federal programs related to the SR1 Causeway portion of the CRFREE project for the CALOES/FEMA Grant. In October 2020, County staff met with California Department of Emergency Services (CalOES/FEMA) and Caltrans to discuss the concerns. Based on that discussion, the County sent a letter clarifying technical points regarding the potential duplication of programs impacting the eligibility of the CRFREE project for highway funding. The County is waiting on a response from FEMA, and Nossaman has offered to assist in any way needed.
- Status of the Department of Water Resources Coastal Watershed Flood Risk Reduction Program application: In November the County applied for this grant, requesting \$5,147,149 to support project management costs, as well as construction costs and the cost of elevating State Historical structures. Award announcements are expected in February. Nossaman/IGLA did not assist with this application.

b. 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. It is expected that there will be a final agreement for approval by the Board in February 2021.

c. San Lucas Drinking Water Project: The new project alternative would convert the temporary well to a permanent well and add a pipeline to an existing 300 gallon water storage tank. The County is working on a memo to the State Water Board to provide additional information regarding the alternative project proposal to be approved for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant. Once this information is submitted, Nossaman will work on coordinating another meeting with the State Water Board to discuss next steps.

d. Proposition 68 - Statewide Parks Program: Nossaman met with the Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department to discuss applying for San Lorenzo Park and San Antonio Reservoir. We will be assisting with the applications and have contacted State Parks for additional feedback about our project competitiveness. Applications are due March 12, 2020.

e. Grant Track: See attached.