

TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

FROM: Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

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RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts

- a. California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) State Budget Funding for Interlake Tunnel: The WRA and Nossaman 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 final agreement will be presented to the WRA Finance Committee on February 5 for approval, then the WRA Board of Directors on February 16 for approval, and finally the WRA Board of Supervisors on March 2. Once approved, CDFW will need to give final sign off by June 2021. The goal is to have the agreement secured prior to the end of the fiscal year, to ensure the funds are secured for the project, and we are on track to do just that.
- b. 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 provided a detailed memo to the State Water Board on January 12 outlining additional information regarding the alternative project proposal to be approved for a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant. Nossaman is now working on coordinating a follow up meeting in the next couple of weeks with the State Water Board to discuss next steps.
- c. Proposition 68 Statewide Parks Program San Lorenzo: Nossaman met with the Public Works, Facilities and Parks Department to discuss applying for San Lorenzo Park. We will be assisting with the application and have contacted State Parks for additional feedback about our project competitiveness. Applications are due March 12, 2021
- d. Grant Track: See attached.