

County of Monterey Federal Bill/Issues Track 2025 (119th Congress, Session 1)



Measure	Sponsor(s)	Topic	Title	Position	Notes
H.R. 32	LaLota	Immigration	No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities	Oppose	1/28/25 BoS Oppose 1/29/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 680	Hayes	Veterans	Caring for Survivors Act	Support	2/10/25 LC Support 2/10/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 338	Costa	Water	Every Drop Counts Act	Support	2/10/25 LC Support 2/18/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 471 S. 1462	Westerman/ Panetta	Environment	Fix Our Forests Act	Support	2/10/25 LC Support 2/18/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation 6/4/25 Letter to Senator Padilla
S. 350	Padilla	Environment	Wildfire Emergency Act	Support	4/14/25 LC Support 4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
S. 984	Padilla	Agriculture	Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act	Support	4/14/25 LC Support 4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 965	Sherman	Veterans	Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act	Support	4/14/25 LC Support 4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 1510	Sylvester	Judiciary/BOP	The Due Process Continuity of Care Act	Support	4/14/25 LC Support 4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 22	Roy	Voting	Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE) Act	Oppose	5/12/25 LC Oppose 5/12/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R.2882	Panetta	Environment	Central Coast of California Conservation Act	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 2849 S. 1432	Huffman/Lofgren / Panetta/ Padilla/Schiff	Environment	West Coast Ocean Protection Act	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation

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H.R. 2586	Tonko	Judiciary/ BOP	The Reentry Act	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 3227	Lofgren	Agriculture	Farm Workforce Modernization Act of 2025	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 2308 S. 1246	Moskowitz / Tillis/ Padilla	Emergency Response	FEMA Independence Act	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
S. 356	Crapo	Infrastructure/ Education	Secure Rural Schools Reauthorization Act	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 18	Thompson	Judiciary	Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2025	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 3868	Clyburn	Judiciary	Enhanced Background Checks Act of 2025	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation
H.R. 4696 S. 2468	Lofgren/Padilla	Immigration	Renewing Immigration Provisions of the Immigration Act of 1929	Support	8/14/25 LC Support 8/15/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation

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FEMA Reimbursement	Related to 2024 and 2023 Winter Storms	<p>Continue to coordinate outreach to the federal delegation regarding appropriate communication with USACE and FEMA and to facilitate reimbursement of expenses.</p> <p>March 2025 – coordinated contact with the federal delegation to induce FEMA’s response after communication stalled following the agency’s request for information regarding the County’s procurement methods.</p> <p>8/19/2025 – Received two grants. \$1,201,748.53 for Debris Removal Operations and \$2,929,216.18 for</p>

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		emergency protective measures. COMPLETE.
FEMA Reimbursement	Related to COVID-19 Pandemic	<p>4/3/25 – FEMA announced Federal grants for the State of California. This funding included 3,060,968.00 in federal funding to Monterey County for emergency protective measures as a result of FEMA-DR-4482-CA (COVID-19 Pandemic). This funding is being provided under authority of Section 403 of the Robert T. Stafford Act.</p> <p>The announcement noted that in response to the pandemic, the County utilized contract services to participate in the Great Plates Delivered Program. The program was designed to support adults 65 years of age or older or adults 60-64 years of age who are at high risk from COVID-19, to receive healthy and nutritious meals by delivery. All work and costs in this project fell between 11/23/2020 and 7/9/2021. Total project costs are \$3,060,968.00 funded at a 100% federal cost share.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>
Impacts of OMB Federal Funding Pause	BoS letter to federal offices voicing concern regarding the effect of the recent memorandum from OMB that “Federal agencies must temporarily pause all activities related to obligation or disbursement of all Federal financial assistance.”	2/14/25 – Letter sent to Congressional delegation
FY24 Community Project Funding Award for CRFREE	In February 2025 it was brought to my attention that PWFPP has not been contacted by FHWA or the State Dept of Transportation with any guidance	2/27/25 – Met with Rep. Panetta’s staff on to address concerns relating to the FY24 earmark awarding for CRFREE, and to obtain

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	about how to access funding for the CRFREE project that had been awarded in FY24 community project (earmark) funding.	<p>additional information about the reimbursement requirements. I will continue to work with the Departments to resolve any issues so that they can draw down any federal funding as expeditiously as possible.</p> <p>3/13/25 - Caltrans reached out to County staff and requested that the County complete and submit a specific form so that Caltrans can distribute the funds to County for the CRFREE Project.</p>
FY24 Community Project Funding Award for San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project	On May 19 th the EPA contacted the County of Monterey Department of Public Works in regard to its FY 24 CPF award. The EPA asked for applications to be submitted by June 15 th for priority consideration.	<p>5/23/2025 – We met with Rep. Lofgren’s office to address the funding concerns and confirmed that the county has flexibility at this stage in the process—since funds will be used for feasibility and environmental reviews. Rep. Lofgren’s office also confirmed the Department of Public Works can work directly with the EPA throughout the project if changes are needed.</p> <p>The County is working directly with EPA. No further action anticipated at this time.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>
FY25 Community Project Funding Requests	The county submitted 9 requests for consideration of FY24 earmark funding, however only the Pajaro County Sanitation District (PCSD) Sewer System Improvements project advanced.	<p>March 2025 – Congress enacted a Continuing Resolution for the remainder of FY25 and did not include earmarks. Consequently, no earmarks, including the PCSD project were funded. PWFP has advised that the county can cover the approximately \$1 million dollars that was hoped for via earmark funding with other sources.</p> <p>COMPLETE</p>

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FY26 Community Project Funding Requests	<p>The county submitted the following projects for consideration to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. San Lucas Clean Drinking Water (Padilla, Schiff, Lofgren) 2. Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Safety Projects (Padilla, Schiff, Lofgren) 3. Skate Park and BMX Pump Track (Padilla, Schiff, Lofgren) 4. Salinas Regional Soccer Complex (Padilla, Schiff, Lofgren) 5. County Parks Outdoor Education and Environmental Stewardship Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta, Lofgren) 6. County Parks Outdoor Accessible and Inclusive Fitness Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta, Lofgren) 7. Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta) 8. Homeless Encampment Resolution – Reclamation Ditch Restoration (Padilla, Schiff, Lofgren) 9. Porter-Vallejo Library and Mansion Historical Restoration Project (Lofgren) 	<p>March 2025 – the county submitted funding requests to Sen. Padilla (8 projects), Sen. Schiff (8 projects), and Rep. Panetta (3 projects)</p> <p>April 2025 – the county submitted funding requests to Rep. Lofgren.</p> <p>May 2025 – received notice that Rep. Lofgren recommended the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water project and the Salinas Soccer Complex project to the Appropriations Committee</p> <p>June 2025 – received notice that Sen. Padilla recommended the Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Safety Projects to the Appropriations Committee.</p> <p>June 2025 – Received notice that Sen. Schiff recommended the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water project to the Appropriations Committee.</p> <p>June 2025 – Transmitted thank you letter from County of Monterey WRA to Sen. Padilla and federal delegation.</p> <p>July 2025 – Received notice from Rep. Lofgren’s office that draft funding levels for House CPFs were released with the San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project included at \$1.092 million and Salinas Regional Soccer Complex included at \$500,000.</p>

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Digital Equity Act funding	County of Monterey was a signatory to Monterey Bay Economic Partnership letter to federal delegation urging them to protect the \$137.9 million in federal Digital Equity Act funding through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law	4/21/25 Monterey County signed onto to coalition letter in support COMPLETE
Letter of Support CPF Application by Resource Conservation District of Monterey County	The county submitted a letter of support to Rep. Lofgren for Community Project Funding for the Salinas River Arundo Eradication Program and Salinas River Stream Maintenance Program on behalf of the Resource Conservation District of Monterey County	4/29/25 letter to Rep. Lofgren COMPLETE
Pajaro Sunny Mesa Water Consolidation Project	The EPA cancelled a grant to the Community Water Center (CWC) for the Pajaro Sunny Mesa Water Consolidation Project	5/1/2025 – We contacted the federal delegation in attempt to prevent the cancellation of the grant to the CWC. We continue to monitor the impact on local residents and communicate with the delegation in regard to restoring funding. COMPLETE
Endangered Species Act NPRM	County of Monterey through its Water Resources Agency signed on to a letter supporting the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service’s and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s proposed rule rescinding the regulatory definition of “harm” in the current Endangered Species Act	5/19/2025 – Date of letter COMPLETE
Jolon Road Safety Improvement Project	The County of Monterey PWWFs preparing an application for submission with the Department of Defense, Defense Community Infrastructure Program.	6/12/2025 – We reached out to the Federal Delegation and requested letters of support for the application. Secured letters from all four Congressional offices. COMPLETE.
Budget Reconciliation	The County of Monterey has been monitoring the potential impacts of reconciliation on its budget. The County was particularly concerned about Senate amendments regarding the cost of SNAP.	June 2025 – We reached out Rep. Lofgren’s and Rep. Panetta’s office via email to advocate against the SNAP cost shifting provisions in the Senate’s amended H.R. 1. COMPLETE

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Regional Power Grid and new approvals for wind and solar projects on federal lands	The County of Monterey has been monitoring the proposal for a regional power grid and an interior Department directive requiring Sec. Burgum's personal approval for activities related to wind and solar projects on federal lands.	7/21/2025 – The County asked the Ballard Team to monitor the issue and keep them informed of any developments. Continue to monitor
Protecting the Federal Safety Net	BoS letter to federal offices voicing concern for essential safety net programs that serve Monterey County residents. Urged federal delegation to protect federal funding for programs like Medicaid, SNAP, CalFresh, TANF, and CalWORKs.	7/26/25 Letter to federal delegation Continue to monitor
Fiscal Year 2026 Funding for the Migrant Education Program	Funding for the Migrant Education Program (MEP) has been eliminated in the President's draft FY 26 budget.	7/30/2025 – letter sent to congressional delegation. Continue to monitor
Funding for the Migrant Education Program and Other Education Categorical Funding	The Administration has withheld appropriated grant money for Education Categorical Funding through the U.S. Department of Education. The funds were released earlier this year after California and 23 other states sued. These funds are also likely to be eliminated in the FY 26 budget.	8/14/25 – sent letter to the congressional delegation in support of all education categorical funding in fiscal year 2026. Continue to monitor
Nation Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program	The Secretary of the Interior and Bureau of Ocean Energy Management began the process to develop a new schedule for offshore oil and gas lease sales on the U.S. Outer Continental Shelf.	8/14/25 – sent support letter to the Federal Delegation Continue to monitor
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program	Chair Lopez was approached by Central Coast Energy Services to send a letter to the Federal Delegation supporting the funding for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) for fiscal year 2026.	8/14/2025 – distributed a support letter to the Federal Delegation on behalf of Supervisor Lopez as District 3 Supervisor.