

## STATE BILL & ISSUES TRACK 11/15/24

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### Budget Items and Other Issues:

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| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>CalWORKs Program</b>   | County of Monterey letter opposing State Budget proposal to eliminate CalWORKs Family Stabilization Program and CalWORKs Expanded Subsidized Employment Program – cuts total over \$400 million.  | 3/12/24 letter to Senate Budget & Fiscal Review Sub. No. 3 and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2   |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program</b> | County of Monterey letter supporting continued funding for HHAP program and securing permanent housing and needed services.   | 3/21/24 letter to Assembly Budget Sub. No. 5 Chair and Members and Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Sub. No. 4 Chair and Members.                              |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>CRLA Rural Justice Centers</b>                                 | County of Monterey letter supporting Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia’s \$10 Million Budget request for California Rural Legal Assistance (CRLA) Rural Justice Centers program.  | 5/10/24 letter to Speaker Rivas, Senate pro Temp McGuire, Asm. E. Garcia, and Senate and Assembly Budget Committees.  |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>GO-Biz Employee Ownership Hub</b>                              | County of Monterey signed on to a letter with the Worker-Owned Recovery California (WORC) coalition supporting a request for \$1.5 million to fund the Employee Ownership Hub within the Governor’s Office of Business and Economic Development (GO-Biz). | 5/14/24 cosigned letter to California budget leaders.   |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>Future of Public Health</b>                                    | County of Monterey letter opposing the proposal to eliminate \$300 million ongoing Future of Public Health investments, with \$200 million dedicated to local health department workforce and infrastructure.   | 5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Assembly Budget, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 1.                                 |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>Homelessness Proposals</b>                                     | County of Monterey letter opposing proposals to cut funding for homelessness programs (e.g., Homeless Housing, Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) Program, Social Services and Behavioral Services Homelessness Programs).                                  | 5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Senate Budget Sub. No. 4, Assembly Budget Sub. No. 1, Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 5. |

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| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>Human Services Proposals</b>                           | County of Monterey letter opposing \$1.3 billion in budget cuts to human services programs (e.g., California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids (CalWORKs), Child Welfare Services, Adult Protective Services (APS), etc.).   | 5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Assembly Budget, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2.   |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>Market Match Program</b>                               | County of Monterey letter supporting funding for the Market Match Program that incentivizes CalFresh recipients to spend their benefits for farm-direct fresh fruits and vegetables by providing a dollar-for-dollar match on CalFresh purchases at farm-direct outlets (farmers markets). | 5/28/24 letter to Senate Budget and Fiscal Review, Senate Budget Sub. No. 3, Assembly Budget, and Assembly Budget Sub. No. 2.   |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>Broadband Proposals</b>                                | County of Monterey concerns regarding proposed reductions in broadband funding for Middle Mile Broadband Initiative, the Federal Fund Account last mile program (FFA) and the CPUC Loan Loss Reserve (LLR) Program.  | 5/30/24 letter to Assemblymember Gabriel, Assembly Budget Chair; Senator Weiner, Senate Budget Chair; Assemblymember Bennett, ASM Budget Subcommittee 4 Chair; Senator Becker, Senate Budget Subcommittee 2 Chair.  |
| <b>BUDGET</b><br><b>Human Services Programs Restorations</b>               | County of Monterey regarding request to support budget restorations for human services programs; specifically to CalWORKs, Child Welfare Services and Adult Protective Services.   | 6/5/24 letter sent to health & Human Services Agency, DOF, CA Depat. Of Social Services, HHS Policy Consultant Senate Pres. Pro Temp, HHS Policy Consultant Assembly Speaker; ASM Budget Consultant on HHS; CWDA; CSAC HHS Advocacy Policy Consultants and RCRC Advocacy Policy Consultants; State Legislators representing the County of Monterey. |
| <b>CPUC</b><br><b>AT&amp;T COLR Obligation Application</b>                 | County of Monterey letter opposing AT&T's applications to the CPUC seeking relief from their Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations.  | 3/12/24 letter to CPUC and to state legislators representing the County of Monterey.  |
| <b>CPUC</b><br><b>Proposed Decision to Dismiss ATT COLR Application</b>    | County of Monterey letter supporting the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Glegola's Proposed Decision to dismiss AT&T's application for relief from their Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) obligations, submitted in Application (A.) 23-03-003 on May 10, 2024.                                | 5/23/24 letter to CPUC and state legislators representing the County of Monterey.   |
| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Broadway Family Connection Project</b> | Obtained letters of support for the County's Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Broadway Family Connection Project.   | 3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla.<br>3/28/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla.<br>4/1/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla.  |

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| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Carmel River Floodplain Restoration and Environmental Enhancement (CRFREE) Project</b> | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the CRFREE Project.  | 3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>3/27/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla  |
| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP)</b>                                      | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Castroville Seawater Intrusion Project (CSIP).                       | 3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>3/27/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>3/28/24 support letter from Sen. Caballero to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla |
| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Family Justice Center</b>  | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Family Justice Center (Seaside).                                     | 3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>3/28/24 support letter from Asm. Addis to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>4/1/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla   |
| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Fort Ord Blight Removal</b>  | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Former Fort Ord Blight Removal Project.                              | 3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to U.S. Senator Alex Padilla<br>3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler  |
| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Pajaro County Sanitation District Sewer System Improvement Project</b>                 | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Pajaro County Sanitation District, Sewer System Improvement Project. | 3/25/24 support letter from Sen. Laird to Rep. Zoe Lofgren<br>3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler<br>5/8/24 letter of support from Speaker Robert Rivas to Rep. Zoe Lofgren.  |
| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request San Lucas Water Supply Project</b>   | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the San Lucas Water Supply Project.                                      | 3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler<br>5/8/24 letter of support from Speaker Robert Rivas to Rep. Zoe Lofgren   |

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| <b>Support Letter: FY25 CPF Request Skate and Bike Park</b>  | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Community Project Funding (CPF) requests in the FY25 Federal Budget for the Skate and Bike Park Safe Access Project.   | 3/27/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to U.S. Senator Laphonza Butler   |
| <b>Support Letter: Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project</b>  | Obtained letters of support for the County’s Department of Transportation’s Rural Surface Transportation Grant program (Rural) application for the Davis Road Widening and Bridge Replacement Project.  | 4/26/24 support letter from Senator Caballero to DOT Secretary Buttigieg<br>4/30/24 support letter from Speaker Rivas to DOT Secretary Buttigieg. |
| <b>Support Letter: Monterey Salinas Transit SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project – CDP Application #3-23-0288</b>                                | County of Monterey letter supporting Monterey Salinas Transit SURF! Busway and Bus Rapid Transit Project which will provide high quality public transit to improve access for all residents especially those living in disadvantaged communities. | 8/13/24 letter to California Coastal Commission   |
| <b>Comment Letter: Draft Engineering Report, San Lucas Water System Improvements” and the “Technical Memo, San Lucas Feasibility Study Peer Review</b> | The County of Monterey strongly recommends the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) proceed with Alternative 1: Intertie with King City.   | 9/12/24 comment Letter submitted to the State Water Resources Control Board.  |
| <b>Support Letter: DOT Nationally Significant Federal Lands and Tribal Projects (NSFLTP) Program</b>   | Obtained letter of support from Senator Anna Caballero for the County’s \$10 million application to the Department of Transportation (DOT) NSFLTP Program for the Palo Colorado Road Storm Damage Repair Project.                                 | 9/18/24 Letter of support from Senator Caballero to DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg.   |
| <b>Resolution: Resolution in Support of California Property: Tax Apportionment Reform.</b>   | On October 15th, the County of Monterey passed a resolution to request the legislature reform state tax apportionments.   | 10/18/24 Resolution in Support of California Property: Tax Apportionment Reform.  |