



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

| <b>Measure</b>            | <b>Sponsor(s)</b>     | <b>Topic</b>  | <b>Title</b>  | <b>Position</b>     | <b>Notes</b>  |
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| <a href="#">H.R. 32</a>   | LaLota                | Immigration   | No Bailout for Sanctuary Cities                     | Oppose              | 1/28/25 BoS Oppose<br>1/29/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">H.R. 680</a>  | Hayes                 | Veterans      | Caring for Survivors Act                            | Support             | 2/10/25 LC Support<br>2/10/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">H.R. 338</a>  | Costa                 | Water         | Every Drop Counts Act                               | Support             | 2/10/25 LC Support<br>2/18/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">H.R. 471</a>  | Westerman/<br>Panetta | Environment   | Fix Our Forests Act                                 | Support             | 2/10/25 LC Support<br>2/18/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">S. 350</a>    | Padilla               | Environment   | Wildfire Emergency Act                              | Support             | 4/14/25 LC Support<br>4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">S. 984</a>    | Padilla               | Agriculture   | Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act    | Support             | 4/14/25 LC Support<br>4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">H.R. 965</a>  | Sherman               | Veterans      | Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act              | Support             | 4/14/25 LC Support<br>4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">H.R. 1510</a> | Sylvester             | Judiciary/BOP | The Due Process Continuity of Care Act              | Support             | 4/14/25 LC Support<br>4/14/25 Letter sent to Congressional delegation |
| <a href="#">H.R. 22</a>   | Roy                   | Voting        | Safeguard American Voter Eligibility Act (SAVE) Act | Recommend<br>Oppose |   |

| <b>Other Issues</b> | <b>Brief Summary</b>          | <b>Action Taken</b>  |
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| FEMA Reimbursement  | Related to 2024 Winter Storms | In 2025, I will continue to coordinate outreach to the federal delegation regarding appropriate communication with USACE and FEMA and to facilitate reimbursement of expenses. |

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| FEMA Reimbursement                              | <p>Related to COVID-19 Pandemic</p> <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> | In 2025, I will continue to coordinate outreach to the federal delegation regarding reimbursement of these expenses.  |
| OMB Memo re Federal Funding                     | 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 PWFP has not been contacted by FHWA or the State Dept of Transportation with any guidance about how to access funding for the CRFREE project that had been awarded in FY24 community project (earmark) funding.  | <p>2/27/25 – Met with Rep. Panetta’s staff on to address concerns relating to the FY24 earmark award and to obtain 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 the County for the CRFREE Project.</p> |

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| 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.   | 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. |
| FY26 Community Project Funding Requests                              | <p>The county submitted the following projects for consideration to date:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. San Lucas Clean Drinking Water (Padilla, Schiff)</li> <li>2. Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Safety Projects (Padilla, Schiff)</li> <li>3. Skate Park and BMX Pump Track (Padilla, Schiff)</li> <li>4. Salinas Regional Soccer Complex (Padilla, Schiff)</li> <li>5. County Parks Outdoor Education and Environmental Stewardship Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta)</li> <li>6. County Parks Outdoor Accessible and Inclusive Fitness Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta)</li> <li>7. Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta)</li> <li>8. Homeless Encampment Resolution – Reclamation Ditch Restoration (Padilla, Schiff)</li> <li>9. Porter-Vallejo Mansion/Pajaro Library (Lofgren)</li> </ol> | <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>   |
| CPF Application by Resource Conservation District of Monterey County | The county submitted a letter of support to Rep. Logfren 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 of support from Board of Supervisors provided in support of application.   |
| 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.  | 4/26/25 Board letter to federal delegation   |

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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 Board signed on to coalition letter supporting funding. |
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