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AGENDA ITEM #3E

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	Westerman/ Panetta	Environment	Fix Our Forests Act	Support	2/10/25 LC Support 2/18/25 Letter sent to congressional delegation
S. 350	Padilla	Environment	Wildfire Emergency Act	Recommend Support	
S. 984	Padilla	Agriculture	Fair Access to Agriculture Disaster Programs Act	Recommend Support	
H.R. 965	Sherman	Veterans	Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act	Recommend Support	
H.R. 1510	Sylvester	Judiciary/BOP	The Due Process Continuity of Care Act	Recommend Support	

Other Issues	*Brief Summary*	*Action Taken*
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.
FEMA Reimbursement	Related to COVID-19 Pandemic	4/3/25 – FEMA announced Federal grants for the State of California. This funding included 3,060,968.00 in federal

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		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. 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.
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.	2/27/25 – I met with Rep. Panetta's staff on to address concerns relating to the FY24 earmark awarding for CRFREE, 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. 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.
FY25 Community Project Funding Requests	The county submitted 9 requests for consideration of FY25 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.

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FY26 Community Project Funding Requests	The county submitted the following projects for consideration to date: 1. San Lucas Clean Drinking Water (Padilla, Schiff) 2. Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Safety Projects (Padilla, Schiff) 3. Skate Park and BMX Pump Track (Padilla, Schiff) 4. Salinas Regional Soccer Complex (Padilla, Schiff) 5. County Parks Outdoor Education and Environmental Stewardship Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta) 6. County Parks Outdoor Accessible and Inclusive Fitness Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta) 7. Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project (Padilla, Schiff, Panetta) 8. Homeless Encampment Resolution – Reclamation Ditch Restoration (Padilla, Schiff)	March 2025 – the county submitted funding requests to Sen. Padilla (8 projects), Sen. Schiff (8 projects), and Rep. Panetta (3 projects) *Once Rep. Lofgren begins accepting applications, I will submit to her office