TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

FROM: Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

DATE: August 12, 2024

RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts:

- a. San Lucas Drinking Water Project: Nossaman worked to advocate with the County's entire Legislative Delegation about ensuring this project would be eligible for funding should Proposition 4 be passed by the voters in November. Ultimately, language was included in the climate bond to assist with the eligibility of drinking water projects when there is an identified responsible party. Additionally, language was included in the climate bond that remove the per connection cap for small, disadvantaged communities who are applying for drinking water funding. We continue to maintain communication with the State Board about the long-term project and funding solution. The State Board recently released the Feasibility Study and will be holding a local community meeting.
- **b.** Climate Bond Programs: Nossaman has identified several funding programs that the County could be eligible for within Proposition 4, should the voters pass it. We plan to hold a meeting with the Departments to discuss the details of the opportunities, and ensure the County is in a good position to apply for funding. Some of the initial funding opportunities we have identified include, but are not limited to:
 - Dam Safety
 - Clean Water
 - Recycled Water
 - Drinking Water
 - Parks and Recreation
 - Wildfire
- c. Grant Track: See attached.