



# NOSSAMAN LLP | Memorandum

**TO:** Monterey County Legislative Committee

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**RE:** Legislative Program: Advocacy Update

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- a. Status of the Legislature:** The legislature is reconvening today to swear in new members resulting from the November election. There will be many changes to committee leadership and membership due to new incoming members. We will monitor committee appointments and provide the County with relevant updates. Bill introduction deadline is February 21, with the first policy committee deadline set for May 2.

The governor called a second special session, to safeguard California values and fundamental rights in the face of an incoming Trump administration. The session has been announced as an opportunity to focus on bolstering California's legal resources to protect civil rights, reproductive freedom, climate action, and immigrant families. The special session will run concurrently with legislative session starting today.

The governor will submit a budget proposal to the Legislature by January 10. The Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) recently forecasted a state budget deficit of \$68 billion in fiscal year 2025-2026, and the report notes that the budget is "roughly balanced" but there is no capacity for new funding commitments. We will keep the County informed of the governor's January budget proposal.

- b. San Lucas Clean Drinking Water Project:** Nossaman continues to discuss solutions for the community of San Lucas with our legislative delegation. We submitted comments to the State Water Resources Control Board regarding the "Technical Memo" and "Feasibility Study" that outlined potential project alternatives for providing safe, clean drinking water to the community. The County continues to support, and request state and federal funding for, a pipeline intertie to the Kings City water system operated and managed by CalWater.
- c. Governor's Actions and Executive Orders:** The following actions have been taken by the Governor since the last Legislative Committee meeting. This list is compiled from CalOES, California Health and Human Services, California Department of Public Health, and FEMA. Nossaman can provide additional details of any item listed below, should the Legislative Committee desire.

- November 8 - Governor Newsom signed an executive order to support ongoing response and recovery efforts for the Mountain Fire in Ventura County.
- November 7 – Governor Newsom proclaimed a state of emergency in Ventura County due to the Mountain Fire.
- November 6 – Governor Newsom secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant due to the Mountain Fire.
- November 1 – Governor Newsom proclaimed states of emergency to support ongoing recovery efforts in the City of Oceanside due to the Pier Fire, in Siskiyou County due to the Shelly Fire, and in Sierra County due to the Bear Fire.

**d. State Bill/Issues Track:** See attached.