TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

FROM: Ashley S. Walker, Senior Policy Advisor

DATE: September 9, 2024

RE: Strategic Grant Services Program: Grants Update

Summary of Recent Program Efforts:

a. San Lucas Drinking Water Project: Nossaman continues to maintain communication with the State Board about the long-term project and funding solutions. The State Board recently released the Feasibility Study and Technical Memo and held a local community meeting. The County is requesting the State Board proceed with the intertie project, connecting San Lucas to King City.

Should Proposition 4 be passed by the voters, Nossaman will assist in identifying funding sources for the project.

b. Dam Safety Grant Program: The Department of Water Resources (DWR) has confirmed that the Dam Safety and Climate Resilience Local Assistance (DSCR) program will be open and contains \$50 million from the General Fund to provide financial assistance for repairs, rehabilitation, enhancements, and other dam safety projects. There is a cost sharing requirement. DWR is currently finalizing the guidelines for the Program and are anticipating releasing them for a 30-day application period in September. Nossaman has alerted WRA about the opportunity and is available to assist with this grant application.

Should Proposition 4 be passed by the voters, it is anticipated the dam funding will be allocated through this new grant program.

c. Grant Track: See attached.