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MEMORANDUM

TO Legislative Committee

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RE Federal Legislative Update

This memo provides a Federal Legislative Update for items appearing on the agenda for the November 10, 2025, Legislative Committee Meeting.

a. Federal Government Update

i. *Congressional Overview*

As of the time of writing, Congress remains gridlocked. Some commentators believe that the two parties could come to an agreement and re-open the government during the week of November 3, 2025, however that seems optimistic. Democrats and Republicans have begun to speak to one another, but the exact details of an agreement remain unclear. As long as the government remains shutdown, Federal employees will continue to miss paychecks and many programs remain paused. The Pentagon accepted a \$130 million donation to help pay troops during the shutdown, but continuing efforts to source funds remain unclear.

Some up-coming pressure points for lawmakers include a pause on full payments under the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) beginning on November 1, 2025; open enrollment for insurance under the Affordable Care Act, which also begins on November 1, 2025; and, subsequent missed paychecks for active-duty military and other federal works.

Given that Congress did not pass supplemental legislation to appropriate funds for SNAP benefits by November 1, 2025, recipients will now look to their states, municipalities, and non-governmental organizations to fill the gap for the duration of the pause.

ii. Executive Order Updates

President Trump has signed a single executive order since our last report: “Ensuring Continue Accountability in Federal Hiring” on October 15, 2025. This order requires Federal hiring to comply with the Merit Hiring Plan. It also requires each agency to develop a Strategic Hiring Committee to ensure that hiring is consistent with the national interest, agency need, and the Administrations priorities, and to prepare annual staffing plans.

b. Appropriations Update, including Community Project Funding Requests

With Congress out of session, we still are not seeing any movement on Community Project Funding. At this point in time, we still expect Congress to complete the earmark process for FY 2026, but we will continue to monitor and provide updates on the chart as it progresses.

FY26 Project Submitted	Description	Submissions	Funding Requested	Submitted to House/ Senate Committee	Draft Funding Level
San Lucas Clean Drinking Water (PWFP)	Partial funding request for a project to permanently address water quality problems in San Lucas, which have occurred since 2006 and caused its residents to live under bottled water orders.	Sen. Padilla	\$3,668,000		
		Sen. Schiff	\$3,668,000	\$3,668,000	
		Rep. Lofgren	\$3,668,000	\$3,668,000	\$1,092,000
Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams and Reservoirs Safety Project (MCWRA)	Partial funding request for the Nacimiento and San Antonio Dams Reservoirs Safety Projects (sometimes referred to as the Low-Level Outlet Works Rehabilitation Project) to ensure the safe operation of the dams during the state mandated replacement of the San Antonio Dam spillway.	Sen. Padilla	\$6,000,000	\$6,000,000	
		Sen. Schiff	\$6,000,000		
		Rep Lofgren	\$6,000,000		
Skate Park and BMX Pump Track (PWFP)	Partial funding request for development of a bike and skate park in Salinas. The site, and its connection to multi-use trails, offers unique regional recreation options for the tri-county area. This project is in partnership with the Salinas Regional Soccer Authority.	Sen. Padilla	\$3,000,000		
		Sen. Schiff	\$3,000,000		
		Rep. Lofgren	\$3,000,000		
Salinas Regional Soccer Complex (PWFP)	Partial funding request for the next phase expansion of the Salinas Regional Soccer Complex, envisioned to become the most significant sports complex between Los Angeles and San Francisco, with the potential to serve 18,000 children/ youth weekly (plus their families). This project is in partnership with the Salinas Regional Soccer Authority.	Sen. Padilla	\$2,500,000		
		Sen. Schiff	\$2,500,000		
		Rep. Lofgren	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$500,000
County Parks Outdoor Education and Environmental	Funding request to construct outdoor education facilities at Toro and San Lorenzo Parks.	Sen. Padilla	\$635,500		
		Sen. Schiff	\$635,500		

Stewardship Project (PWFP)		Rep. Lofgren	\$635,500		
		Rep. Panetta	\$635,500		
County Parks Outdoor Accessible and Inclusive Fitness Project (PWFP)	Funding request to construct outdoor inclusive physical fitness facilities at Toro and San Lorenzo Parks to further support public health and wellbeing.	Sen. Padilla	\$509,600		
		Sen. Schiff	\$509,600		
		Rep. Lofgren	\$509,600		
		Rep. Panetta	\$509,600		
Nacimiento Lake Drive Repaving Project (MCWRA)	Funding request to repave a degraded two mile segment of Nacimiento Lake Drive, directly over the Nacimiento Dam crest. The road serves emergency responders, residents, and recreational visitors.	Sen. Padilla	\$2,100,000		
		Sen. Schiff	\$2,100,000		
		Rep. Panetta	\$2,100,000		
Homeless Encampment Resolution – Reclamation Ditch Restoration (MCWRA)	Funding request to rehabilitate 6.8 acres within the existing Salinas Reclamation Channel (Reclamation Ditch No. 1665) system and maintain lands to support public use and enjoyment and improve the riparian zone and waterway.	Sen. Padilla	\$500,000		
		Sen. Schiff	\$500,000		
		Rep. Lofgren	\$500,000		
Porter-Vallejo Library and Mansion Historical Restoration Project	This project would undertake critical infrastructure and building improvements, adding safety and egress features and enabling more of the structure to be used by the public and as a hub for County services, including a public library.	Rep. Lofgren	\$3,500,000		

c. Federal Advocacy

Rep. Panetta’s office reached out to us for a contact in the County of Monterey Health Department who could provide some count-level statistics on the impact of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and tax-credits. We, in turn, connected with Elsa Jimenez the Director of Health Services at the Monterey County Health Department. Statistics are forthcoming.

d. Legislation

We have no recommendations on legislation for the Legislative Committee’s consideration for the November meeting.

Attachment(s):

Federal Bill/Issues Track