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AGENDA ITEM #

TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

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RE: State Legislative Program: Advocacy Update – **AGENDA ITEM #**

State Report

1. Receive Reports, provide direction, and consider positions and/or recommendations to the Board of supervisors on:

- a. **Status of the Legislature:** The legislature will reconvene for the second year of the session on January 5, 2026. The California State Constitution requires that the governor submit a budget proposal to the legislature annually by January 10. The Director of Finance, as chief financial advisor to the governor, leads this effort and issues instructions and guidelines for budget preparation to agencies and departments. Therefore, planning for the 2026 budget is already underway and will continue through the winter.

Currently, there are no active bills before the legislature. In general, bills that did not pass through the first house during the first year of the session will have until January 16 to be passed by the assigned policy committee(s), and until January 31 to be passed by the first house, to remain active. On the other hand, bills that have already passed through the first house will have more time to move through the process.

- b. **Governor's Actions and Executive Orders:**

- November 24 – Governor Newsom issues an executive order to expedite recovery efforts post LA Fires.
- November 20 – Cal OES coordinates two CDSS personnel to support Alaska recovery operations.
- November 19 – Governor Newsom issues an executive order to expedite the removal and cleanup of debris from properties affected by the TCU Lightning Complex fires in Tuolumne County.
- November 14 – Governor Newsom pre-deploys additional emergency resources to Southern California ahead of storms.
- November 13 – Governor Newsom pre-deployed emergency resources to Southern California ahead of storms.
- November 7 – Cal OES requests a disaster declaration from the USDA to support Napa County communities impacted by Pickett Fire.
- November 4 – Governor Newsom pre-deploys emergency personnel and resources to Del Norte and Humboldt communities ahead of potential storm impacts.

- c. **State Bill/Issues Track:** See attached.