



**Contra Costa County
2011 Legislation Summary Report:
Bills Signed by Governor that the County Acted On**

CA AB 6

AUTHOR: Fuentes [D]
TITLE: **CalWORKs and CalFresh**
SUMMARY:

Removes the fingerprint image requirement for eligibility for CalFresh benefits. Revises CalWORKS grant overpayment collection provisions. Makes inoperative and repeals quarterly reporting requirements and prospective determination grant amounts. Relates to semiannual reporting periods through a county transition of recipients. Requires an income reporting threshold for recipients. Limits reporting requirement administrative savings. Requires an energy assistance benefit.

STATUS:

10/06/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.
 10/06/2011 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 501
NOTES: BOS supported on 8/16/11

CA AB 134

AUTHOR: Dickinson [D]
TITLE: **Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District**
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District to file an application for a permit to appropriate a specified amount of water that is based on the volume of treated wastewater that the district discharges into the Sacramento River and recovers for reuse. Authorizes the State Water Resources Control Board to grant a permit to appropriate that treated wastewater upon terms and conditions determined by the board. Requires the board to comply with specified related requirements.

STATUS:

09/06/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.
 09/06/2011 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 212
NOTES: BOS supported on 8/9/11

CA AB 147

AUTHOR: Dickinson [D]
TITLE: **Subdivisions**
SUMMARY:

Amends the Subdivision Map Act which authorizes a local agency to require the payment of fees as a condition of approval of a final map or as a condition of issuing a building permit for purposes of defraying the actual or estimated cost of constructing bridges or major thoroughfares. Authorizes a local ordinance to require payment of a fee subject to the Mitigation Fee Act, as a condition of approval of a final map or permit for purposes of defraying the actual transportation facilities cost.

STATUS:

09/06/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.
 09/06/2011 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 228
NOTES: Our legislative initiative. CSAC Sponsored.

CA AB 348

AUTHOR: Buchanan [D]
TITLE: **Highways: Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone**
SUMMARY:

Provides for the designation of a specified segment of county highway known as Vasco Road in Alameda County and Contra Costa County as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone upon the approval of the boards of supervisors of those counties. Imposes specified duties on local governing bodies regarding that double fine zone, including to prepare a report on the effectiveness of the zone to be submitted to the Legislature.

STATUS:

09/20/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR.

09/21/2011

Chapered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 290

NOTES:

Our bill for Vasco DFZ

CA AB 438**AUTHOR:**

Williams [D]

TITLE:**County Free Libraries: Withdrawal: Use of Contractors****SUMMARY:**

Imposes specified requirements if the board of trustees, common council, or other legislative body of a city or the board of trustees of a library district intends to withdraw from the county free library system and operate the city's or district's library or libraries with a private contractor that will employ library staff to achieve cost savings, unless the library or libraries are funded only by the proceeds of a special tax imposed by the city or district. Prohibits employee loss of employment.

STATUS:

10/08/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR. Chapered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 611

NOTES:

To Leg Com for support on 7/28. Leg Com recommends WATCH. BOS adopts WATCH on 8/16/11.

CA AB 506**AUTHOR:**

Wieckowski [D]

TITLE:**Local Government: Bankruptcy: Neutral Evaluation****SUMMARY:**

Prohibits a local public entity from filing under federal bankruptcy law unless the entity has met specified requirements including participation in a neutral evaluation process, or a local public agency has declared a fiscal emergency and has adopted a resolution at a notice public hearing, that includes findings that the agency's financial status jeopardizes the health, safety, or well-being of the residents of the agency's jurisdiction or service area absent bankruptcy protections.

STATUS:

10/09/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR. Chapered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 675

NOTES:

BOS Opposed on 5/24/11. Sent letter to Author and Senate Approps.

CA AB 509**AUTHOR:**

Skinner [D]

TITLE:**Federal Earned Income Tax Credit: Notification****SUMMARY:**

Requires state departments and agencies that serve individuals qualified for the federal earned income tax credit to notify program recipients that they may be eligible for the credit in a specified manner. Requires state departments and agencies that do not directly communicate with persons who may qualify for the credit to communicate indirectly through agencies or districts serving those persons.

	STATUS:	
	10/04/2011	Signed by GOVERNOR.Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 452
	NOTES:	BOS supported on 6/28/11. Sent support letter to Gov.
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CA AB 646	AUTHOR:	Atkins [D]
	TITLE:	Local Public Employee Organizations: Impasse Procedures
	SUMMARY:	Amends provisions that govern collective bargaining of local represented employees and delegate jurisdiction to the Public Employment Relations Board to resolve disputes and enforce the duties and rights of local public agency employers and employees. Authorizes the employee organization to request the matter be submitted to a factfinding panel if a mediator is unable to effect a settlement within a specified time period. Provides procedures for the submission of an agency's last, best, and final offer.
	STATUS:	
	10/09/2011	Signed by GOVERNOR. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 680
	NOTES:	BOS Opposed on 5/24/11. Sent letter to Gov.
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CA AB 674	AUTHOR:	Bonilla [D]
	TITLE:	Vehicles: Registration Fees
	SUMMARY:	Extends the authorization for programs, funded from the fees charged for the registration of commercial motor vehicles that enhance the capacity of local law enforcement to provide fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, vehicular manslaughter, other vehicle-related crimes, and other crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle.
	STATUS:	
	09/01/2011	Signed by GOVERNOR.
	09/01/2011	Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 205
	NOTES:	AM Bonilla requested support. Sheriff recommends. BOS supports 4/5/11.
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CA AB 720	AUTHOR:	Hall [D]
	TITLE:	Public Contracts: Construction Cost Accounting
	SUMMARY:	Revises a provision in existing law that specifies a board of supervisors or a county road commissioner is not prohibited from using alternative procedures governing county highway contracts to limit their use in maintenance, emergency work and road construction. Amends existing law which authorizes public projects with a specified monetary threshold to be performed by public employees by force account, negotiated contract, or purchase order. Increases the threshold. Relates to bidding thresholds.
	STATUS:	
	10/09/2011	Signed by GOVERNOR.Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 683
	NOTES:	PW recommends Oppose. BOS opposes on 4/12. Sent letter 4/15.

CA AB 902	<p>AUTHOR: Alejo [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Taxation: Property Tax Delinquency and Sales</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Amends existing law that requires a tax collector, in the case of the proposed tax sale of property that is the primary residence of the last known assessee, to make a reasonable effort to contact the owner-occupant of the property. Requires the actual and reasonable costs incurred by the tax collector in attempting to make contact to be established by the board of supervisors. Requires a fee for actual and reasonable costs regarding notices. Requires fees be distributed to the county general fund.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>09/01/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.</p> <p>09/01/2011 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 208</p> <p>NOTES: BOS supported 6/7/11. Recommendation from TT.</p>
CA AB 946	<p>AUTHOR: Lowenthal B [D]</p> <p>TITLE: County of Los Angeles: Interoperable Communications</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Authorizes the County of Los Angeles or the Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communication System Authority to solicit proposals and enter into agreement with private entities for the delivery of a regional interoperable communications system and all related infrastructure to be used by public safety agencies and emergency responders located in the county.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>10/02/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 400</p> <p>NOTES: To Leg Com for support on 7/28. BOS supported on 8/9/11. GUT & AMEND on the Property Tax Administration bill.</p>
CA AB 1053	<p>AUTHOR: Gordon [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Local Government: Penalties and Fees</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Provides an increase in fees for fetal death or death record and a certified copy of a birth certificate. Removes the authorization to adjust the fee using a specified method. Requires the fee to be adjusted pursuant to a specified method. Declares that the increased fee would more accurately reflect the true cost of providing those documents. Raises the registration fee for a petition filed to make a minor a ward of the court when the minor is represented by appointed counsel.</p> <p>STATUS:</p> <p>10/02/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR.Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 402</p> <p>NOTES: BOS supported on 5/3/11. Sent letter to Assembly Approps 5/13/11.</p>
CA AB 1066	<p>AUTHOR: Perez J [D]</p> <p>TITLE: Medi-Cal: Demonstration Project Waivers</p> <p>SUMMARY:</p> <p>Distinguishes which provisions of the Medi-Cal Hospital or Uninsured Care Demonstration Project Act apply to the successor demonstration project. Renames the Coverage Expansion and Enrollment Demonstration project as the Low Income Health Program (LIHP). Provides that the Department of Health</p>

Care Services shall authorize local LIHPs. Provides that LIHP health care services may be provided to certain eligible individuals.

STATUS:

07/13/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR.

07/15/2011

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 86

NOTES:

Sent letter of support, per Dr. Walker request. Consistent with Platform.

CA AB 1296**AUTHOR:**

Bonilla [D]

TITLE:**Health Care Eligibility, Enrollment, And Retention Act****SUMMARY:**

Enacts the Health Care Reform Eligibility, Enrollment, and Retention Planning Act. Requires the State Health and Human Services Agency to establish standardized single, accessible application forms and related renewal procedures for state subsidy programs. Specifies the duties of the agency and the State Department of Health Care Services under the act. Requires providing specified information to the Legislature on policy changes needed for implementation.

STATUS:

10/09/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 641

NOTES:

HSD supports. BOS 4/5/11 support. Sent letter to Gov.

CA SB 33**AUTHOR:**

Simitian [D]

TITLE:**Elder and Dependent Adult Abuse****SUMMARY:**

Amends provisions of the Elder Abuse and Dependent Adult Civil Protection Act that includes within the mandatory reporting requirements of suspected instances of elder or dependent adult abuse, requirements regarding mandating reports of suspected financial abuse, with certain exceptions, makes a failure to comply subject to civil penalty. Deletes the repeal date of these provisions.

STATUS:

09/30/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR.

09/30/2011

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 372

NOTES:

EHSD supports. Consistent with Platform. Sent support letter 3/21

CA SB 373**AUTHOR:**

DeSaulnier [D]

TITLE:**Retirement: Contra Costa County****SUMMARY:**

Deletes the termination date of existing law that authorizes the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to establish different retirement benefits for different bargaining units of safety employees represented by the Contra Costa County Deputy Sheriffs' Association, and the unrepresented groups of safety employees in similar job classification and the supervisors and managers of those employees, pursuant to a resolution making those provisions applicable to the county.

STATUS:

07/07/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR.

07/08/2011

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 68

NOTES:

Our sponsored bill. Signed by Governor!

CA SB 429**AUTHOR:** DeSaulnier [D]**TITLE:** **Programs: After School Education and Safety: Grants****SUMMARY:**

Provides that every school that establishes a before school program component pursuant to the the After School Education and Safety Program, or establishes a program with a before school program component pursuant to the program, is eligible to receive a supplemental grant to operate the program in excess of 180 school days or during any combination of summer, intersession, or vacation periods for a maximum of a specified percentage of the grant amount awarded. Relates to revised program requirements.

STATUS:

10/08/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR. Chaptered by Secretary of State.
Chapter No. 626

NOTES: BOS supported 5/3/11. Sent support letter to Sen Approps.

CA SB 595**AUTHOR:** Wolk [D]**TITLE:** **Tidelands and Submerged Lands: Removal of Vessels****SUMMARY:**

Relates to the removal of vessel hazards. Removes the authority of the State Lands Commission to remove and store a vessel removed from a public waterway. Authorizes the commission to remove a vessel immediately and without notice. Authorizes the commission to remove and dispose of a vessel that has been placed on state lands without permission under certain conditions. Relates to deeming such vessels as abandoned property. Requires the funds from the sale be deposited in the General Fund.

STATUS:

10/08/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR. Chaptered by Secretary of State.
Chapter No. 595

NOTES: Sending letter of support. Consistent w Platform.

CA SB 695**AUTHOR:** Hancock [D]**TITLE:** **Medi-Cal: County Juvenile Detention Facilities****SUMMARY:**

Provides that Medi-Cal benefits may be provided to an individual awaiting adjudication in a county juvenile detention facility if he or she is eligible to receive benefits at the time he or she is admitted to the detention facility, or the individual is subsequently determined to be eligible and the county agrees to pay the state's share of expenditures and administrative costs for specified benefits. Provides for the continuation of benefits. Suspends benefits if the individual becomes an inmate.

STATUS:

10/09/2011 Signed by GOVERNOR. Chaptered by Secretary of State.
Chapter No. 647

NOTES: BOS supported on 6/28/11; Letter to Gov.

CA SB 930**AUTHOR:** Evans [D]**TITLE:** **In-Home Supportive Services: Enrollment and Fingerprint****SUMMARY:**

Relates to the county administered In-Home Supportive Services enrollment form. Requires local entities to send a copy of the criminal background check to the Department of Social Services regarding an appealing applicant. Deletes requirements pertaining to obtaining fingerprint images of IHSS recipients, and

the requirement that the provider timesheet include spaces for provider and recipient fingerprints. Deletes requirements and prohibitions relating to the use of a post office box address by a provider.

STATUS:

10/09/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 649

NOTES:

BOS supported 5/3/11

CA SB 734**AUTHOR:**

DeSaulnier [D]

TITLE:**State and Local Workforce Investment Boards: Funding****SUMMARY:**

Relates to the county administered In-Home Supportive Services enrollment form. Requires local entities to send a copy of the criminal background check to the Department of Social Services regarding an appealing applicant. Deletes requirements pertaining to obtaining fingerprint images of IHSS recipients, and the requirement that the provider timesheet include spaces for provider and recipient fingerprints. Deletes requirements and prohibitions relating to the use of a post office box address by a provider.

STATUS:

10/05/2011

Signed by GOVERNOR

NOTES:

BOS Oppose Unless Amended 6/28/11

BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

AB 455 (Campos-D) Pubic Employment – Local Public Employee (OPPOSE)

Provides that an employee who works in California for 7 or more days in a calendar year is entitled to paid sick days. Prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee who requests paid sick days. Requires employers to satisfy posting and notice and recordkeeping requirements. Authorizes the Labor Commissioner to impose administrative fines. Exempts employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement that provides for paid sick days.

AB 1220 (Alejo-D) Land Use and Planning – Cause of Actions – Time Limits (OPPOSE)

Relates to actions or proceedings against local zoning and planning decisions of a legislative body to encourage or facilitate the development of affordable housing. Authorized challenges within five years after approval of a housing element even though public hearings were conducted prior to adoption.

SB 834 (Wolk-D) Integrated Regional Water Management Plans (SUPPORT)

Requires an integrated regional water management plan to address specified water quality and water supply matters and identify the manner in which the plan furthers a specified state policy concerning reducing reliance on the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta for water supply and improving regional self-reliance for water, if the region depends on water for the watershed. Requires integrated regional water management plans to incorporate that requirement. Relates to plan funding.

BILLS TO BE CARRIED OVER INTO 2012

AB 296 (Skinner-D) Building Standards – Cool Pavement (SUPPORT)

Senate Appropriations Committee

Establishes the Cool Pavements Research and Implementation Act. Requires the Department of Transportation to implement one or more cool pavement pilot projects, to submit a report to the Legislature with an analysis of the various costs of pavement surfaces and the results of the projects, and to make available on the Internet Web site a Cool Pavements Handbook. Requires considering the incorporation of the specifications proposed in the handbook in the Green Building Code.

AB 400 (Ma-D) Employment – Paid Sick Days (OPPOSE)

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Provides that an employee who works in California for 7 or more days in a calendar year is entitled to paid sick days. Prohibits an employer from discriminating against an employee who requests paid sick days. Requires employers to satisfy posting and notice and recordkeeping requirements. Authorizes the Labor Commissioner to impose administrative fines. Exempts employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement that provides for paid sick days.

AB 502 (Bonilla-D) Land Use – General Plan – Housing Element (SUPPORT)

Assembly Local Government Committee

Authorizes Contra Costa County and the City of Concord to establish the Concord Naval Weapons Station Reuse Authority to plan for, finance, and manage the transition of the property formerly known as the Concord Naval Weapons Station from military to civilian use.

AB 627 (Berryhill, B.-R) State Water Resources Development System – Delta (OPPOSE)

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Requires the Department of Water Resources undertake an expedited evaluation and feasibility study with regard to the implementation of a specified Delta Corridors Plan as part of the State Water Resources Development System. Requires an assessment of the incorporation of the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project managed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation into the Plan.

AB 752 (Brownley-D) Tidelands and Submerged Lands – Sea Level Action (OPPOSE)

Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee

Specifies that the preparation of a sea level action plan for legislative granted public trust lands shall be among the management priorities of a local trustee of granted public lands and requires certain trustees to prepare sea level action plans. Requires the plan to include, among other things, an assessment of the impact of sea level rise on granted public trust lands, an estimate of the financial cost of this impact, and strategies to prevent or mitigate damage to development and infrastructure. This is the second year this proposal sponsored by the State Lands Commission has failed. The sponsor has rejected amendments to promise funding for the required studies, and the County and the DCC have remained opposed.

AB 792 (Alejo-D) Health Care Coverage – Health Benefit Exchange (SUPPORT)

Senate Appropriations

Requires the disclosure of information on health care coverage through the Health Benefit Exchange by health care service plans, health insurers, employers, or other entities, or upon the filing of a petition for dissolution of marriage, nullity of marriage, legal separation, or adoption. Requires health care service plans and insurers to, upon the failure to renew coverage, provide information to the Exchange. Allows an individual whose information has been transferred to discontinue the application.

AB 931 (Dickinson-D) Environment – CEQA Exemption (SUPPORT)

Senate Environmental Quality Committee

Amends CEQA. Relates to exempting infill housing projects in urbanized section of the unincorporated area of a county, from meeting a community level environmental review. Exempts residential units including projects that may be used for neighborhood-serving goods, services, or retail uses to a level that does not exceed a specified percentage of the building square footage. Authorizes the use of a sustainable communities environmental assessment or modified environmental impact report for a transit proximity or employment priority project. CSAC sponsored this bill at Contra Costa County's request.

SB 34 (Simitian-D) Water Resources Investment Act of 2011 (SUPPORT IN CONCEPT)

Senate Appropriation Committee

Requires revenues and charges collected under the Water Resources Investment Program to be deposited in the state Water Resources Investment Program Fund and a number of regional investment accounts within the fund. Requires money in the regional accounts be for water-related projects and programs. Requires state account moneys be appropriated for specified statewide water-related programs and the Delta plan, mercury contamination in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, and for related bond debt service.

SB 106 (Blakeslee-R) Special Elections (SUPPORT)

Senate Appropriations Committee

Provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred on or after January 1, 2009, and before April 19, 2011, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of Senator or Member of the Assembly, or to fill a vacancy of Congressional members, shall be paid by the state.

SB 141 (Price-D) Elections – Payment of Expenses (SUPPORT)

Senate Appropriations Committee

Provides that expenses authorized and necessarily incurred for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or Assembly Member, or to fill a vacancy in the office of United States Senator or Representative in the Congress, are to be paid by the state. Provides that the state shall pay only those additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor when combined with a local election.

SB 394 (DeSaulnier-D) Health Schools Act of 2011 (SUPPORT)

Senate Appropriations Committee

Enacts the Healthy Schools Act of 2011. Requires all school sites to send at least one person to Department of Pesticide Regulation training.

SB 662 (DeSaulnier-D) Public Services (SUPPORT)

Assembly Human Services Committee

Authorizes, contingent upon a specified finding, the Department of Finance and any county to enter into a contract to authorize the county to integrate specified public services. Requires the Legislature to ratify the contract by an enactment of a bill. Requires the county board of supervisors to ratify the contract. Provides the term of the contract. Requires the county to report to the department and the Legislature on the progress towards meeting the goals of the contract by the 5th year.

SB 703 (Hernandez, E. -D) Health Care Coverage – Basic Health Program (SUPPORT)

Assembly Appropriations Committee

Establishes a Basic Health Program to be administered by the Managed Risk Medical Insurance Board. Requires the board to enter into a contract with the federal government to implement the program. Sets forth the duties relative to the eligibility, premiums, and the selection of health plans. Permits enrollment beginning on a specified date. Creates a related trust fund subject to appropriation. Provides funding sources. Authorizes General Fund loans for the initial start-up expenses. Requires an evaluation.

SB 744 (Wyland-R) Water Submeters – Testing (OPPOSE)

Assembly Inactive File

Provides that any water submeter tested by equipment that is calibrated by tests traceable to specified standards shall be deemed to be sealed and approved for commercial use, provided that the submeter satisfies certain criteria. Provides that no submeter shall be considered to have been put into service prior to its installation if the submeter is to be used in a multiunit residential structure. Requires notification to the county sealer that a meter is placed in service. Provides for a civil penalty.

SB 810 (Leno-D) Single-Payer Health Care Coverage (SUPPORT)

Senate Appropriations Committee

Establishes the State Healthcare System. Creates State Healthcare Agency. Makes all residents eligible for specified health care benefits under the System, which would, on a single-payer basis, negotiate for or set fees for health care services provided through the system and pay claims for those services. Creates the Healthcare Policy Board.

BILLS THAT FAILED PASSAGE

AB 710 (Skinner-D) Local Planning (NEUTRAL AFTER AMENDMENT)

Failed Passage on Senate Floor

Prohibits a city or country from requiring a minimum parking standard greater than one parking space per 1,000 square feet of nonresidential improvements and one parking space per unit of residential improvements for any new development project in transit sensitive areas. This bill was amended to allow existing projects to continue if a parking study had been completed, but was opposed by many local jurisdictions.



Contra Costa County Legislation Summary Report: Delta-related Legislation

Numerous Delta-related bills were introduced in the Legislature in 2011. Some of them became two-year bills, due to the ever-controversial nature of Delta issues and the difficulty of resolving these issues. These bills will be taken up again in 2012, the second year of the current two-year session.

Following is a summary of the Delta bills on which the Board of Supervisors adopted a position in 2011.

Delta bills supported by the Board of Supervisors

AB 134 (Dickinson) – Signed into law by the Governor. The bill provides the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District with eligibility to sell its treated wastewater to downstream water users, subject to receiving a permit by the state. The bill enables the Sacramento agency to follow the example set by the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District and others, in selling some of the wastewater they treat. Revenue will be used by the Sacramento agency to pay for extensive improvements in its treatment facilities.

SB 34 (Simitian) – Became a two-year bill, in Senate Appropriations Committee; may be heard in 2012. SB 34 creates an annual fee on water districts, with the funds going to a variety of water-related infrastructure projects including levee improvements.

SB 595 (Wolk) -- Signed into law by the Governor. The bill strengthens the State Lands Commission's ability to remove abandoned vessels in waters under its jurisdiction, and quickens the process.

SB 834 (Wolk) – Vetoed by the Governor. Would have required regions of California that depend on Delta water to indicate how they will reduce their reliance on the Delta. The bill did not place any performance measures or reporting requirements on the regions, so there were no teeth in it. The Governor's veto message indicated he vetoed the bill because it did not add to existing law.

Delta bills opposed by the Board of Supervisors

AB 576 (Dickinson) – Became a two-year bill, in Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; may be heard in 2012. AB 576 requires the Delta Stewardship Council to develop a Delta financing plan, based on the "beneficiary pays" philosophy which holds that those who benefit from Delta water projects should pay for them. While "beneficiary pays" is consistent with the County's adopted Delta Water Platform, the bill contained details that were inconsistent with the County's position.

AB 627 (Berryhill) – Died in Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill would have

expedited a state study of two Delta water projects known as the Two-Gates Demonstration Project and the Delta Corridors Plan. The County opposed both projects due to their potential impacts on water quality and boater safety in the western Delta.

AB 752 (Brownley) – Died in Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee. The bill would have required jurisdictions with public trust lands to perform studies and develop plans for coping with sea-level rise. The bill did not provide funding for this substantial planning effort. Although the County itself would not have been subject to the bill, the cities of Richmond, Antioch and Oakley would have been subject to it.

Federal Delta bills opposed by the Delta Counties Coalition

The Delta Counties Coalition opposed two bills introduced in Congress by Central Valley congressmen that would conflict with state and federal policies on water quality and environmental protection, and provide Central Valley water districts with rights to more Delta water. These bills conflict with the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors' adopted Delta Water Platform. The bills were not forwarded to the Board by the Transportation, Water and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC) because the Delta Counties Coalition already was aggressively advocating against them in Washington on behalf of the five member counties. These two bills are described below.

HR 1251 (Costa) – In House Committee on Natural Resources. The bill would remove recent judicial restrictions on export pumping of water from the Delta, increase the export pumping, and roll back water quality projections.

HR 1837 (Nunes) – In House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Water and Power. The bill would roll back portions of the Federal Clean Water Act and would change long-standing water rights in California to provide more water rights to a specific group of Central Valley water districts.

The Delta's entire congressional delegation has expressed opposition to both bills and has written letters to the bills' authors expressing their concerns. The County's federal legislative advocate in Washington is monitoring any movement on these bills and will keep the County and the Delta Counties Coalition advised.