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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR
December 3, 2020

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Vice Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Chair

Present: Diane Burgis, Vice Chair
Karen Mitchoff, Chair

Staff Present: Lara DeLaney, Senior Deputy County Administrator, staff to Committee; Jocelyn Stortz, Director of Environmental Health; John Cunningham, Principal Planner, DCD; Erick Untal, Legislative Analyst, EHSD; Mark Goodwin, Chief of Staff, District III; Tim Ewell, Assistant CAO; Lynn Peralta, Division Manager, EHSD; Cassie Hourlland, Contra Costa County CoC Manager

Attendees: James Gross, Michelle Rubalcava; Aly Brown; Paul Schlesinger; William Walker; Perrin Badini; Dom Pruett

1. Introductions

Chair Mitchoff convened the meeting at 2:30 p.m. with introductions of herself and Vice Chair Burgis.

2. Public comment on any item under the jurisdiction of the Committee and not on this agenda (speakers may be limited to three minutes).

No public comment was provided to the Committee.

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the September 14, 2020 meeting.

The Record of Action for the September 14, 2020 meeting was approved as presented.

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4. RECEIVE the reports on the November 3, 2020 General Election.

Oral reports that recapped the written reports regarding the outcomes of the November 2020 election were provided to the Committee by the County's state and federal advocates. They noted that members of our delegations were in committee leadership positions or poised for those positions, including Senator Skinner, Assemblymember Grayson, and Congressman Thompson. They also speculated on the Governor's appointment to replace Vice President-elect Harris in the Senate, noting that Secretary of State Alex Padilla was the front-runner. Potential Biden Administration appointees from California were also discussed.

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5. PROVIDE direction to staff on the development of the 2021-22 Proposed State Platform and recommend its adoption by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on January 19, 2021.

Vice Chair Burgis requested that the Community Crisis Response recommendation related to a central line for mental health services, substance use, and homelessness be added to the Platform as a priority or sponsored bill, noting that Assemblymember Bauer-Kahan would be introducing a bill related to a pilot program for this subject. Chair Mitchoff noted that the City Managers would also be bringing forward a related proposal to the Board of Supervisors after the first of the year. Jim Gross noted that Assemblymember Grayson had been requested to sponsor the EMS related sponsored bill. Michelle Rubalcava noted that the sponsored bill proposal related to treated wood waste would be evolving and would likely not require County bill sponsorship. Chair Mitchoff expressed support for revisions to the Brown Act that would enable continued citizen engagement and accessibility to public meetings via technology tools ushered in during the pandemic. Vice Chair Burgis concurred.

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6. PROVIDE direction to staff on the development of the 2021-22 Proposed Federal Platform and recommend its adoption by the Board of Supervisors at its meeting on January 19, 2021.

The County's federal advocate, Paul Schlesinger of Alcalde & Fay, noted there is a possibility of the return of earmarks, with Democratic leaders advocating for or supporting their return in the next congress. The projects in the Draft Platform for 2021-22 could be candidates if earmarks do return. Paul also discussed the advantage of having secured provisions in WRDA 2020 creating flexibility for the Army Corps of Engineers to address the water resource needs of economically disadvantaged communities through pilot efforts to reduce or eliminate the local cost share for projects with the Corps, as well as the language related to "harmful algal blooms" in the Delta. Dr. Walker reported on the on-going efforts of the America's Essential Hospitals association and the

California Association of Public Hospitals advocating with our congressional delegation for the delay or elimination of reductions to the Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) allocation, as well as advocating for the \$900 billion (final amount) coronavirus relief bill.

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7. The next meeting is not currently scheduled. The schedule will be set in January 2021.
8. Adjourn

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