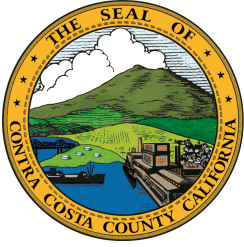


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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR
April 12, 2021

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair
Supervisor Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Present: Diane Burgis, Chair
Karen Mitchoff, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Lara DeLaney, Senior Deputy County Administrator, staff to Committee; Ryan Hernandez, Department of Conservation & Development, Water agency; Gayle Israel, District Representative, District II; Aruna Bhat, Deputy Director, DCD; Mark Goodwin, Chief of Staff, District III; Chris Wickler, Field Representative, District IV; John Kopchik, Director of Department of Conservation & Development; Lynn Peralta, Division Manager, EHSD; Brian Balbas, Director, Public Works Department; Jody London, Sustainability Coordinator; Bob Campbell, Auditor-Controller

Attendees: James Gross, Michelle Rubalcava; Steve Cruz; Dr. William Walker; Paul Schlesinger, Perrin Badini; Juan Valdez; Bill Speir; Audrey

1. Introductions

Chair Burgis called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. with introductions of herself and Vice Chair Mitchoff.

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 made to the Committee.

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the March 8, 2021 meeting.

The Record of Action for the March 8, 2021 meeting of the Committee was approved as presented.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

4. ACCEPT the report and provide direction to staff and the County's federal lobbyists, as needed.

The County's federal advocate, Paul Schlesinger, provided an update on the Administration's FY 22 top-line budget numbers. He reported on the major feature of the Appropriations bills for FY 22: the return of congressionally directed spending (also known as earmarks). He also reported on the \$2 trillion American Jobs Plan unveiled by President Biden, indicating a second infrastructure bill would be coming. Chair Burgis discussed the potential impact on redistricting on the County's congressional make-up. No direction was given to staff and the federal lobbyists.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

5. ACCEPT the report on the state resiliency bond measures and provide direction to staff and advocates, as needed.

Steve Cruz, the County's water advocate, provided the Committee with an update on the status of the discussions surrounding resiliency bonds at the State Capitol, noting the significant bills in motion, SB 45 and AB 1500. Owing to the pending drought and water conditions, there was renewed attention to the bond proposals, and the Senate had taken early action on \$2 billion of water-related projects (using proceeds from prior bond measures). The bond proposals currently were more broad-ranging with climate change and sea-level rise adaptation included. Mr. Cruz was working with staff and Supervisors Burgis and Mitchoff to identify adequate funding in any bond measures for County flood control and Delta protection. Chair Burgis wanted to draw attention to the issue as drought disasters were looming. No further direction was given by the Committee.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

6. ACCEPT the report and provide direction to staff and the County's state lobbyists, as needed.

The County's state advocate, Michelle Rubalcava from Nielsen Merksamer, provided an update on efforts at the Capitol to address the issue of homeowner insurance fire policy cancellation including those by Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara and the legislature. Chair Burgis asked about the data surrounding numbers of impacted homeowners, indicating that she has received information about numerous cancellations in Clayton and Brentwood, and asked about other actions that could be taken to address the problem aside from advocacy and education. Jim Gross, also from Nielsen Merksamer, provided the Committee with an update on the County's sponsored bills, AB 988 and AB 389.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

7. CONSIDER recommending a position on SB 9 (Atkins) to the Board of Supervisors.

Supervisor Mitchoff asked if the County had taken a position on the bill last year, and staff indicated there was no official position on SB 1120. She recommended that the County take an "Oppose Unless Amended" position on SB 9 and requested that the item be sent to the Board of Supervisors for discussion rather than on Consent. She would prefer cooperation with the state instead of directives.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

8. CONSIDER recommending to the Board of Supervisors a position on SB 10 (Wiener) and directing staff on its placement on a Board agenda.

Supervisor Mitchoff indicated serious concerns with the bill though she wasn't ready to make a recommendation to the Board for a position. She directed staff to watch the bill and bring it back for reconsideration by the Committee.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

9. The next meeting is currently scheduled for Monday, May 10, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.
10. Adjourn

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