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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR September 13, 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; Mark

Goodwin, Chief of Staff, District III; Jocelyn Stortz, Environmental Health Director,

CCHS; Chris Wickler, Field Representative, District IV; Jen Quallick, Field Representative, District II; Kristian Lucas, Contra Costa Health Services; John

Kopchik, Director of Department of Conservation & Development; Sonia Bustamante,

Chief of Staff, District I; Daniel Peddycord, Climate and Health Policy Officer;

Vanessa Cordier, Contra Costa Health Services

Attendees: Dr. William Walker; Paul Schlesinger, Perrin Badini; James Gross, Michelle

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Introductions

Chair Burgis convened the meeting at 1:00 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 June 14, 2021 meeting with any necessary corrections.

The Record of Action for the June 14, 2021 meeting 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 state advocates, as needed.

The Committee received the report from staff and the County's state advocates on the 2021-22 State Budget and Legislation of Interest. The state advocates included information about anticipated state regulations regarding CBD (cannabidiol) to ensure that CBD-infused products are accurately labeled and safe. Chair Burgis inquired about the deadline for Governor action on the bills that have reached his desk (Oct. 10). The Committee thanked the staff and advocates for their work to advance the County's sponsored bills and other bills of interest. No public comment was received.

5. CONSIDER making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to not allow for Microenterprise Home Kitchens to operate in Contra Costa County.

The County's Environmental Health Director, Jocelyn Stortz, provided a recap of the written report, clarifying that routine inspections would be permitted by the agency for Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations (MEHKO's). She reiterated that most of the jurisdictions that have allowed their establishment are still early in implementation and do not have much data to share, although they have reported that they have not experienced significant problems or complaints. The Director of Conservation and Development indicated that there may be zoning implications to consider, particularly if the County were to permit MEHKO's which would make them permissable in cities, noting there would be no distinction between the person making jam at home and restaurant type facilities. Chair Burgis noted that when this subject was previously discussed, the impact of COVID-19 on staff and staffing levels was a concern; Ms Stortz indicated that staffing levels have returned to normal. Vice Chair Mitchoff suggested that this matter be reviewed again in March 2022 when more data from implementing jurisdictions could be gathered, noting she preferred to take a cautious approach. Chair Burgis agreed with that approach, noting that the spirit of the bill made sense, but more data on the experiences in Alameda, Solano, San Mateo, and Riverside was requested. A suggestion was made to bring the matter to the Mayors Conference and/or the Public Managers Association to ensure awareness, assess interest and gather input. The Committee noted that if Riverside did not have data to report in early 2022, the matter could be returned in May or June.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

6. ACCEPT the report and provide direction to staff and the federal advocate, as needed.

The County's federal advocate, Paul Schlesinger, provided an oral report to supplement the written report, noting that the House had agreed to bring the bipartisan infrastructure proposal from the Senate to a vote on September 27. (That vote was subsequently delayed to the end of October.) He also noted that committee work was underway on President Biden's \$3.5 Trillion human infrastructure agenda to develop the anticipated Reconciliation bill. He was optimistic that the project specific funding requests from Contra Costa County and other local jurisdictions could be included in the bill, as there were indications that sufficient funding had been identified in the bill for this purpose. Reports in the media about Senator Manchin's position on the size of the Reconciliation bill, however, were casting doubt about it moving forward as anticipated. No public comment was received.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis
Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

7. The next meeting is currently scheduled for October 11, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

The October 11, 2021 meeting of the Legislation Committee was subsequently canceled.

8. Adjourn

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