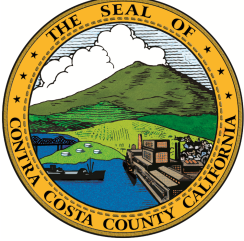


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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR
July 11, 2022

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; Teresa Gerringer, Chief of Staff, District III; Monica Nino, County Administrator; Michele DiMaggio, Health Services staff; Jocelyn Stortz, Director of Environmental Health, Health Services; John Kopchik, Director, Department of Conservation and Development; Kristian Lucas, Health Services staff; Collen Awad, Field Representative, District IV; Tamina Alon, Policy & Planning Director, EHSD; Gayle Israel, Chief of Staff, District II

Attendees: James Gross, Michelle Rubalcava, Rachael Blucher; Tim Leong; Paul Schlesinger, Greg Burns, Jim Davenport; Mark MacDonald

1. Introductions

Chair Burgis convened the meeting at 1:01 p.m., introducing 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. Staff recommends approval of the Record of Action for the April 11, 2022 meeting.

The Record of Action for the April 11, 2022 meeting was approved as presented.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis

Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

4. ACCEPT the report on the State Budget and bills of interest and provide direction and/or input to staff and the County's state lobbyists, as needed.

Staff and the County's state advocates provided a recap of the written report. Vice Chair Mitchoff inquired about AB 1608 (Gipson) and when the bill would potentially take effect. She recommended that the County continue to watch the bill and indicated her preference for an elected Coroner. A caller spoke to AB 1608 and indicated the Coroner needed to have a medical background. The caller also expressed their position on bills AB 2677, AB 2627, and AB 2647.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis

Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

5. CONSIDER making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to not allow for Microenterprise Home Kitchens to operate in Contra Costa County or DIRECT staff to return with additional information related to implementation in counties that have opted in at a specific date.

The Director of Environmental Health, Jocelyn Stortz, provided a recap of the written staff report and reiterated the main concern about food borne illnesses. She indicated that some cities have local ordinances related to Home Kitchen Operations but most do not. However, for the Bay Area counties, there have been few complaints about these operations so far. Nevertheless, the concerns of staff have not changed, and it is her recommendation that Micro Enterprise Home Kitchen Operations not be established in Contra Costa County. Chair Burgis noted her concerns are with protecting consumers and enforcing safety mechanisms that restaurants are required to utilize. Vice Chair Mitchoff agreed that it was certainly not a good time to explore permitting this, especially when a virulent strain of COVID-19 was still permeating the county. A public caller noted it was irresponsible for the Governor to have signed the original bill, and she was glad the County was not going to opt-in. Vice Chair Mitchoff requested the referral of this item be closed out.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis

Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

6. CONSIDER recommending a position on AB 2627 (Bauer-Kahan) to the Board of Supervisors.

Staff provided a brief recap of the bill, AB 2627. Chair Burgis expressed appreciation for the spirit of the bill and its exploration; she also emphasized the need to ensure protection of personal information. A representative of the Community College District, Tim Leong, explained the history of the bill and the need it was trying to address. Mark MacDonald of MGI Advocacy addressed issues of privacy concerns, noting they have worked with the ACLU, veterans groups, and foster youth groups in the crafting the bill. He noted the District has existing data sharing agreements for K-12 students and adequately secures that data; he also indicated the bill isn't a mandate but allows for the data sharing agreement to be developed. A public caller noted they were against the bill and were concerned about hackers. Vice Chair Mitchoff recognized a need for greater information sharing but indicated she could not support the bill, noting a recent data breach in the Department. She commended the College District for providing affordable educational opportunities for everyone, including those who could potentially transfer to a UC school, which Chair Burgis echoed. Chair Burgis suggested the creation of a "think tank" to develop ideas on how to reach the population of potential college district students and volunteered to assist. The Committee advised staff to continue to watch the bill.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis

Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

7. ACCEPT the report on federal legislation and provide direction and/or input, as needed.

Paul Schlesinger, the County's federal advocate, provided a recap of the status of the County's federal community benefit projects, noting that the funding bills with our earmark projects have passed two House committees, and there was talk of a "minibus" to consolidate 4 or 5 of the appropriations bills which may move forward after the August recess. A continuing resolution was also a potential at this point. Paul also briefed the Committee on the Harmful Algal Blooms demonstration program, noting the Delta Counties Coalition members were eligible for program

funding up to \$5 million though a project needed to be identified. Paul's colleagues, Jim Davenport and Greg Burns, provided additional information about federal activity, including additional negotiations on the Build Back Better bill and a gun violence package. Chair Burgis requested additional information on the Harmful Algal Bloom funding and how Contra Costa could access it. She expressed disappointment with the County's lack of progress in utilizing the funding. Paul reported that implementation guidance from the Army Corps of Engineers had been issued, and funding opportunities should emerge soon. Chair Burgis requested additional information to be ready for the funding release. A public caller commented on the drug pricing proposal being contemplated in the negotiations with Senator Manchin, indicating concerns with drug rationing and turning the country toward communism.

AYE: Chair Diane Burgis

Vice Chair Karen Mitchoff

8. The next meeting is currently scheduled for August 8, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

The scheduled meeting of August 8 was subsequently cancelled.

9. Adjourn

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