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LEGISLATION COMMITTEE

RECORD OF ACTION FOR May 8, 2023

Supervisor Ken Carlson, Chair Supervisor Diane Burgis, Vice Chair

Present: Ken Carlson, Chair

Diane Burgis, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Lara DeLaney, Senior Deputy County Administrator, staff to Committee; Jody

London, Sustainability Coordinator; Colleen Awad, Senior District Rep., D. 4; Monica Nino, County Administrator; Luz Raygoza, ASA II, Employment and Human Services; Kristin Connelly, Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters; Brian Balbas, Public Works

Director; Teresa Gerringer, Chief of Staff, District III

Attendees: Geoff Neill, Paul Schlesinger and Jim Davenport

1. Introductions

Chair Carlson convened the meeting at 1:01 p.m., introducing himself and Vice Chair Burgis.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Persons who wish to address the Legislation Committee during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Legislation Committee that are not on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. All public comments will be limited to three minutes.

Caller inquired as to whether Chair Carlson had a County office since he was attending the meeting at the Administration Building. Chair Carlson confirmed that he does have a County office but chooses to conduct Committee meetings at the Administration Building.

3. Staff recommends APPROVAL of the Record of Action for the April 10, 2023 meeting of the Legislation Committee.

The Record of Action was approved as presented.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson Vice Chair Diane Burgis

4. ACCEPT the report on federal matters of interest to Contra Costa County and provide direction to staff and the County lobbyists, as needed.

The County's federal lobbyist, Jim Davenport from Thorn Run Partners, provided a recap of the status of the federal debt ceiling negotiations. He also addressed the status of the Appropriation bills to fund the federal government. Paul Schlesinger provided information about the impact on the County's community benefit projects, noting that all of the County projects had been advanced for funding consideration to the Appropriations committees. The County's issues with FEMA reimbursement for Non-Congregate Care costs were also addressed. Vice Chair Burgis had a conversation with Administration representatives, lobbying for our reimbursement and noting it could be a big financial impact to Counties if reimbursement were provided.

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5. CONSIDER elections related policy recommendations for the County's State and Federal Legislative Platforms from the County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters and provide direction, including recommendations for the Board of Supervisors, as needed.

The County's Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters provided a recap of her legislative platform proposals. Vice Chair Burgis requested input and feedback from the County's lobbyists on the proposals. She also advocated for the Certified Elections Observer program. The proposals would go back to the Legislation Committee in June before advancement to the Board of Supervisors.

6. RECEIVE a report on the County's sponsored bills and other state bills of interest to the County and provide direction to staff and the County's state lobbyists, as needed.

The County's lobbyist, Geoff Neill, provided a recap of the status of the County's sponsored bills. Vice Chair Burgis inquired about the impacts of the federal debt ceiling negotiations on the State. The federal lobbyist would provide a summary of potential impacts.

AYE: Chair Ken Carlson Vice Chair Diane Burgis

- 7. The next meeting is currently scheduled for <u>June 12, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.</u>
- 8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

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