



Meeting Minutes - Final

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Legislation Committee

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair
Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston, Vice Chair

Monday, February 24, 2025

9:00 AM
361 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140, Brentwood,
CA 94513 | 190 East 4th Street, Pittsburg, CA
94565

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The public may attend this meeting in person at either above location. The public may also attend this meeting remotely via Zoom or call-in.

Agenda Items: Items may be taken out of order based on the business of the day and preference of the Committee.

Introductions

Chair Burgis and Vice Chair Scales-Preston were both in attendance. Supervisor Scales-Preston briefly acted as the Chair for several update/consent items. Items were taken out of order to improve the flow of the meeting.

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

No general public comments were provided on this item.

2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the December 9, 2024 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections. [25-551](#)

Attachments: [Draft Minutes - December 9 2025](#)

The Record of Action was approved as received. No public comments were provided on this item.

3. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and provide direction and/or input as needed. [25-552](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - TRP Tip Sheet 2025.02.18](#)

[Attachment B - Trump 2.0 EO Tracker](#)

The County's federal advocates Jim Davenport and Paul Schlesinger at Thorn Run Partners provided an update on current happenings in Congress, including the status of the pending FY25 appropriations bills and the current continuing resolution (CR) set to expire on March 14, 2025. Specific concerns discussed included the fact that a proposed one-year CR would eliminate the pending community project funding requests that had been previously secured in the FY25 draft Appropriations bills, totaling around \$8 million. These projects would

need to be re-submitted for FY26, should this occur. If a one-year CR did not proceed, possibilities would include a short-term CR that provided additional time to negotiate, or the possibility of a federal government shutdown. No public comments were provided on this item.

4. RECEIVE a report on the FY 25-26 State Budget and matters of interest to the County in the 25-26 legislative session, and provide direction to staff and the County's state advocates, as needed. [25-553](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - LAO FY25-26 Budget Overview](#)
[Attachment B - California January Revenues Lower than Expected](#)

The County's state advocates Michelle Rubalcava and Geoff Neill at Nielsen Merksamer provided an update on the Governor's proposed budget and the activities of the State Legislature. On January 10, the Governor's Budget was released, including topline numbers that would generally include flat funding for most programs. Because the Governor's proposed budget is advance of the federal budget and appropriations process, significant uncertainty remains. Additionally, the proposed budget does include several proposed cuts or modifications that would impact the county or the people we serve. Specific priorities for the state budget were discussed in the next item. No public comments were provided on this item.

5. Discuss and provide direction to staff and state advocates on the County's FY25-26 state budget priorities. [25-554](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - 2025-26 Budget Letter Process - Letters from Members](#)
[Attachment B - Adopted 2025-26 State Legislative Platform 25.01.2](#)

Chair Burgis and Vice Chair Scales-Preston discussed the state budget and the County's advocacy priorities related to the state budget. Concerns were grouped broadly into three categories: (1) Cuts that impact the people we serve - such as reductions to benefit programs; (2) Cuts that reduce funding for County governments that is needed to provide these services; (3) Modifications to programs that increase the cost of operating programs (without providing increased funding or benefits).

Specific priorities include:

- Minimizing the effects of any potential federal cuts, particularly on safety net (health and human services) programs such as Medicaid/Medi-Cal, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)/CalWorks, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)/CalFresh.
- Ensuring engagement on climate priorities, including discussions around the Climate Bond Projects and Cap and Trade Priorities. Discussions on both Climate Bond Projects and Cap and Trade are contemplated this session.
- Natural disasters: providing adequate and timely disaster recovery funding.
- Funding for specific programs related to foster youth, CalFresh, Medicaid, and housing.

The committee instructed that a State Budget priorities letter be prepared using these instructions, to be approved by the Chair of the Board and distributed through the county's state advocates.

No public comments were provided on this item.

6. REVIEW recommended positions on state legislation of interest to the County, consistent with the County's Adopted 2025-26 State Legislative Platform, and provide any necessary feedback. [25-555](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - 2025-2026 Bill Tracking](#)
[Attachment B - Bill Text - SB-30 Diesel-powered on-track equipment](#)

Positions were considered on specific pieces of legislation, as listed in the agenda packet.

Positions taken/affirmed

- An "Amendments Requested" position was affirmed on SB 72 (Caballero)
- A "watch" position was maintained on SB 30 (Cortese)
- An "oppose" position was affirmed on AB 339 (Ortega)
- A "watch" position was directed on AB 340 (Ahrens)
- A "support" position was affirmed on SB 227 (Grayson)
- A "support" position was affirmed on SB 239 (Arreguin)

The Watch list was reviewed and no further actions were taken on the listed bills. No public comments were provided on this item.

7. Receive update from staff on the County's approach to the potential FY26 federal Community Project Funding Requests process. [25-556](#)

The County's approach to potential FY26 Community Project Funding (CPF) requests was discussed.

The proposed approach included:

- In the event of a one-year continuing resolution (CR) that eliminates the CPF requests that were included in the draft FY25 Appropriations bills: First, prioritize advocacy on any FY25 requests that were included in the draft FY25 Appropriations bills.
- Next, consider advocacy on the following five new projects, to advance to the full Board of Supervisors for consideration at the February 25, 2025 meeting being held the next day:
 - Iron Horse Trail Double-Tracking in San Ramon: \$1,500,000 estimated request
 - District 3 Youth Center Start-Up Costs: \$1,300,000 estimated request
 - District 4 Youth Center Start-Up Costs: \$1,300,000 estimated request
 - District 5 Youth Center Start-Up Costs: \$1,300,000 estimated request
 - Two (2) East Bay Radio Communications System (EBRCS) Emergency Communications Sites on Wheels (SOW): \$1,760,000 estimated request

The Committee provided direction on the approach and affirmed that the five proposed projects should be recommended to the Board. No public comments were provided on this item.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for March 24, 2025.

Adjourn

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HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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Public comments generally will be limited to two (2) minutes per speaker. In the interest of facilitating the business of the Board Committee, the total amount of time that a member of the public may use in addressing the Board Committee on all agenda items is 10 minutes. Your patience is appreciated.

Public comments may also be submitted to Committee staff before the meeting by email or by voicemail. Comments submitted by email or voicemail will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.

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