



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Legislation Committee

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

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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

SPECIAL MEETING

Zoom link: <https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/85291316025>

Join via audio: USA 888 278 0254

US Toll-free Meeting ID: 852 9131 6025 / Conference code: 832395

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

The meeting was called to order at 9 AM by Chair Burgis. Vice Chair Scales-Preston and Chair Burgis were both in attendance in person from their respective office locations listed on the agenda.

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 public comments were made on this item.

2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the April 9, 2025 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections. [25-1645](#)

Attachments: [Draft Record of Action - April 9 2025](#)

The record of action for the April 9, 2025 meeting was approved as received.

No public comments were made on this item.

3. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and PROVIDE direction and/or input as needed. [25-1646](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - FY26 Project Requests](#)
[Attachment B - TRP Tip Sheet - April 30](#)
[Attachment C - Trump 2.0 EO Tracker](#)
[Attachment D - Direct Local Program & Funding Impacts of Exec. Actions](#)
[Attachment E - Padilla Schiff Press Release - EPA Grant Unlawful Termination](#)
[Attachment F - Letter from Reps Garamendi and DeSaulnier](#)

Jim Davenport and Paul Schlesinger from Thorn Run Partners presented an update on

federal legislative and budgetary matters of interest to the County via Zoom.

Topics discussed included:

- FY26 Appropriations and Community Project Funding Requests (earmarks)
- President's 'skinny budget' (meaning, an outline for the full request) is expected to be released within the next week. This is traditionally the start to the Appropriations process.
- Draconian cuts are being proposed to numerous key programs, including Medicaid and SNAP, along with reductions at Department of Energy, Housing and Urban Development, and likely scaling back of Department of Justice grants.

EARMARKS in FY26 APPROPRIATIONS

- FY25 earmark requests (Congressionally Directed Spending or Community Project Funding) were not funded in the continuing resolution.
- County requests that were include in the draft FY25 Appropriations bills were resubmitted to the sponsoring House members: 5 to Rep. DeSaulnier and 3 to Rep. Garamendi.
- These 8 resubmitted projects total around \$9.5 million.
- Each House member is limited to only 15 requests, and most plan to resubmit their prior requests. Accordingly, new requests were submitted to Senator Padilla and Senator Schiff.

RECONCILIATION

- Reconciliation sets topline spending, revenue, debt, etc. over the next ten years, with directions to committees to develop related policy/spending proposals.
- Reconciliation will include major changes, rewriting the federal government and role of municipalities.
- Reconciliation concerns include: Drastic cuts to key programs, including Medicaid and SNAP. Cuts to SNAP benefits, work requirements and eligibility roadblocks for SNAP and Medicaid.
- Will play out in tandem with FY26 Appropriations over the next few months.

OTHER NOTABLES

- A surface transportation bill reauthorization bill is expected this fall. The County will have opportunities to weigh in on policies and submit potential projects.
- Staff reviewed the Attachment D, matrix of known current federal impacts to operations.

No public comments were made on this item.

4. RECEIVE a report on the FY25-26 State Budget and matters of interest to the County in the FY25-26 legislative session, and PROVIDE direction to staff and the County's state advocates as needed.

[25-1647](#)

Attachments:

[Attachment A - April 25 Update](#)

[Attachment B - April 11 Update](#)

[Attachment C - Tracked Bills](#)

[Attachment D - Position Letters Sent](#)

Michelle Rubalcava and Geoff Neill from Nielsen Merksamer provided an update on state budgetary and legislative matters of interest.

-Very busy legislative time in Sacramento. The Budget process is going slower, at the

moment.

- The Governor's May Revise is expected on May 14, with bad news anticipated.
- Stock market volatility has major implications on state revenue (capital gains tax).
- Delays in property taxes in LA due to the LA fires means uncertainty about the property tax revenue stream.
- Crunch time for legislation: Fiscal bills must pass first house policy committees by the end of next week, and non-fiscal bills have a deadline the following week.

Updates on Bills of Interest:

- SB 16 (Blakespear) has had significant amendments and the County will update its position to remove its opposition as a result.
- Brown Act bills are progressing, including SB 239 (Arreguin), which the County supports.

No public comments were made on this item.

The next meeting is a special meeting due to Memorial Day, and is currently scheduled for May 28, 2025 at 9:00 AM.

Staff note: The May 28 meeting was moved to June 12.

Adjourn

General Information

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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. 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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