



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Legislation Committee

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

Monday, June 22, 2026

9:00 AM 190 E 4th St, Pittsburg, CA 94565 | 3361
Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140, Brentwood, CA
94513

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

Introductions

Chair Scales Preston and Vice Chair Burgis participated in the meeting from their Pittsburg and Brentwood offices, as listed on the agenda.

Two members of the public are attending from Pittsburg office of Chair Scales Preston. No members of the public attended from the Brentwood location.

The meeting began at approximately 9:06 AM, due to technical difficulties.

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 received on this item.

2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the May 27, 2026 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections. [26-2653](#)

Attachments: [Draft Record of Action - May 27 2026](#)

The record of action from the May 27, 2026 meeting were approved as presented.

3. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and PROVIDE direction and/or input as needed. [26-2654](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - TRP Tip Sheet - June 17](#)
[Attachment B - TRP Local Gov Issues - June 15](#)
[Attachment C - TRP Summary of Proposed OMB Rule on Uniform Guidance](#)
[Attachment D - FY27 Community Project Funding Request Status](#)

Jim Davenport and Paul Schlesinger, the County's federal lobbyists at Thorn Run Partners,

presented via zoom.

Key topics included:

FY27 Appropriations and pending community project funding requests (earmarks):

-The County has 10 earmark projects with funding included in the House bills. Another 3 are pending action by the Senate, but have been submitted by Senators Padilla and Schiff (1 from Sen. Padilla, 2 from Sen. Schiff). sort of pending.

The Senate is moving more slowly on FY27 Appropriations and we may be waiting a quite a while longer to see the Senate bills in print.

WRDA:

WRDA is moving forward these year. We are currently waiting for House T&I and Senate EPW to release their WRDA bills. The Delta Counties have submitted enviro authorization that could allow more projects in our region to be funded.

Surface Transportation Reauthorization Bill:

The current Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill is a \$580 B proposal, significantly smaller than the last reauthorization (Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act, IIJA).

IIJA included surface transportation and general infrastructure (such as water infrastructure, etc.). This bill is a more traditional surface transportation bill. It was reported out of Committee in May with overwhelming bipartisan support. However, there is probably not enough time with 4 legislative weeks before August recess to see major progress on next steps.

Key issues include Fiscal obstacles and the rideshare liability debates (uber, lyft, etc.).

Housing

Today, Senate is set to vote on 21st Century Housing Act. The bill aims to address housing affordability and supply challenges. It includes many programs with broad bipartisan support, that could benefit local governments.

Other items of note, such as:

-There are new CDBG grantee requirements: Must publish undeveloped parcels owned by grantee.

-There are two new grant programs of interest: supply and regional planning. Competitive supply program, grants of up to \$10 million to local agencies.

OMB Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on revisions to federal grants:

Organizations, including local governments, have been advised to be cautious regarding regulatory comments, which may trigger retaliatory actions under the new political grant review structure.

No public comments were received on this item.

4. RECEIVE a report on the FY26-27 State Budget and matters of interest to the County in the 2025-26 legislative session, and PROVIDE direction to staff and the County's state advocates as needed.

[26-2655](#)

Attachments:

[Attachment A - CSAC State Budget Press Release 6-15](#)

[Attachment B - UCC May Revise 6-12](#)

[Attachment C - LAO Overview of Legislative Budget Plan 6-15](#)

[Attachment D - May Revise Budget Letters](#)

Michelle Rubalcava and Geoff Neill, the County's state lobbyists from Nielsen Merksamer, presented via zoom on a number of items of interest to the County.

The State budget has been passed but is still being negotiated by the Pro tem, Speaker, and Governor.

The good news is that the legislative budget agreement included a number of investments to help soften the impacts of H.R. 1, such as funding for public hospitals, eligibility for both CalFresh and Medi-Cal, and the PACE indigent care proposal. However, we will have to see how the three-party negotiations go.

The Legislature also rejected the Governor's proposed cuts to IHSS, which the County opposed.

The agreement also includes several proposed sources of new revenue. The agreement did approve three of the Governor's revenue proposals: R&D tax credits; extending and updating the MCO tax; and sales tax on digital software and SaaS. It also included a version of the Senate proposal to charge large corporations that have a large number of employees on Medi-Cal. April 1, 2027 is when they would consider this policy; the agreement advances the idea but doesn't lock it in.

Revenue volatility is expected to continue, while large IPOs result in large, but unpredictable infusions of tax revenue. When it is more difficult to predict revenue, it is more difficult to create a balanced budget. Several legislative changes have increased the cost to the state moving forwards.

The Legislative budget agreement does not address resources issues, including the Prop 4 allocations. CARB has proposed major changes to low carbon fuel program and cap and invest. We anticipate that there will be further changes to the GHG fund and cap and invest program.

Also notable, Thursday is the deadline to pull ballot measures. Several ballot measures are central to major budget and policy negotiations, including the billionaire tax, among others.

No public comments were received on this item.

5. CONSIDER recommended positions on state legislation, and PROVIDE direction to staff and the County's state advocates.

[26-2656](#)

Attachments:

[Attachment A - Bills to Consider](#)

[Attachment B - Tracked Bills](#)

[Attachment C - Bill Position Letters Sent](#)

The committee recommended taking an "oppose unless amended" position on SB 969 (Reyes), which was gut-and-amended on June 11. The bill would limit the ability of County weight & measures sealers to inspect EV chargers, curtailing consumer protections.

*Staff note: The bill was amended to address the concerns of the County within a short time frame following the June 22 meeting. The County ultimately did not formally take a position on this bill.

No public comments were received on this item.

6. DISCUSS several initial concepts for county-sponsored legislation during the upcoming 2027-28 legislative session, and PROVIDE direction to staff and the County's state advocates as needed.

[26-2657](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - Preparing for FEMA Changes](#)
 [Attachment B - Local Government IP](#)

Staff presented two high-level concepts of bills to potentially develop as sponsored legislation for the 2027-2028 legislative session.

Idea 1: Ensure that the State and local governments are planning ahead to appropriately respond to planned changes to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), including exploring risk based reserves, state-based individual assistance programs, and other changes.

Idea 2: Related to clarifying local government's ability to own certain types of intellectual property. This effort would be specific to internally developed software and is not intended to limit access to public records.

The Legislation Committee provided initial feedback to continue to develop these ideas during the summer, so that they can be more thoroughly considered by the Committee, and later the Board (pending future direction from the Committee).

No public comments were received on this item.

7. DISCUSS upcoming Legislative Delegation Reception, tentatively scheduled for August 14, 2026, and provide direction to staff as needed on agenda topics, format, presenters, and other related logistics.

[26-2658](#)

Staff presented a brief update on the planning of the summer/fall Legislative delegation reception meeting.

The main update is that the August 14 date does not work for most legislators, due to it being the last month of session. The recommendation is to find a new date in September or early October.

No public comments were received on this item.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for July 27.

*Staff note: No meeting was held on July 27 due to coinciding with the Board of Supervisors recess, as well as the Legislature's recess.

Adjourn

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