



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Legislation Committee

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

Monday, March 30, 2026

1:00 PM 1025 Escobar St, Martinez, CA 94553 | 3361
Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140, Brentwood, CA
94513 | **ADDING 3rd LOCATION: 190 4th
Street, Pittsburg, CA 94565**

Zoom link: <https://cccounty-us.zoom.us/j/85291316025> Join via audio: USA 888 278 0254 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 9:00 AM by Chair Scales-Preston, who presided from the Pittsburg location noted on the agenda. Vice Chair Burgis attended from the Brentwood location noticed on the agenda. Staff attended from a public meeting room at 1025 Escobar St, Martinez, as noticed on the agenda. No members of the public attended at any of the three posted physical meeting locations. Approximately 22 people attended the meeting online via Zoom.

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 members of the public requested to make general public comments.

2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the December 10, 2025 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections. [26-1321](#)

Attachments: [Draft Record of Action - December 10 2025](#)

The record of action for the December 10, 2025 meeting was approved as received. No members of the public requested to make a public comment on this item.

3. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and PROVIDE direction and/or input as needed. [26-1322](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - FY27 Project Requests Agenda Report](#)
[Attachment B - TRP Tip Sheet - March 25](#)
[Attachment C - TRP Grants Newsletter - March 25](#)
[Attachment D - TRP Local Government Updates](#)

The County's federal lobbyist Paul Schlesinger at Thorn Run Partners attended the meeting via zoom and provided an update on several federal matters of interest to the County.

Congress has been on a two week recess. Congress left without resolving the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) funding for FY26. This is now considered the longest agency shutdown in history.

The FY27 Appropriations process is underway, although we are still awaiting the President's Budget Request, which is traditionally released the first Monday in February. It is anticipated that more cuts will be proposed to domestic programs.

Also notable:

- Surface Transportation Bill: There is expected to be a Surface Transportation Reauthorization bill this year. Current funding expires 9/30/26. While it was anticipated, it is not certain that the re-auth will be accomplished this year.
- Water Resourced Development Act (WRDA): WRDA reauthorization is typically accomplished in even-numbered years to authorize projects, policies, and funding for Army Corps projects.

There's a short window to accomplish a lot of work this year.

No members of the public requested to make a public comment 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.

[26-1323](#)

Attachments:

[Attachment A - LAO Overview of Governor's Budget](#)

[Attachment B - CSAC H.R. 1 Budget Request Summary](#)

Geoff Neill from Nielsen Merksamer presented an update on state items of interest to the County.

The Legislature has been on recess this week. They have a majority vote budget, and budget development appears to be on track.

State revenue outcomes are uncertain. While this year was anticipated to be close to balanced, a \$20-25 B shortfall is anticipated in out years. Although State revenues have been exceeding some metrics, the stock market has declined below levels assumed in the Governor's January Budget proposal.

The January budget proposal did not include major policy changes, including county funding needed to implement H.R. 1.

The May revise due 5/14, will be the time for major fiscal or policy adjustments. Statewide, the biggest County budget issue will be H.R. 1 implementation. H.R. 1 shifts costs to States/Counties while also cutting funding for Calfresh (SNAP) and Medi-Cal (Medicaid).

Last week, CSAC released their consolidated H.R. 1 Budget ask. The County's related letter went out earlier today. The request is a multi-year request, as many of the largest impacts

occur in future budget years.

2026 is an election year, and several measures on the ballot are figuring into the statewide policy conversations. Other notable issues include preparations for the LA Olympics and the related transit measure, along with the Bay Area transit measure that would help fund BART.

One public comment was received on this item.

5. RECEIVE a report on County sponsored legislation, and PROVIDE [26-1324](#)
direction to staff and the County's state advocates as needed.

Attachments: [Attachment A - AB 2278 - Assembly Human Services Analysis](#)

Staff provided a brief update on the County's two sponsored bills:

1. Sales tax cap legislation: It is anticipated that the County's requested legislation will be included in a larger package of other local revenue measures. Around two dozen such measures are being requested this year, by a variety of local governments throughout the state. Accordingly, Legislative Leadership is working to consolidate these measures into 1-2 vehicles, rather than as a standalone bills.

2. AB 2278 (Avila Farias): This bill is had its first hearing on Tuesday, March 24, where it was considered by the Assembly Human Services Committee. The measure passed out of Committee and will be heard next in the Assembly Committee on Privacy and Consumer Protection. As a bill with fiscal impacts, challenges still lie ahead.

One public comment was received on this item.

6. CONSIDER recommended positions on state legislation, and PROVIDE [26-1325](#)
direction to staff and the County's state advocates.

Attachments: [Attachment A - Bills to Consider](#)
[Attachment B - Tracked Bills](#)
[Attachment C - Bill Position Letters Sent](#)

The Committee considered the attached list of proposed bill positions, and took several actions:

- Requested additional information on: the status of AB 1421.
- Requested additional information on: the sources and uses of funds for AB 1607.

Agreed that the following align with the Board's adopted Legislative Platform and recommended support for:

- AB 736 (Wicks)
- AB 1836 (Stefani)
- AB 1923 (Soria)
- AB 1923 (Bennett)
- AB 2208 (Stefani)
- AB 2231 (Ahrens)

- AB 2353 (Pacheco)
- AB 2478 (Schultz)
- AB 2640 (Hadwick)
- SB 1145 (Grayson)
- SB 1157 (Archuleta)
- SB 1159 (Cabaldon)
- SB 1180 (Allen)

No public comments were received on this item.

7. DISCUSS potential legislative outreach, such as a Legislative Delegation Reception, and provide direction to staff as needed on agenda topics, format, presenters, and other related logistics. [26-1326](#)

The Committee discussed potential legislative outreach, with the intent of holding a similar outreach event to the special meeting held August 8, 2025.

The Committee provided direction to begin to schedule a date during late July or early August, preferably when both Congress and the Legislature are on recess.

Once a date is held, staff should send "save the dates" to the delegation offices. The Committee then instructed that we agendize discussion in May and June to provide further direction on meeting goals, topics, speakers, and other matters.

No public comments were received on this item.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 15, 2026 at 1 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:28 PM.

General Information

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HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

Persons who wish to address the Committee during public comment on matters within the jurisdiction of the Committee that are not on the agenda, or who wish to comment with respect to an item on the agenda, may comment in person, via Zoom, or via call-in. Those participating in person should offer comments when invited by the Committee Chair. Those participating via Zoom should indicate they wish to speak by using the “raise your hand” feature in the Zoom app. Those calling in should indicate they wish to speak by pushing *9 on their phones.

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. Comments submitted by email will be included in the record of the meeting but will not be read or played aloud during the meeting.

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