



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Legislation Committee

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair
Supervisor Ken Carlson, Vice Chair

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Monday, September 23, 2024

1:00 PM 2255 Contra Costa Blvd., Suite 202, Pleasant Hill | 3361 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140, Brentwood, CA 94513 |
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1. Introductions

Chair Burgis convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. from her office. Vice Chair Carlson was in attendance from his office, with Deputy County Administrator Emlyn Struthers and District Representative Colleen Awad joining him. No members of the public joined the meeting from either Supervisor's office. In attendance via Zoom were the following:

*Lara DeLaney, staff to the Committee
Luz Raygoza, Employment & Human Services
Peter Myers, District III staff
Jim Davenport, Thorn Run Partners
Geoff Neill, Nielsen Merksamer
Paul Schlesinger, Thorn Run Partners
Timothy Ewell, Chief Assistant County Administrator
Brandon Azevedo
Jamar Stamps, Department of Conservation & Development
Michelle Rubalcava, Nielsen Merksamer
Carol Mascali, District II staff
Zelon Harrison
Monica Nino, Contra Costa County Administrator*

Present: Diane Burgis and Ken Carlson

2. 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 comment was made.

3. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Meeting Minutes for the August 12, 2024 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections. [24-3000](#)

The Minutes of the August 12, 2024 meeting of the Legislation Committee were approved as presented. No public comment was made.

This item was approved.

4. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and provide direction and/or input as needed. [24-3001](#)

The County's federal lobbyists, Paul Schlesinger and Jim Davenport, provided an update on Congress' anticipated schedule, noting that December 20 was the deadline for the Continuing Resolution that had been developed to provide federal spending authority. It was expected to be passed by October 1, after which Congress would be in recess until November 14, 2024. Vice Chair Carlson inquired about the Continuing Resolution and whether additional funding for FEMA, which had been requested, was included. Jim responded that it hadn't been included. Chair Burgis inquired about elections related news and any anticipated disruptions. No public comment was made.

This item was received.

5. RECEIVE a report on the end of the 2024 State Legislative Session and the start of the Special Session and provide direction and/or input as needed. [24-3002](#)

The County's state advocates provided an update to the Committee on the status of the 2024 bills awaiting the Governor's action, noting the key bills of interest to the County including AB 884 (vetoed), AB 1465 Wicks (signed) and AB 2561 (signed). Vice Chair Carlson inquired about the status of a bill related to unleaded aviation fuel and notes that the seismic bill related to hospitals will need to return. There was no public comment made.

This item was received.

6. RECEIVE the report on the development of the 2025-26 Contra Costa County Legislative Platforms and the Proposed Engagement Activities during the 2025-26 session; provide direction and/or input as needed. [24-3003](#)

Lara DeLaney, staff to the Committee, noted that she was retiring at the end of the year, and Deputy County Administrator Emlyn Struthers would be the County's new Legislative Coordinator, providing staff support to the Legislation Committee. Emlyn provided a recap of the Platform development process underway for the 2025-26 state and federal legislative platforms. Chair Burgis encouraged department head engagement, including exploring their work with their associations. No public comment was made.

This item was received.

7. The next meeting is currently scheduled for December 9, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. (Note, the October 28 and November 25 meetings have been canceled.)

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

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