



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Legislation Committee

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

Wednesday, May 27, 2026

12:00 PM 190 E 4th St, Pittsburg, CA 94565 | 3361
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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 attended the meeting from their offices in Pittsburg and Brentwood, as listed on the agenda. Chair Scales-Preston began the meeting at noon.

No members of the public attended from either physical location; however, approximately 20 attendees joined online, comprised of a mix of County staff, consultants, and members of the public.

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 received.

2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the April 15, 2026 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections. [26-2275](#)

Attachments: [Draft Record of Action - April 15 2026](#)

The record of action for the April 15, 2026 meeting was approved as presented.

3. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and PROVIDE direction and/or input as needed. [26-2276](#)

Attachments: [Attachment A - TRP Tip Sheet - May 22](#)
[Attachment B - TRP Local Gov Issues - May 18](#)
[Attachment C - FY27 Community Project Funding Request Status](#)
[Attachment D - NACo - FEMA Review Council Report](#)
[Attachment E - Build America 250 Fact Sheet](#)
[Attachment F - Federal Letters Sent](#)

Paul Schlesinger and Jim Davenport, the County's federal lobbyists at Thorn Run Partners, attended the meeting via Zoom to provide a report on federal matters of interest to the

Committee.

Congress is in recess until June 1.

Earmarks and Appropriations:

The Appropriations process has been moving forward, with the exception of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) bill, which is delayed due to issues such as the White House ballroom funding.

Nine (9) earmarks for the County are included in bills being considered by the House Appropriations Committee, totaling around \$6.5 million; we are awaiting updates on the remaining three (3) projects that were advanced by members. The Senate will start work on Appropriations bills next week. We will have a better sense of where earmarks end up around the end of July.

Surface Transportation Bill:

On May 16, the House released its surface transportation reauthorization bill, called Build for America's 250th Act. This bill is typically reauthorized every 5 years. The IIJA was the last one, which totaled around \$1.2 T, whereas this bill is around \$580 B. It is a compromise bill that keeps in place several programs from IIJA, such as SS4A, bridge program, railroad crossing elimination program, and others. However, it does have less funding for transit compared to IIJA. There is a memo from TRP on this issue, with more information. It is unknown when the bill will go to the House floor. Before it goes to the floor, Ways & Means must extend the Highway Trust Fund and user fees, which is no small feat. We may see some creative responses to the increasing number of EVs and hybrids, such as ~\$130 fee for EVs or a similar program for hybrids. There is only one policy committee in the House, compared to 3 in the Senate. The Senate has not yet indicated if or when they will take up the bill.

Other Updates:

The 21st Century Road to Housing Act passed the House and the Senate, but they need to conference through the difference. There are several promising policies in it.

HUD is expected to come out with a new CoC NOFO on Friday.

EPA is updating its PFAS strategy; TRP has drafted a memo.

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.

[26-2277](#)

Attachments:

[Attachment A - CSAC May Revise Bulletin](#)

[Attachment B - UCC May Revise Summary](#)

[Attachment C - UCC Explainer - Proposed Software Sales Tax](#)

[Attachment D - UCC - May Revise and H.R. 1 Impacts to Counties](#)

[Attachment E - Updated County Coalition HR 1 Budget Request](#)

[Attachment F - PATH Indigent Care Alternative Proposal Overview](#)
[Attachment G - Coalition Indigent Care Letter](#)
[Attachment H - CalAIM RenewalFlyer](#)

Michelle Rubalcava and Geoff Neill, the County's state lobbyists at Nielsen Merksamer, attended the meeting via Zoom to provide an update on state budgetary matters of interest to the County.

The budget is due to the Governor on June 15.

The biggest pending issue is H.R. 1, which will have massive impacts for California counties.

On Thursday, the budget committee process will formally end, and the chambers must pass a measure off their floors by June 15 to send to the Governor. Then, the Governor has 12 days to sign or veto.

That takes us to the deadline for ballot initiatives and constitutional amendments to go on the November ballot. The billionaire tax is of particular concern to the Governor.

The Governor is trying to leave behind a balanced budget blueprint and demonstrate fiscal responsibility.

The Governor is hold a press conference today on safeguarding California's elections.

This week is the last week for the Legislature to pass bills out of their first house.

No public comments were received on this item.

5. RECEIVE a report on County sponsored legislation, and PROVIDE [26-2278](#)
 direction to staff and the County's state advocates as needed.

Attachments: [Attachment A - AB 1768 \(Bryan\)--SIGNATURE REQUEST to GO](#)
[Attachment B - Amended AB2278 Assembly Floor Analysis](#)

Geoff Neill and Michelle Rubalcava from Nielsen Merksamer provided an update on the County's sponsored legislation, a 5-year, 5/8 cent sales tax cap authorization intended to help mitigate the impacts of H.R 1 on the County, which requires voter approval to enact.

This legislation was placed into AB 1768 (Bryan) with a similar measure for LA. This bill required a 2/3 vote threshold due to the urgency clause needed to pass the bill in advance of the typical legislative calendar. AB 1768 was passed by the Legislature and sent to the Governor 13 days before the June 2 election. Bills in California can become law without the Governor's signature, after a period passes without action (to sign or veto). Mid-session, this deadline is 12 days. The Governor has signed multiple sales tax measures in prior sessions, but has not provided a clear indication of his actions on this bill.

An update was also received on AB 2278 (Avila-Farias). As discussed at the April meeting, the County discontinued its sponsored legislation for a variety of changing factors, including significant changes in the County's IHSS CFCO processing, which are leading to

faster processing times. The author has subsequently amended the bill. While the bill no longer contains the original sponsored bill, staff recommends taking a support position on the amended bill in recognition of the author's efforts to assist the County with this issue.

6. CONSIDER recommended positions on state legislation, and PROVIDE [26-2279](#)
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 three bill positions that align with the adopted platform, to support: AB 762 Irwin, AB 2278 (Avila-Farias), and SB 922 (Laird).

The Committee concurred with these positions and recommended taking a support position on these three measures.

No public comments were received on this item.

7. DISCUSS upcoming Legislative Delegation Reception, tentatively [26-2280](#)
scheduled for August 14, 2026, and provide direction to staff as needed on
agenda topics, format, presenters, and other related logistics.

Attachments: [Attachment - August 2025 Agenda](#)

Staff presented a brief item to re-cap last year's Legislative Delegation Reception meeting, and begin to discuss an event for this year.

Staff recommends hosting three table topics instead of four, to help with timing and organization. Topics are yet to be determined, with the Committee expressing interest in hearing initial sponsored bill concepts at the next meeting.

No public comments were received on this item.

8. DISCUSS initial feedback and direction related to future updates to the [26-2281](#)
County's next State Legislative Platform, including timing, structure, and
process for development.

Attachments: [Attachment - Admin Bulletin 110](#)

Staff briefly re-capped the development process for the 2025-26 Legislative Platforms.

The Committee provided direction to maintain a similar structure and process to the 2025-26 platform.

Staff and lobbyists will work to set up meetings with County departments in September and October, with a draft platform to be presented to the Committee in November or December. The Committee plans to send a platform to the Board in January of 2027.

No public comments were received on this item.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for June 22, 2026.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:08 PM.

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