



## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Legislation Committee

Supervisor Diane Burgis, Chair

Supervisor Shanelle Scales-Preston, Vice Chair

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Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10:00 AM 3161 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140, Brentwood,  
CA | 190 E 4th Street, Pittsburg, CA

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#### SPECIAL MEETING

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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 Burgis and Vice Chair Preston-Scales were both present, attending from their district offices in Brentwood and Pittsburg, respectively.

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 provided on this item.

2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the February 24, 2025 meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections. [25-1297](#)

**Attachments:** [Draft Record of Action - February 24 2025](#)

No public comments were made during this item.

The record of action for the February 24, 2025 meeting was approved as received.

3. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and provide direction and/or input as needed. [25-1298](#)

**Attachments:** [Attachment A - TRP Tip Sheet - April 4](#)  
[Attachment B - Trump 2.0 EO Tracker](#)  
[Attachment C - Senate Budget Resolution News](#)  
[Attachment D - Padilla Press Release - FEMA Ind. Act](#)

Jim Davenport and Paul Schlesinger, the County's federal advocates at Thorn Run Partners, provided an update on several federal matters of interest, including the upcoming Congressionally Directed Spending request process for Fiscal Year (FY) 26, updates on direct federal impacts to County programs and services, the budget reconciliation process.

Additionally, new bipartisan legislation on FEMA reform, called the FEMA Independence Act (S. 1246) was shared as an informational item. Vice Chair Scales-Preston requested that the bill to return for further review and discussion at a future meeting.

No public comments were received 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. [25-1299](#)

**Attachments:** [Attachment A - Bills Advanced to Senate](#)

Geoff Neill, the County's state advocate at Neilsen Merksamer, provided an update on state matters of interest, including the state budget and unknown impacts from the upcoming federal budget process.

The Legislature will adjourn on September 12 this year, and the current federal continuing resolution is set to expire on September 30, 2025, making it likely that the federal budget will take effect after the Legislature adjourns. Given the extreme cuts proposed by Congress through the recently-adopted budget resolution, it is likely that a special session of the Legislature will be necessary.

In addition to the federal budget, other budgetary pressures include the LA Fires: both the cost of rebuilding and the property tax backfill. The state budget is also impacted by macroeconomic trends, such as the impact of tariffs, which could cause further budgetary pressures.

No public comments were received on this item.

5. REVIEW positions taken and recommended positions on state legislation of interest, and provide direction. [25-1300](#)

**Attachments:** [Attachment A - Tracked Bills List - Updated 2025.04.04](#)  
[Attachment B - March Bill Letters Sent](#)

The Committee reviewed several recommended positions on bills that were consistent with the County's adopted platform.

The Committee recommended that:

- An "Oppose" position be taken on AB 306 (Schultz), AB 479 (McKinnor), AB 933 (Avila Farias), AB 946 (Bryan), SB 16 (Blakespear), and SB 357 (Menjivar).
- An "Oppose" or "oppose unless amended" position be taken on SB 606 (Becker), due to the unfunded mandate as the problem, rather than the policy.
- A "Support" position be taken on AB 346 (Nguyen), AB 871 (Stefani), AB 896 (Elhawary), AB 898 (Bryan), AB 970 (McKinnor), and AB 1288 (Addis).
- Staff watch and monitor AB 1198 (Haney) and SB 789 (Menjivar).

Staff will continue to update the Committee on major amendments to the above and attached bills.

No public comments were received on this item.

6. RECEIVE presentation on the proposed updated Delta Water Platform and DIRECT staff as appropriate. [25-1301](#)

**Attachments:**      [Attachment A - Delta Water Platform Presentation](#)  
                                 [Attachment B - Delta Water Platform Final Draft](#)  
                                 [Attachment C - Board Approved Delta Water Platform 5-13-14](#)

Ryan Hernandez, Principal Planner and head of the Contra Costa Water Agency, provided an update on the development of the Delta Water Platform development and revisions.

No public comments were received on this item.

7. DISCUSS the request for qualifications (RFQ) for state and federal advocacy and government relations services, and DIRECT staff on next steps. [25-1302](#)

**Attachments:**      [Attachment A - DRAFT RFQ for Federal Advocacy Services](#)  
                                 [Attachment B - DRAFT RFQ for State Legislative Advocacy](#)

Committee staff provided an update on the soon-to-expire advocacy contracts, which are due to go out to bid this year pursuant to the County's procurement policy.

The Committee reviewed the draft RFQs and provided feedback. Chair Burgis recommended adding a response opportunity for new, innovative, or add-on services that would enhance the County's advocacy efforts, in order to allow respondents to further describe the innovative and value-added services they can offer.

Staff was directed to make these changes, correct any dates or errors before publishing the RFQ on/near April 15, to be open for approximately 2.5 to 3 weeks and closing on/after May 5.

No public comments were provided on this item.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for April 30 (special meeting due to budget hearings).

Adjourn

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