



Meeting Minutes - Draft

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY Legislation Committee

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

Monday, October 27, 2025

9:00 AM 361 Walnut Boulevard, Suite 140, Brentwood,
CA 94513 | 190 East 4th Street, Pittsburg, CA
94565

Zoom link: <https://cccouny-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

Chair Burgis called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM. from her office in Brentwood. Vice Chair Scales Preston participated from her office in Pittsburg. No members of the public attended from either physical meeting location. Approximately 23 people attended the meeting via the zoom link.

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).

2. RECEIVE and APPROVE the Record of Action for the September 22, 2025 [25-4512](#)
meeting of the Legislation Committee, with any necessary corrections.

Attachments: [Attachment A - Draft Record of Action - Sept. 22 2025](#)

The record of action for the September 22, 2025 meeting was approved as submitted.

3. RECEIVE a report on federal matters of interest to the County and [25-4513](#)
PROVIDE direction and/or input as needed.

Attachments: [Attachment A - TRP Tip Sheet - October 22](#)
[Attachment B - 2025.09.29 TRP HHS Shutdown Memo](#)
[Attachment C - 2025.10.10 USDA Guidance for SNAP November Benefits](#)
[Attachment D - November SNAP Benefits \(POLITICO\)](#)
[Attachment E - 2025.09 KFF Analysis of Expiration of Enhanced Premium Tax Credits](#)

[Attachment F - 2025.10 Contra Costa Health - Local Impacts of AC Tax Credits Expiration](#)

Jim Davenport and Paul Schlesinger from Thorn Run presented an update on federal affairs of interest to the County, primarily focusing on the status and possible next steps related to the federal shutdown.

Standalone bills are being considered in the Senate, but no movement has been made on the funding package. Several members, including a Josh Hawley, have proposed bills that would bring emergency funding to SNAP. Additionally, some efforts to pay federal workers. We anticipate a short-term continuing resolution will be passed in the upcoming weeks, which will provide a few months for Congress to finalize the appropriations bills. Contra Costa County currently has 8 earmarks in the appropriations bills.

Other issues discussed included the ACA tax credit impacts, which are expected with the start of open enrollment November 1.

An item of great concern to the County is the impact of SNAP benefits being suspended, starting November 1. This will harm people who rely upon SNAP to meet their basic needs. It also has ripple effects on the economy, including direct impacts to grocery stores and their employees.

No requests for public comments were received on this item.

4. RECEIVE a report on state 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.

[25-4514](#)

Attachments:

[Attachment A - End of Session Wrap-Up](#)

[Attachment B - Contra Costa Bill Report](#)

[Attachment C - 2026 Tentative Legislative Calendar](#)

[Attachment D - GGRF Allocations - SB 840](#)

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

The committee previously received an end-of-session update at the September 22 meeting. Since then, the October 12 deadline for the Governor to act on legislation has passed. Two disappointments are the veto of AB 1430 and the signing of AB 339. Some successes include the signing of SB 346, which improves reporting on short-term rentals, so that local governments can collect taxes owed and address public safety and/or fire concerns associated with those activities.

Concerns for the upcoming session include:

-Changes to indigent care programs. The success of the ACA had meant that funds for these programs has been diverted for other purposes, and new efforts need to be made to reestablish them.

-Loss of health insurance coverage as a result of changes in H.R. 1 to Medi-Cal, as well as an additional 58,000 ACA enrollees in Contra Costa who may be at risk of losing coverage.

Other big themes for the legislative session include Prop 4, Cap and Invest reauthorization,

AI, and the CEQA changes made during the budget process.

One public comment was received on this item.

5. DISCUSS and provide feedback on potential off-season legislative activities, analysis and outreach.

[25-4515](#)

Attachments:

[Major Impacts of H.R. 1 and State Budget Agreement - Potential Format](#)

The Committee provided feedback and direction on upcoming outreach and advocacy activities.

Notable upcoming activities include a November 18 presentation to the Board on impacts of H.R. 1 on the County, with a series of future meetings to provide additional information and potential actions.

The Committee also expressed that:

- They would like to receive more updates at the full Board level.
- They would like a county website to share impacts and information so that people understand how the changes effect them and the community.
- Want to tell the full story of the interaction between different policies, cumulative impacts, and other changes--such as the impacts of federal food policy on senior meal programs.

The next meeting is currently scheduled for December 10 at 9 AM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM.

General Information

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HOW TO PROVIDE PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

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