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STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Legislative Briefing on the Health Department

On August 14, 2002, Los Angeles County Health Director and Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Thomas Garthwaite, provided a briefing to the County's Legislative Delegation on the restructuring of the County's Health Department, including the County's proposal to amend the Section 1115 Waiver. The briefing was well attended by key legislative staff and representatives from the Departments of Finance and Health Services and the Health and Human Services Agency. Questions raised by staff focused on general financing of the Department, upcoming Beilenson Hearings, and the proposal to amend the Waiver.

Dr. Garthwaite also met with Assembly Members Gil Cedillo, Robert "Bob" Pacheco, Keith Richman, Senator Richard Polanco and State Department of Health Services Director Diana Bonta.

Status of County Interest Bills

AB 1421 (Thomson), which the County supports in concept, passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on August 13, 2002, with an amendment to require that any additional costs incurred by implementation of an assisted outpatient treatment program will not result in reductions to a county's current voluntary mental health programs. The measure would create an assisted outpatient treatment program for mentally ill persons that meet certain criteria. It is now awaiting a hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee.

Status of Resources Legislation

County-sponsored AB 1206 (Cedillo), which would have appropriated \$5 million for development of the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historic District, was moved out of the Senate inactive file (where it had been since August 30, 2001) and read a second time on August 12, 2002. According to the author's staff, the bill will be amended to substitute provisions related to drivers' licenses for non-citizens.

County-support and amend AB 2214 (Keeley), which would prohibit licensing a site for disposal of low-level radioactive waste unless it complies with specified federal regulations, was read a second time in the Senate and technical amendments were made on August 5, 2002. It was heard before the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 13, 2002 and placed on the suspense file by a 12 to 0 vote.

County-support and amend AB 2534 (Pavley and Nakano), which would appropriate \$195.4 million in FY 2002-03 from Proposition 40 funds for clean beaches, clean water, and watershed management, was amended on August 6, 2002 to eliminate loans leaving only grant programs, and to add an urgency clause. The bill is scheduled for hearing before the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 15, 2002.

County-oppose unless amended SB 1916 (Figueroa), which would require Local Coastal Plans (LCP's) to include a nonpoint source pollution prevention element, was scheduled for hearing before the Assembly Appropriations Committee on August 14, 2002.

Other Resources Bills

Attached is a status report showing the four bills discussed above, as well as 47 other bills that relate to resource issues. The report is organized by subject categories, such as "Proposition 40", "Coast Related" or "Air Quality". If the County has not taken a position on a bill, the "Position" column indicates the County departments that have been asked to review the bill for potential impact on the County. In the "Status" column the following symbols are used to indicate:

- < a bill passed out of a committee or house
- > where the bill has been sent and is currently
- * a recently chaptered bill
- + a bill that is dead

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We will continue to keep you advised of any new developments.

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