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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This report provides information on the Governor's Special Sessions for health care reform and water supply, the Legislature's end of session actions, and the announcement of the release of additional Mental Health Services Act funds.

SPECIAL SESSIONS – HEALTH CARE REFORM AND WATER SUPPLY

On Tuesday, September 11, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger called for Special Legislative Sessions to complete work on comprehensive health care reform and address the State's water supply. Both the Senate and the Assembly responded to the Governor's call for the Special Sessions by adopting the rules, resolutions, and committee structure of the regular session and establishing officers. The Governor's proclamations convening the Special Sessions are contained in Attachments I and II, respectively.

As previously reported, the Legislature approved **AB 8 (Nuñez, Perata)** on September 10, 2007, but the Governor has indicated that he plans to veto the measure. AB 8 would require employers to contribute seven and one-half (7.5) percent of their payroll to cover the cost of health insurance for their employees, or pay into a State pool that would provide coverage. The Governor's proposal would require all State residents

to obtain health insurance and would require employers to contribute four (4) percent of payroll or pay into a State pool to provide health coverage. Hospitals and doctors would be required to pay fees. Counties would also be expected to contribute to funding the proposal. Although the Governor and Democratic leadership agree on many areas of a proposal to expand health insurance to more State residents, they remain divided over the funding mechanism. Passage of legislation to implement new taxes or fees would require a two-thirds vote of the Legislature and could be easily blocked because of Republican opposition. Any such taxes or fees to fund the proposal would likely require approval from the voters on a statewide ballot measure.

The other Special Session will consider the improvement of California's water system to ensure a reliable water supply for the State's environment and economy. A recent Federal court ruling significantly restricted water deliveries taken from the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta to the Bay Area, Central Valley and Southern California. This ruling could lead to a reduction in the water supply of more than 30 percent and possibly result in mandatory rationing.

At the same time, California's population continues to grow, placing additional pressures on future water supply reliability. To protect water supplies for all Californians, the Governor proposed a significant investment in ground and surface water storage, Delta preservation, and the development of a new conveyance system. The Governor indicated, "We need to invest in a better conveyance system so we have reliable water supplies and are able to protect the Delta's fragile ecosystem. Following the court's ruling, there can be no doubt, we need more water storage and greater conservation efforts to meet the needs of our growing population, respond to the challenge climate change presents and meet the requirements of what the court has imposed."

END OF SESSION ACTIONS

The first year of the 2007-08 Legislative Session ended upon adjournment of the Senate and Assembly at approximately 3:30 a.m. today. Several major initiatives were addressed and are summarized below. In addition, updates are provided for County-sponsored and advocacy bills, as well as bills of County interest which were considered as the session ended.

Major Issues

South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund

County-supported SB 474 (Kuehl), which would create the South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund of up to \$100 million annually that would be provided to the County for the preservation of healthcare services to the South Los Angeles County population formerly served by Martin Luther King-Harbor Hospital,

passed the Assembly on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 74 to 0, and the Senate on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 36 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor. Other provisions of the bill make necessary modifications for years three through five of the Hospital Financing Waiver (SB 1100 Perata, Ducheny of 2005).

Transfer of Trial Courts

County-supported SB 145 (Corbett), and AB 1491 (Benoit), were nearly identical bills which would have extended the deadline for the transfer of trial court facilities from the counties to the State Judicial Council from June 30, 2007 to December 31, 2008. SB 145 and AB 1491 would have required counties to pay the State an additional inflation adjustment on the County Facility Payment when transfer agreements were executed between January 1, 2008 and June 30, 2008. For transfers on or after July 1, 2008, the transferring county would have been required to pay the State, on an annual basis, the greater of 1) the average annual costs incurred over a base period, as adjusted by the local price deflator; or 2) actual county costs incurred during FY 2006-07.

Both SB 145 and AB 1491 were caught up in legislative leadership disputes and failed passage. These measures are now two-year bills. Given this outcome, the authority to transfer trial court facilities ended on June 30, 2007. Counties will continue to seek passage of legislation to extend the deadline for the transfer of trial court facilities in early January 2008 when the Legislature reconvenes.

Juvenile Justice Reform

AB 191 (Committee on Budget), as amended on September 7, 2007 provides clean-up language to the Corrections Trailer Bill (SB 81). AB 191 would: 1) authorize the addition of one Undersecretary of the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation position; 2) authorize a county chief probation officer to request a re-evaluation of the commitment of a juvenile offender to a State facility, with the State transporting the juvenile to the county no less than five days prior to the hearing; 3) require the State to provide a written review of a ward's case to the county, court and counsel at least 60 days prior to a scheduled parole consideration hearing and also require county probation departments to develop a written plan for the re-entry supervision of the juvenile; 4) require the State to hold a parolee for up to 15 days as needed for a re-entry disposition hearing and provide notice to the court and the county of the decision to parole the juvenile; 5) require the court to hold a re-entry disposition within 15 days of a notice of parole violation after the State transports the juvenile offender to the county three days before the hearing; 6) no longer requires the State to review and approve adult probation grants as approved by the State Budget Act of 2007; 7) adjust the amount of the Youthful Offender Block Grant in FY 2007-08 to account for a two-month delay in the implementation of SB 81; and 8) provide a

minimum county grant of \$117,000 for each ward retained by a county in FY 2008-09 and subsequent fiscal years.

AB 191 does not allow non-serious juvenile gang offenders to be sent to a State juvenile facility. In addition, the bill requires counties to house juvenile offenders previously in State facilities during the parole revocation process and would potentially require counties to retain jurisdiction even though the juvenile's parole is not revoked. According to Probation Department staff, since AB 191 would require the County to take jurisdiction over the terms of the juvenile's supervision, it could cause the County to be liable for the costs associated with any appeals of the terms of that supervision for the defined non-serious juvenile offenders. The Assembly concurred in Senate amendments to AB 191 on September, 10, 2007 by a vote of 76 to 1, and the bill now proceeds to the Governor.

Special Elections Reimbursement

County-supported AB 119 (Price), which would require the State to pay for expenses incurred after January 1, 2007, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the State Legislature or United States Congress, received Assembly concurrence in Senate amendments on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 73 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor. Our Sacramento advocates were successful in preserving bill language that provides for State reimbursement of these special elections. For the period January 2007 through December 2007, the County will conduct a total of four special elections to fill vacancies covered by AB 119. The County's cost of these four special elections is estimated at \$5.8 million.

Special elections to fill such vacancies are an appropriate State expense, since they are not the result of actions by local jurisdictions. Since 1994, there have been more than 15 such special elections in Los Angeles County, with costs ranging from \$27,000 to \$1.8 million. AB 119 includes a sunset provision effective January 1, 2008.

Transportation

AB 193 (Assembly Budget Committee), as amended on September 7, 2007, makes various technical changes to the Transportation Trailer Bill (SB 88), including deleting the provision granting the State Controller administrative authority over the Local Street and Road (LSR) Program. As reported in our August 31, 2007 Sacramento Update, SB 88 contained a drafting error which gave both the State Controller and the Department of Finance administrative authority over the Local Street and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of Proposition 1B. The Governor indicated in his signing message that the legislation contained this error and called for the Legislature to quickly enact corrective legislation to resolve the conflicting reporting requirements.

In addition, AB 193 makes changes to the Trailer Bill in accordance with the Governor's veto message to better ensure the legality of the redirection of public transportation spillover revenues to provide the following State General Fund (SGF) relief: \$339 million for FY 2007-08 transportation-related general obligation bond payments (GO debt); \$200 million to reimburse the SGF for prior year GO debt; and \$83 million for FY 2007-08 payment of Proposition 42 loans. AB 193, which contains an urgency clause, passed the Assembly Floor on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 76 to 1, and now proceeds to the Governor.

AB 196 (Assembly Budget Committee), as amended on September 7, 2007, also makes various technical changes to the Transportation Trailer Bill (SB 88). This measure: 1) defines the split for the FY 2007-08 appropriation of LSR Program funds as \$550 million to cities and \$400 million to counties; 2) defines the lapsing policy as "three years following the appropriation year" rather than "three years after funds are appropriated"; 3) clarifies the reporting requirements for the projects; and 4) stipulates that the balance of the funds under the LSR Program (\$600 million for counties) will be appropriated over the next four years. AB 196, which contains an urgency clause, passed the Assembly Floor on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 75 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 184 (Alquist and Correa), which would revise the way a local entity may be reimbursed by the State for advanced expenditures on a transportation project contained in the State Transportation Improvement Program, passed the Senate Floor on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 36 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor's Desk.

Workers' Compensation

County-opposed AB 213 (Fuentes), as amended on September 5, 2007, would remove the employer's ability to object to the use of the attorney's "county of principal place of business" as a venue for adjudication of workers' compensation claims involving law enforcement or firefighters. The bill was referred to the Assembly Committee on Insurance and is now a two-year bill.

County-opposed SB 936 (Perata), which would increase workers' compensation permanent disability benefits, was approved by the Assembly on September 10 by a vote of 46 to 31, and now proceeds to the Governor.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored AB 223 (Runner), which would allow those called to active military duty on short notice to cast absentee ballots in elections received concurrence in

Senate amendments on September 6, 2007 by an Assembly vote of 62 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-sponsored AB 713 (Maze), which cites legislative intent to provide enhanced services for emancipated foster youth, is now a two-year bill. A workgroup has been convened to develop bill language to specify the scope of services. The amendments will be presented for legislative consideration in 2008.

County-sponsored AB 714 (Maze), which allows disclosure of birth records for previously adopted children who return to foster care, was signed by the Governor on July 20, 2007.

County-sponsored AB 800 (Leiu), which would amend the Water Code to clarify the requirement that the local health officer be immediately notified in the event of a sewage spill, passed the Senate on September 4, 2007 by a vote of 33 to 2, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-sponsored AB 1062 (Ma), which would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to establish a statewide pilot program to provide limited, short-term housing assistance as a work support to families who are participating in CalWORKs Welfare-to-Work activities, was placed on the Senate Appropriations Suspense File on July 9, 2007 and is now a two-year bill.

County-sponsored SB 134 (Cedillo), as amended on August 30, 2007, would authorize the Board of Supervisors to permit sworn employees of the Sheriff's Department and County firefighters hired prior to April 1, 1997, to remain employed after reaching 60 years of age, if a physician employed by or approved by the County certifies that the safety member is capable of performing his or her assigned duties. SB 134 also provides a method for the reinstatement of retirees. SB 134 was approved by the Senate on September 6, 2007 by a vote of 39 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-sponsored SB 767 (Ridley-Thomas), which would provide protection for licensed health care professionals who are working in conjunction with an opiate overdose prevention and treatment program from civil and criminal liability when, if acting with reasonable care, they prescribe, dispense, or distribute an opioid antagonist, passed the Assembly on September 10, 2007 by a vote 76 to 0, and the Senate on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 40 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor. The September 7, 2007 amendments address cost concerns raised by the State Departments of Finance and Public Health, and would now limit the bill to seven participating counties, including Los Angeles County. Local health jurisdictions which elect to operate or register an overdose prevention program would be required to collect and report program data to the Assembly and Senate Judiciary Committees.

County-sponsored SB 959 (Romero), as amended on July 16, 2007, would allow a county board of supervisors to authorize the involuntary participation in a home detention program in lieu of jail time, based upon a finding that the overcrowding in a county facility would otherwise require the early release of misdemeanor inmates prior to the completion of their jail terms. Under the provisions of this bill, participants in the home detention program would be required to wear electronic monitoring devices. The Senate concurred with SB 959 Assembly Amendments on September 5, 2007 by a vote of 33 to 2, and the bill now proceeds to the Governor.

Status of County Advocacy Legislation

County-opposed AB 81 (Torrico), which would raise the age at which an infant can be safely surrendered from 72 hours to up to 7 days, passed the Assembly on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 71 to 6, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 97 (Mendoza), which would limit the use of trans fat by retail food facilities, and require every food facility, except a public school cafeteria, to maintain on their premises the labeling information for any food or additive used that includes any fat, oil, or shortening, failed passage on the Senate Floor on September 12, 2007 by a vote of 18 to 22. Reconsideration was granted and AB 97 now becomes a two-year bill.

County-supported AB 98 (Niello), which will require the State to pay 50 percent of the wages for CalWORKs participants engaged in subsidized employment, passed the Senate on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 26 to 4, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 298 (Maze), which would facilitate permanency for children placed under legal guardianship with a relative caregiver, passed the Assembly on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 78 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 335 (de León), as amended on September 7, 2007, which would allow victims of domestic violence requesting CalWORKs Homeless Assistance to provide a sworn statement in lieu of a third-party documentation to verify that their homelessness is directly related to domestic violence, passed the Assembly by a vote of 69 to 0. This measure now proceeds to the Governor. The amendments add a requirement that counties inform applicants of domestic violence services.

County-supported AB 340 (Hancock), which would establish the Unified Resource Families Assessment Pilot Project in five volunteer counties selected by the California Department of Social Services, passed the Assembly on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 78 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-opposed unless amended AB 739 (Laird), which would establish criteria by which the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) awards grants for stormwater management projects funded by a portion of the proceeds of voter-approved Proposition 1E flood bonds and Proposition 84 resources bonds, was amended on September 7, 2007 to require grant recipients to assess and report on project effectiveness. This measure passed the Senate Floor on September 12, 2007 by a vote of 26 to 13, and now proceeds to the Governor. The County requested amendments to restrict the monitoring required under a stormwater permit to the effectiveness monitoring plan in the bill. **Since these amendments were not adopted, the County will now oppose this measure and request the Governor to veto this measure.** The Department of Finance has also indicated their opposition to this bill based on costs.

County-supported AB 1010 (Hernandez), which would extend the sunset date of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017, passed the Assembly Floor on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 78 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-support and amend AB 1053 (Nunez), which would have provided for the allocation of \$850 million Affordable Housing Initiative Fund contained in the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C), was amended on September 7, 2007 to delete all appropriations and instead add to the definition of "eligible applicant" under the grant program a city, county, city and county, public housing authority, or redevelopment agency that has jurisdiction over a qualifying infill area and applies for funding jointly with an owners' association for a business or property improvement district that includes a qualifying infill area. Appropriations for Proposition 1C were included in the Housing Trailer Bill (SB 86).

The amendments also require the joint applicants to submit to the Department of Housing and Community Development documentation from the local permitting authority demonstrating the actual number of permitted housing units associated with the qualifying project is equal to or greater than the number of housing units in the grant application prior to receiving funding, but after being awarded a grant. This measure passed the Assembly on September 12, 2007 and now proceeds to the Governor. The Community Development Commission is reviewing the latest amendments to determine if support of the bill is still warranted.

County-opposed AB 1073 (Nava), as amended on September 5, 2007, would expand the limit on post surgical and rehabilitative services to persons injured in the course of his or her employment. The amendments of September 5, 2007 would focus this expansion to post-surgical rehabilitative services and address the County's major concerns. **As such, our Sacramento advocates will withdraw the County's opposition to this bill and take a neutral position.** The Assembly concurred with

Senate amendments on September 12, 2007 by a vote of 41 to 36, and the bill now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1382 (Leno), which would eliminate the fingerprint imaging requirement for Food Stamp-only applicants and maintain it for CalWORKs and General Relief applicants with Food Stamps, passed the Senate on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 23 to 16, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1453 (Soto), which would require CDSS to work with public and private stakeholders to develop a plan to transform California's group home system for foster youth and children with serious emotional disorders into a residentially-based services system, passed the Assembly on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 53 to 21, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1470 (Huffman), which would enact the Solar Water heating and Efficiency Act of 2007 to establish a new gas utility surcharge to fund a 10-year, \$250 million program to subsidize the installation of solar hot water heaters to offset the need for natural gas, passed the Assembly by a partisan vote, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported AB 1481 (De La Torre and Krekorian), which would require the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB), on or before July 31, 2009, to establish general discharge permits for landscape irrigation projects utilizing recycled water for which the State Department of Public Health has set recycling criteria, and would authorize the WRCB to establish a reasonable schedule of fees to reimburse the WRCB for the costs it incurs in adopting and administering the general permit, passed the Senate Floor on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 35 to 3, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 120 (Padilla), which would require all chain restaurants in the State with 15 or more outlets to provide nutritional information that includes the total number of calories, grams of saturated and trans fats, and milligrams of sodium for each item on standard menus, passed the Assembly on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 43 to 32, and the Senate on September 12, 2007 by a vote of 21 to 18, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-opposed unless amended SB 275 (Cedillo), which would prohibit specified hospitals from transporting a patient to a location other than the patient's residence without their informed consent, except when a patient is lawfully transferred to another health facility, passed the Assembly on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 44 to 32, and the Senate on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 23 to 16, and now proceeds to the Governor. Recent amendments eliminate the automatic misdemeanor for a hospital with a third violation.

County-supported SB 720 (Kuehl), which would expand the definition of a whole family foster home to include existing foster homes and non-related legal guardian homes, passed the Assembly on September 10, 2007 by a vote of 78 to 0, and the Senate on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 34 to 0, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SB 732 (Steinberg), as amended on September 7, 2007, would enact provisions to develop and implement grant programs under Proposition 84, require the State Parks Department to establish a competitive grant program to allocate \$100 million for nature education and research facilities, and create the Sustainable Communities Council to establish competitive grant programs to distribute \$90 million for urban greening projects and \$90 million for planning incentives and grants. The bill was placed on the inactive file on September 10, 2007 at the request of Assembly Member Bass. SB 732 is now a two-year bill.

County-supported SB 990 (Kuehl), which would authorize the Director of Toxic Substances Control to compel a responsible party or parties to take or pay for appropriate removal or remediation actions necessary to protect public health and safety and the environment at the Santa Susana Field Laboratory site in Ventura County, passed the Assembly on September 5, 2007 by a vote of 50 to 22, and now proceeds to the Governor.

County-supported SCA 12 (Torlakson), which would provide additional resources for local governments to fund stormwater and urban runoff management programs, was not acted upon before the Legislature adjourned and remains on the Senate Floor.

Legislation of County Interest

AB 1164 (de León), which would authorize providers of licensed family child care and license-exempt child care to select a provider organization to negotiate the terms of child care services, passed the Assembly on September 11, 2007 by a vote of 44 to 29, and now proceeds to the Governor.

Master Bill List

A roster containing the status of all bills with a County advocacy position is included in Attachment III.

RELEASE OF ADDITIONAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDS

Today, Dr. Stephen Mayberg, Director of the California Department of Mental Health (CDMH) announced the release of an additional \$64 million in unspent administrative funds to 58 counties and two cities that provide mental health services in accordance

with the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63 of 2004). The new funds are of a one-time nature and must be used to help further expand mental health services at the local level. CDMH is expected to begin the distribution of the \$64 million to local communities shortly. Attachment IV contains the CDMH press release.

As previously reported, on August 24, 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger used his blue pencil authority to eliminate all funding for the Integrated Services for Homeless Adults with Serious Mental Illness (AB 2034) Program which resulted in a \$17 million loss to the County. In his veto message, the Governor indicated that the reduction was necessary to limit program expansions and to help bring ongoing expenditures in line with existing resources. **While the availability of the unused Proposition 63 administrative funds is a positive development, these funds cannot be used to backfill or supplant funding for existing programs. However, the new funds could be used to help counties address unexpected caseload increases of mentally-ill individuals who are at risk of homelessness.**

We will continue to keep you advised.

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Attachments

- c: All Department Heads
- Legislative Strategist
- Local 721
- Coalition of County Unions
- California Contract Cities Association
- Independent Cities Association
- League of California Cities
- City Managers Associations
- Buddy Program Participants



Office of the Governor

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

09/11/2007



Special Health Care Session Proclamation

PROCLAMATION

by the

Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, an extraordinary occasion has arisen and now exists requiring that the Legislature of the State of California be convened in extraordinary session; now therefore,

I, **ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER**, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Section 3(b) Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, do hereby convene the Legislature of the State of California to meet in extraordinary session at Sacramento, California on the 11th day of September 2007, at a time to be determined, for the following purpose and to legislate upon the following subjects:

1. To consider and act upon legislation to comprehensively reform California's health care system that relies on shared financing and contributions from individuals, employers, health providers, federal, state and local government, and others.
2. To consider and act upon legislation that will provide for health care coverage for all Californians and access to health insurance without regard to medical history.
3. To consider and act upon legislation to make health care more affordable by: (a) reducing the cost to employers and insured individuals associated with uncompensated health care services delivered to the uninsured and low Medi-Cal reimbursement rates, (b) preventing chronic diseases, and (c) promoting more cost effective health care delivery.
4. To consider and act upon legislation to modify or extend existing programs to provide for a transition to comprehensive health care reform.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2007.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER

Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN

Secretary of State



Office of the Governor

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNOR

PROCLAMATION

09/11/2007



Special Water Session Proclamation

PROCLAMATION
by the
Governor of the State of California

WHEREAS, an extraordinary occasion has arisen and now exists requiring that the Legislature of the State of California be convened in extraordinary session; now therefore,

I, ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER, Governor of the State of California, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by Section 3(b) Article IV of the Constitution of the State of California, do hereby convene the Legislature of the State of California to meet in extraordinary session at Sacramento, California on the 11th day of September, 2007, at a time to be determined, for the following purpose and to legislate upon the following subjects:

1. To consider and act upon legislation to protect and restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta while also improving the reliability and quality of water supplies from that estuary.
2. To consider and act upon legislation to address the short term and long term improvement of California's water management system including the development of new surface and groundwater storage and improved conveyance facilities.
3. To consider and act upon legislation to appropriate funds, including appropriations for general obligation and lease revenue bonds, to improve water resource management, build additional water storage facilities, develop groundwater aquifers, improve groundwater quality and flood protection, and restore the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and other important ecosystem restoration projects.
4. To consider and act upon legislation to place a general obligation bond and, as necessary, a lease revenue bond on the ballot.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th day of September, 2007.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER
Governor of California

ATTEST:

DEBRA BOWEN
Secretary of State

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE
STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY
2007-08 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 13	Brownley, Leno	Oppose (State Update: 7/6/07)	Would require hospitals to adopt a plan or procedure for determining the staffing of professional and technical classifications. The failure to maintain, review annually, or to comply with a plan or procedure would be deemed by the California Department of Health Services to constitute staffing that has the potential to harm patients.	Senate Inactive File
AB 29	Hancock	Support if Amended (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to use funds allocated from Proposition 1C to make infrastructure grants for construction or acquisition of capital assets to qualifying local jurisdictions. This bill addresses: 1) the legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; 3) application review; and 4) the time-limit to complete projects for the \$850 million set aside in Proposition 1C for infill development related activities.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 49	Arambula	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would add the extreme cold temperatures that occurred during the month of January 2007, to the list of natural disasters eligible for full State reimbursement of local agency costs under the Natural Disaster Assistance Act.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 70	Jones	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to narrow the circumstances which would subject local governments to joint liability with the State with respect to failed flood control projects.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Still did the same but was limited to apply only to flood control projects within the Sacramento and San Joaquin watersheds.	
		Oppose (State Update: 4/11/07)	INITIALLY: Would have subjected a local public entity to joint liability and the State's right of compensation to the extent that the local public entity increased the amount of property damage sustained in a flood by approving new development in a previously undeveloped area, defined as open space land or land devoted to agricultural use.	

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 81	Torrice	Oppose (State Update: 9/7/07)	NOW: Was recently amended to change the time to safely surrender a newborn from 21 days of age to 7 days.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 7/17/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Changed the time to safely surrender a newborn from 30 days to up to 21 days and to require the California Department of Social Services to report the effect of the bill to the legislature by January 1, 2011.	
		Oppose (State Update: 6/6/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Still did the same but was amended to delete the \$5 million appropriation to conduct a statewide campaign to publicize the existence of safe surrender sites.	
		Oppose Unless Amended to delete language that increases the safe surrender time frame from 72 hours to 30 days (State Update: 3/6/07)	INITIALLY: Would have: 1) extended the timeframe to safely surrender a newborn from 72-hours to 30 days; 2) allowed cities to designate fire departments as safe surrender sites as long as they have consulted with county boards of supervisors and child welfare agencies; and 3) provided \$5 million to the California Department of Social Services to conduct a statewide awareness campaign to publicize the safe surrender program and establish a toll-free telephone number to provide information regarding safe surrender sites.	
AB 97	Mendoza	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would limit the use of trans fat by retail food facilities. It would require every food facility except a public school cafeteria to maintain on their premises the labeling information for any food or additive used that includes any fat, oil, or shortening. Effective January 1, 2010, it would prohibit the storage, distribution, serving, or use of any oil, shortening or margarine that contains artificial trans fat, except for the deep frying of yeast dough and cake batter. Beginning January 1, 2011, the use of artificial trans fat for deep frying yeast dough and cake batter also would be prohibited. These restrictions would not apply to food in public school cafeterias or sold in a manufacturer's original, sealed package. This bill would not prohibit a local governing body from adopting a local ordinance that is more stringent than these requirements. This is a two-year bill.	Senate Floor
AB 98	Niello	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the State to pay 50 percent of the wage subsidies for CalWORKs participants engaged in subsidized private or public sector employment, subject to the following restrictions: the State's share of a wage subsidy would not exceed 50 percent of the Maximum Aid Payment for the assistance unit which includes the adult receiving the wage subsidy; and State participation would be limited to county programs that provide a maximum of six months of wage subsidies for each participant.	Governor's Desk

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AB 119	Price	Support (State Update: 3/1/07)	Would require the State to pay for expenses incurred during 2007, for elections proclaimed by the Governor to fill a vacancy in the office of State Senator or member of the Assembly or to fill a vacancy in the office of the United States Senate or Representative in Congress. If an election proclaimed by the Governor is consolidated with a local election, the State would pay only the additional expenses directly related to the election proclaimed by the Governor. Urgency measure.	Governor's Desk
AB 166	Bass	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would add provisions to the Labor Code that would expand the presumption of job-related injury for public safety employees to include contracting methicillin resistant staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) skin infections.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 184	Dymally	No Position	NOW: Would require reimbursement rates for office visits billed for comprehensive clinical family planning services by Family PACT waiver providers and for office visits billed by family planning services by Medi-Cal providers at a weighted augmentation equal to the weighted average of at least 80 percent of the federal Medicare program rate.	Died on Senate Floor
	Bass	Support (State Update: 4/20/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have appropriated \$3 million from the State General Fund to provide Independent Living Program (ILP) services to qualified former foster youth who are: placed with a non-related legal guardian if the child is receiving permanent placement services; placed as wards with a non-related legal guardian who receives AFDC-FC benefits and case management services; or adopted at 14 years of age or older.	
AB 190	Bass	Support (State Update: 3/23/07)	Would establish a new child welfare budget methodology to implement the caseload relief recommendations of the SB 2030 Child Welfare Workload Study. Also requires counties to develop a plan, in consultation with parents of children receiving child welfare services, consumers, child advocacy organizations and social worker organizations, for the use of additional funds to provide social workers with additional time or support to enhance casework outcomes for children and families.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 213	Fuentes	Oppose (State Update: 7/31/07)	Would eliminate the employer's right to object to the venue for the filing of an application for adjudication of claims with the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. Such a change would require the County, as an employer, to incur substantial costs and loss of productivity associated with having to attend a hearing in locations convenient only to the applicant's attorney and not convenient for the County or potentially the injured employee. Urgency measure.	Assembly Floor

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AB 223	Runner	County-sponsored	Would allow those serving in the military, who are called to active duty in the United States on short notice, to be able to cast an absentee/provisional/or faxed ballot allowing those voters to be made a part of the official canvass.	Governor's Desk
AB 298	Maze	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would facilitate permanency for children placed under legal guardianship with a relative caregiver by: 1) specifying that a relative caregiver's preference for legal guardianship over adoption may not constitute a basis for removing the child from relative caretaker for an adoptive placement; 2) making placement with a relative caregiver as the legal guardian the second option in the order of preference for courts considering child placement; and 3) requiring courts, prior to termination of a legal guardianship, to order the child welfare agency to evaluate whether the child can safely remain or be returned to the guardian's home and if appropriate, offer reunification or family maintenance services to maintain the legal guardianship.	Governor's Desk
AB 308	Galgiani	No Position	NOW: Would increase, to an amount not to exceed \$2 billion, the annual Medical Providers Interim Payment Fund.	Senate Health
		Support (State Update: 4/13/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required the State Department of Mental Health, in consultation with the State Department of Health Care Services, to adopt regulations to provide prompt reimbursement to counties for the provision of services provided under the Federally-mandated Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT) Program.	
AB 335	De Leon	Support (State Update: 9/11/07)	NOW: Still does the same and was recently amended to require counties to advise domestic violence victims who submit a sworn statement of the availability of domestic violence counseling and services.	Assembly Floor
		Support (State Update: 3/30/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have allowed victims of domestic violence requesting CalWORKs Homeless Assistance to provide a sworn statement in lieu of third-party documentation to verify that homelessness is directly related to domestic violence.	

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AB 338	Coto	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to keep the existing limit of 104 payments per claim and removes the previously proposed formula to extend the claim period based upon delays by the employer.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 7/31/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Still did the same but was recently amended to remove provisions related to temporary disability benefits for incarcerated workers.	
		Oppose (State Update: 7/6/07)	INITIALLY: Would have enhanced temporary disability benefits for sworn and non-sworn government employees. Under current law, temporary disability payments are limited to 104 weekly payments over a two-year period. In addition, certain safety officers are eligible to take up to one-year leave of absence without loss of pay subsequent to a job-related injury.	
AB 340	Hancock	Support (State Update: 3/23/07)	Would establish the Unified Resources Families Assessment Pilot Project in five volunteer counties selected by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS). The pilot project would merge multiple, duplicative processes for licensing and approving relatives, foster families and adoptive parents who care for abused and neglected children.	Governor's Desk
AB 419	Lieber	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to require an employee to be a full time regular employee to qualify for enhanced time off with pay after an injury.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
		Oppose (State Update: 5/3/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have authorized additional safety employees to receive up to a one year leave of absence with full pay for job related injuries under Labor Code Section 4850.	
AB 503	Hernandez	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to make the issue a subject of study.	Senate Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required public agencies to provide an eight hour written notice to employees prior to working overtime.	
AB 596	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the provisions of the 1937 County Retirement Law to classify physicians working in a county jail or county mental health facility, in Alameda or Los Angeles Counties, as safety members without the need for county board of supervisors' action.	Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security

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AB 644	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 4/20/07)	NOW: Was amended to place limits on a physician conducting an evaluation of the treatment of services requested for a client injured during work related activities by requiring the reviewing physician to hold an identical type of license to that of the prescribing doctor.	Assembly Insurance
		Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended the Labor Code to require that physicians performing utilization review of the medical treatment on a workers' compensation case have an "intimate knowledge" of the issues presented for review. Further, it would have required the reviewing physician to look at the treatment requested by the treating physician and not the specialty of practice.	
AB 671	Beall	Support (State Update: 5/4/07)	Would require the State Personnel Board to establish an Emancipated Foster Youth Program to provide state employment opportunities for qualified foster youth or former foster youth.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 713	Maze, Bass	County-sponsored	Would cite legislative intent to provide enhanced services and financial support to assist youth between the ages of 18 and 21 years to successfully emancipate from foster care. This is a two-year bill.	Assembly Desk
AB 714	Maze, Bass	County-sponsored	Would allow disclosure of birth family records for previously adopted children who return to foster care.	Chapter 108 of 2007
AB 739	Laird	Oppose unless amended to restrict the monitoring required under a stormwater permit to the effectiveness monitoring plan in the bill (State Update 6/29/07)	Would establish criteria by which the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the Department of Water Resources (DWR) awards grants for stormwater management projects funded by a portion of the proceeds of Proposition 1E flood bonds and Proposition 84 resources bonds approved by the voters at the November 2006 election.	Governor's Desk
AB 752	Dymally	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would establish a mechanism to distribute stabilization funds among the public hospitals in years three through five of the Hospital Financing Waiver.	Governor's Desk
AB 800	Lieu, Brownley, and Krekorian	County-sponsored	Would amend the Water Code to clarify the requirement that the local public health officer be immediately notified in the event of a sewage spill.	Governor's Desk

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AB 820	Karnette	Support (Board Action: 5/22/07)	Would prohibit, starting January 1, 2009, all State facilities from selling, possessing or distributing expanded polystyrene (EPS) food containers, with the following conditions: 1) applies to campus facilities on the University of California only if the UC Regents approve the ban; and 2) applies to facilities of the Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation and the Department of Mental Health, unless those departments' respective directors determine use of expanded polystyrene food containers is the only alternative that would not present a danger to person in their facilities.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 822	Levine	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would require the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in consultation with the California Urban Forestry Council, to award the \$90 million from Proposition 84 for grants to public and non-profit organizations for urban greening. The State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in consultation with the California Urban Forestry Council, would oversee urban greening planning, set priorities and policy direction, and provide technical assistance, program evaluation and funding.	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
AB 832	Bass	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would specify the purposes for expending \$90 million in Proposition 84 funds for an urban greening program. Projects that address workforce infrastructure needs within low-income communities and municipal infrastructure improvements would be eligible. Priority would be given to projects that address workforce infrastructure needs in low-income communities and collaborative proposals that result in energy and water savings.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 845	Bass	Support (State Update: 4/27/07)	Would appropriate \$10.525 million in FY 2006-07 to fully fund the Transitional Housing Program Plus (THP-Plus) in FY 2006-07, which would provide services for approximately 500 more former foster youth statewide. The Human Services Budget Trailer Bill, SB 84 which was signed by the Governor on August 24, 2007, appropriates \$35.7 million for THP-Plus of which \$10.525 million may be used to cover costs incurred in FY 2006-07.	Failed Passage on the Senate Floor
AB 904	Feuer	Support (Board Action: 6/5/07)	Would phase out the use of food packaging that cannot be recycled or composted in communities where it is distributed.	Assembly Inactive File

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AB 1010	Hernandez	Support (State Update: 6/15/07)	Would extend the sunset date of the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2017. AB 1010 would also require: 1) the Authority to provide quarterly updates on its website on the management and remediation plan beginning on April 1, 2008; 2) the Authority to submit status reports every six months beginning March 31, 2008 on plan activities to the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB) and the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board; and 3) the WRCB, in consultation with the regional board, to provide a report on the Authority's progress.	Governor's Desk
AB 1053	Nuñez	Position under review	NOW: Was recently amended to delete all appropriations and add to the definition of "eligible applicant" a city, county, city and county, public housing authority, or redevelopment agency that applies for funding jointly with an owners' association for a business or property improvement district that includes a qualifying infill area. Appropriations for Proposition 1C were included in the Housing Trailer Bill (SB 86).	Governor's Desk
		Support and Amend (State Update: 7/9/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Was amended to expand the definition of a qualifying infill project to include census-designated places with a population density of at least 2,500 residents per square mile. In addition, a dollar for dollar grant match provision was eliminated in favor of a requirement that the relevant legislative body make a finding that the funds are necessary for the economic viability and feasibility of the project and the improvements are of general community benefit.	
		Oppose Unless Amended (State Update: 6/28/07)	INITIALLY: Would have provided for the allocation of \$850 million Affordable Housing Initiative Fund contained in the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006 (Proposition 1C). However, the \$450 million in funding to be transferred to HCD would have been available to qualifying cities and counties and would have narrowly limited a "qualifying infill project" to those located within an incorporated city. Thus, the bill would have precluded an unincorporated community from qualifying for the competitive grant program.	
AB 1062	Ma	County-sponsored	Would enhance the CalWORKs Homeless and Housing Assistance Program by creating a time-limited rental subsidy for certain qualified CalWORKs families. This is a two-year bill.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 1073	Nava	No Position	NOW: Was recently amended to expand the limit on post surgical and rehabilitative services to persons injured in the course of his or her employment and would focus this expansion to post-surgical rehabilitative services.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended the Labor Code to expand the number of chiropractic, occupational therapy and physical therapy treatment sessions available to workers for industrial injuries. It would also have limited the reviews of treatment utilization to physicians licensed in California.	
AB 1114	Eng	Support (State Update: 6/15/07)	Would create the San Gabriel Basin Restoration Fund in the State Treasury. Upon appropriation to the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA), funding is deposited for allocation to the San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority for projects that address groundwater contamination in the basin. The Secretary for CalEPA would serve as the Fund custodian and funds allocated to the Authority would be available without regard to fiscal years for projects located within the boundaries of the Authority.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1207	Smyth	Oppose (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would: 1) require the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) to develop regulations for the land application of biosolids by July 1, 2009; 2) require the standards to be uniform statewide; 3) prohibit a local governmental entity from enacting any ordinance or regulation that is contrary or inconsistent to the CIWMB's regulations on the land application of biosolids; and 4) void any existing or future local ordinance or regulation that contradicts the CIWMB's regulations regarding the composting and disposal of biosolids.	Assembly Natural Resources
AB 1231	Garcia	Support if Amended (State Update: 4/20/07)	Would require the Department of Housing and Community Development to use funds allocated from Proposition 1C to make infrastructure grants for construction or acquisition of capital assets to qualifying local jurisdictions. This bill addresses: 1) the legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; 3) application review; and 4) the time-limit to complete projects for the \$850 million set aside in Proposition 1C for infill development related activities.	Assembly Housing and Community Development

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AB 1233	Galgiani	Support (State Update: 4/24/07)	Would require the State Librarian to establish and maintain an online homework assistance program through State Public Libraries. It would also mandate that the online homework assistance program be offered free of charge to all students in the State, and subject to appropriation of funds in the Budget Act, would grant \$3 million annually to the State library for program implementation.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 1252	Caballero	No Position	Now: Would rename the Urban Park Act of 2006 to the Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Act of 2007. Would declare Legislative intent to make \$400 million available, upon appropriation, to the State Department of Parks and Recreation to award competitive grants to the most park needy communities statewide. Would authorize local entities and non-profit organizations to apply for local assistance program grants for both neighborhood parks and regional parks and trails. The term "critically underserved community" would replace the "heavily urbanized county" and would be defined to include a community with less than 3 acres of usable parkland per 1,000 residents or is a disadvantaged community.	Senate Floor
		Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Previously: Would have: 1) allocated \$200 million under Proposition 1C for housing-related parks in urban, suburban, and rural areas; 2) established the Housing-Related Park Program within the State Department of Housing and Community Development and; 3) required the agency, in conjunction with the State Department of Parks and Recreation, to provide grants for the acquisition, development, or rehabilitation of community or neighborhood parks.	
AB 1275	De Saulnier	Support (State Update: 6/25/07)	Would authorize a county board of supervisors to increase the fees for certified copies of birth, marriage, and death certificates by up to \$4, upon making findings supporting the need for governmental coordination of multiple agencies dealing with domestic violence. This is a two-year bill.	Senate Local Government
AB 1303	Smyth	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would create a grant program to allocate \$90 million under Proposition 84 for urban greening in neighborhoods most in need of trees and foliage. The bill would require the State Parks Department to establish a local assistance program for urban greening projects to offer grants to an eligible city, county, or district authorized to provide park, recreational or open-space services or a combination of those services. A higher priority would be assigned to an application meeting specified criteria including projects using existing public lands and serving a community with the greatest need for urban greening.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File

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AB 1315	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would allocate \$200 million in Proposition 1C funds for infill incentive park grants and specify priority be given to projects that focus park creation and development around transportation hubs and train stations.	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife
AB 1324	De La Torre	Support (State Update: 9/7/07)	Would clarify that a health maintenance organization or health insurer that authorizes treatment by a provider is prohibited from rescinding or modifying this authorization after the provider renders treatment for any reason, including subsequent cancellation or modification of the patient's contract, or upon determination that the patient's eligibility was not assessed accurately.	Governor's Desk
AB 1380	Ruskin	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would allocate \$400 million for local and regional parks. Priority would be given for: 1) programs serving at-risk youth; 2) parks that connect development around transportation; 3) parks that link infill development and schools; and 4) regional trail projects that join urban areas to open-space parks and trails.	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife
AB 1382	Leno	Support (State Update: 5/10/07)	Would eliminate the statutory requirement that adult household members must be fingerprinted through the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS) as a condition of eligibility for Food Stamp Only benefits. This bill would retain the current statutory requirement that adult household members applying for CalWORKs or General Relief with food stamps be fingerprinted as a condition of eligibility.	Senate Floor
AB 1391	Brownley	No Position County-sponsored	NOW: Still addresses water quality issues but the County-sponsored provisions were transferred to AB 800 (Lieu). PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) amended the Water Code to include a requirement that the local public health officer be immediately notified in the event of a sewage spill; 2) permitted civil fines to be imposed on persons who do not immediately notify the local public health officer when a sewage spill occurs; and 3) required that at least one of the Water Board's seven membership categories include someone with a public health background.	Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials
AB 1453	Soto	Support (State Update: 6/15/07)	Would require the California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to work with public and private stakeholders to develop a plan to transform California's group homes for foster youth and children with serious emotional disorders (SED) into a residentially based service system.	Governor's Desk

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AB 1470	Huffman	Support (Board Action: 6/19/07)	Would enact the Solar Water Heating and Efficiency Act of 2007, which would establish a new gas utility surcharge to fund a 10-year, \$250 million program to subsidize the installation of solar hot water heaters to offset the need for natural gas. The bill would exempt customers participating in the California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE) or Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA) programs from the surcharge. The program would be implemented after the Public Utilities Commission reviews the data from the San Diego pilot project and makes a specified determination.	Governor's Desk
AB 1481	De La Torre, Krekorian	Support (State Update: 9/7/07)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to further clarify the requirements for the general permit. PREVIOUSLY: Still did the same but was amended to fulfill the County's request to clarify that the general permit would apply to any irrigation uses for which the State Department of Public Health has or will set recycling criteria. However, the amendment also added new language that the general permit shall include language that provides for the modification of the terms and conditions of the general permit if a regulatory or statutory change occurs that affects the application of the general permit or if there is substantial evidence that the use of the recycled water may pose a threat to water quality or beneficial uses.	Governor's Desk
		Support and Amend to further clarify that the general permit would be subject to changes only when regulatory or statutory changes affecting the general permit occur at the State level or if the State WRCB determines recycled water poses a threat to water quality or beneficial uses. (State Update: 7/24/07)		
		Support and Amend to clarify that the general discharge permit would apply to any irrigation uses for which the State Department of Public Health has or will set recycling criteria (State Update: 4/20/07)	INITIALLY: Would have required the State Water Resources Control Board (WRCB), on or before July 31, 2009, to establish general discharge permits for landscape irrigation projects utilizing recycled water for which the State Department of Public Health has set recycling criteria, and would authorize the WRCB to establish a reasonable schedule of fees to reimburse the WRCB for the costs it incurs in adopting and administering the general permit. The bill would have also required the WRCB to designate an ombudsperson to coordinate and facilitate communication on recycled water, and on the issuance of specified water reclamation requirements, and to assist in the implementation of the general permit program established by the bill.	
AB 1536	Smyth	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would require the State Department of Parks and Recreation to be the primary agency authorized to administer funds allocated from Proposition 1C for housing-related parks grants in urban, suburban, and rural areas.	Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife

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AB 1581	Fuller	Oppose unless amended to limit the detection of bicycles to intersections along designated bike routes and reimburse local agencies for all costs associated with the bill's requirements (State Update: 6/22/07)	Would: 1) define a traffic-actuated signal as an "official traffic control device that displays one or more of its indications in response to the presence of traffic detected by mechanical, visual, electrical, or other means"; 2) require upon the first placement or replacement of a traffic-actuated signal, (to the extent feasible and in conformance with professional engineering practices) to detect lawful bicycle or motorcycle traffic on the roadway; 3) provide that cities and counties shall only comply with this requirement once Caltrans has established uniform standards, specifications, and guidelines for the detection of bicycles by traffic-actuated signals and related signal timing; and 4) sunset the bill's provisions on January 1, 2018.	Governor's Desk
AB 1602	Nuñez	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would establish the Sustainable Communities and Urban Greening Grant Program in the State Resources Agency and allocate \$90 million in Proposition 84 funds for urban greening projects via grants to local public agencies and non-profit organizations for the purpose of improving the sustainability and livability of communities through the development of green infrastructure that provides multiple benefits, including improved air and water quality, energy and water conservation, climate change mitigation, recreational, and other community benefits.	Senate Environmental Quality
AJR 20	Feuer	Support (Board Action: 6/5/07)	Would urge the Citizen Stamp Advisory Committee's issuance of a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the late Mayor Tom Bradley.	Governor's Desk
SB 46	Perata	Support and Amend to: 1) remove for profit or nonprofit entities as eligible applicants; 2) use 50 percent of the Area Median Income for the income levels for the affordable units; and 3) require nongovernmental applicants to show support from the local government in which the real property is located (State Update: 5/18/07)	Would provide the statutory framework for the distribution of funds from the \$850 million Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account contained in Proposition 1C, the Housing and Emergency Trust Fund Act of 2006, which was approved by the voters in November, 2006. The bill requires the Department of Housing and Community Development to administer a competitive program to provide capital outlay grants for infill housing development and for related infrastructure that is an integral part of the infill housing development. The bill addresses the: 1) legislative conditions and criteria for receiving funds from the Regional Planning, Housing, and Infill Incentive Account; 2) project qualification requirements; and 3) application review.	Assembly Appropriations

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SB 55	Florez	Oppose Unless Amended to exclude sewage sludge from a POTW that is transferred from the facility for further treatment and disposal by another POTW with a waste discharge requirement issued by the regional boards (State Update: 5/11/07)	Would require publicly owned treatment works (POTW) to submit certification to the regional water quality control board that any sewage sludge transferred from the facility for disposal or further processing meets regional board POTW requirements and standards for pollutants. The bill would require the POTW to submit the certification to any person or facility that accepts sewage sludge from that POTW for disposal or processing, and require the POTW to submit certification to haulers transporting the sewage sludge that it is nonhazardous, including whether the sewage belongs to a particular class, or contains other pathogens.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 119	Cedillo	Support (State Update: 2/8/07)	Would increase the scope of benefits and reimbursement rates for Drug Medi-Cal to provide access to an appropriate continuum of care for youths from 12 to 20 years of age suffering from substance abuse disorders.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
SB 120	Padilla, Migden	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would require that all chain restaurants in the State with 15 or more outlets provide nutrition information on their menus that includes for each menu item the total number of calories, grams of saturated fat, grams of trans fat, and milligrams of sodium. On a menu board, it would only require the total number of calories for each item.	Governor's Desk
SB 134	Cedillo	County-sponsored	Would lift the retirement cap for those public safety employees of the Sheriff's or the Fire Department hired prior to April 1997.	Governor's Desk
SB 137	Torlakson	No Position	NOW: Was amended to address the County's concerns to: 1) cap the County financial responsibility at a new benchmark level based on the rate set annually by the federal government at 300 percent Federal Poverty Level for a family of two; 2) provide 100 percent reimbursement to counties for administrative cost for children in families over the new benchmark level.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 6/25/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have increased the income eligibility cap for the California Children's Services program from \$40,000 adjusted gross income, to 400 percent of the federal poverty level, which is \$82,600 for a family of four. The bill provides no additional funding for this purpose.	

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SB 145	Corbett	Support (State Update: 5/1/07)	Would extend the deadline for transfer of responsibility for court facilities from the counties to the State Judicial Council from June 30, 2008 to December 31, 2008. Counties would be required to pay an additional inflationary cost factor on the County Facility Payment when transfer agreements are executed on or after January 1, 2008, and on or before June 30, 2008, unless significant progress toward completing a transfer agreement is achieved before January 1, 2008 as evidenced by submission of a proposed county facility payment. For transfers on or after July 1, 2008, the transferring county would be required to pay the State, on an annual basis, the greater of: 1) the average annual costs incurred over a base period, as adjusted by the local price deflator; or 2) actual county costs incurred during FY 2006-07. Urgency measure.	Assembly Floor
SB 156	Simitian	Support and Amend (Board Action: 3/6/07)	Would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2008 and would place it on the 2008 statewide primary ballot. If approved by the voters, it would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$4 billion for library construction and renovation. The County is requesting that the bill be amended to: 1) include a deadline for awarding bond funds; 2) develop a streamlined and shorter application process; 3) consider per capita or geographical distribution as a factor in determining awards; 4) allow agencies up to one year to conduct an election if required to obtain matching funds through a local bond measure; and 5) require recipients to take immediate responsibility for project construction and demonstrate that funds are available to operate new facility.	Senate Appropriations
SB 184	Alquist, Correa	Support (State Update: 6/22/07)	Would revise the way a local entity may be reimbursed by the State for advance expenditures on a transportation project contained in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) by: 1) limiting the reimbursement to projects programmed in the current year of the STIP; 2) requiring the local or regional entity to request an allocation from the CTC within 12 months of its first expenditure of local funds on a qualified project; 3) requiring the CTC to approve the project for future allocation should there be insufficient funds in the State Highway Account to allocate to a project; and 4) prohibiting the CTC from establishing a timeframe limiting reimbursement to a local or regional agency.	Governor's Desk

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SB 201	Florez	Oppose unless amended to eliminate the provisions requiring the additional water quality testing and maintenance of water quality records by the growers (State Update 6/22/07)	Would: 1) describe various practices that shall not be engaged in by growers, handlers, shippers or processors of leafy green vegetables including using uncomposed, incompletely composed, or non-thermally treated manure as fertilizer or soil amendments in fields, maintaining toilet facilities or other receptacles for human excreta in fields, using irrigation water that exceeds acceptable contamination levels, or selling, transferring, or otherwise putting into the production or distribution chain, any leafy green vegetable that exceeds acceptable contamination levels; 2) provide that a violation of these provisions, or any regulation adopted by the State Department of Public Health (SDPH) is a civil penalty up to \$10,000 per occurrence; and 3) provide that SDPH may impose a fine not exceeding \$25,000 per occurrence.	Assembly Agriculture
SB 208	Runner	Support (State Update: 4/17/07)	Would prohibit the State from assessing or collecting licensing fees from any county for the operation of a State-licensed correctional treatment center. It also would prohibit the State from shifting the costs of this licensing fee exemption to other licensed health facilities.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 275	Cedillo	Oppose unless amended to no longer subject hospitals to criminal sanctions, and to limit the consent requirement to homeless patients. (State Update: 8/21/07)	Would prohibit hospitals from transporting patients to location other than the patient's residence without their explicit consent. Hospitals in violation of this requirement would be subject to administrative and civil penalties.	Governor's Desk
SB 286	Lowenthal, Dutton	Support (State Update: 4/24/07)	Would require that the first payments from the bond funds from Proposition 1B for local streets and roads be allocated by the State Controller not later than January 1, 2008. All funds must be encumbered within three years from the date of allocation and would require unencumbered funds to be returned to the Controller for reallocation. Urgency measure.	Assembly Appropriations
SB 292	Wiggins	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would state Legislative intent to develop conditions and criteria for allocating \$90 million in funds from Proposition 84 for urban greening. The bill would require the Secretaries for Environmental Protection and Resources to establish a planning grant program for local and regional agencies to develop urban greening plans. Further, the bill would create a program of grants, rebates, and loans for local and regional agencies that have an adopted urban greening plan.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 297	Romero	County-sponsored	Would authorize counties to impose a local tax of not more than five percent on the sale of alcoholic beverages in order to continue to provide essential public services, including emergency and trauma care.	Senate Governmental Organization

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SB 352	Padilla	Oppose (State Update: 3/21/07)	Would amend the Labor Code to eliminate current restrictions on chiropractic, occupational therapy and physical therapy visits by law enforcement employees recovering from work related injuries.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 474	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 8/29/07)	Would create the South Los Angeles Medical Services Preservation Fund of up to \$100 million annually that would be provided to the County for the preservation of healthcare services to the South Los Angeles County population formerly served by MLK-Harbor Hospital. Also makes necessary modifications for years three through five of the Hospital Financing Waiver (SB 1100 Perata, Ducheny of 2005).	Governor's Desk
SB 680	Ridley-Thomas	Support (Board Action: 4/17/07)	Would appropriate funds to permanently establish the Special Needs Assistance Program to facilitate the inclusion of children with disabilities and other special needs in State-subsidized child care programs.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 720	Kuehl	Support (State Update: 5/7/07)	Would facilitate the joint placement of foster youth teen parents with their children.	Governor's Desk
SB 726	Alquist	Oppose (State Update: 7/18/07)	Would retroactively enhance the presumption that the acquisition of a blood borne infectious disease acquired during the period of employment as a safety officer was job related. Existing law provides that an injury to an employee in the course of employment is generally compensable through the workers' compensation system and, in the case of certain firefighting and law enforcement personnel, that a blood borne infectious disease developed or manifested during the period of employment that develops or manifests itself while the member is in the service of the governmental entity establishes a disputable presumption. The presumption is extended to a person following termination of service for a period of three calendar months for each full year of service, not to exceed 60 months.	Senate Rules
SB 732	Steinberg	Support (State Update: 6/11/07)	Would enact provisions to develop and implement several competitive grant programs funded under Proposition 84 including programs for nature education facilities and museums, statewide water planning and design, and the new sustainable communities and climate change reduction program. Would create the Sustainable Communities Council.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 767	Ridley-Thomas	County-sponsored	Would provide protection for licensed health care professions who are working in conjunction with an opioid overdose prevention and treatment program from civil and criminal liability when, if acting with reasonable care, they prescribe, dispense or distribute an opioid antagonist. The bill is limited to seven participating counties, including Los Angeles County, and would sunset on January 1, 2011.	Governor's Desk

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SB 776	Vincent	Support (State Update: 5/4/07)	Would allow county child welfare agencies to exchange criminal record clearances when a child in foster care moves with a relative or non-relative extended family caretaker from one county to another.	Governor's Desk
SB 856	Runner	County-sponsored	Would allow Los Angeles County to install customized street name signs that better portray the city/community in the unincorporated areas of the County.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 893	Cox	Oppose (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would shift all voter-approved ballot initiative Proposition 10 revenue away from all county First 5 Commissions and direct it to the Statewide California Children and Families Commission to distribute for the purpose of providing health care services to children.	Failed Passage in Senate Health
SB 936	Perata	Oppose (State Update: 5/3/07)	Would increase the disability benefits paid to employees injured during the course of employment. Payments to those injured after January 1, 2008, would be increased with additional benefit increases for those injured after January 1, 2009, and January 1, 2010.	Governor's Desk
SB 942	Migden	No Position	NOW: Was amended to remove the presumption of employer discrimination if an injured employee is not reinstated within five working days of a release by a treating physician.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 3/30/07)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have established a rebuttable presumption of employer discrimination if an employee, disabled by an employment related injury or illness, is not reinstated to his or her regular position within one day of release by the treating physician. Further, it would have made it a misdemeanor for the employer to refuse to reinstate the employee within the one day period.	
SB 959	Romero	County-sponsored	Would authorize a board of supervisors to permit the Sheriff and the Chief Probation Officer to mandate an electronic monitoring sentence, while also keeping the voluntary provision in place.	Governor's Desk
SB 966	Simitian	Support (State Update: 7/31/07)	Would require the Integrated Waste Management Board to identify and develop model programs for the safe disposal of pharmaceutical waste and to report to the Legislature by December 1, 2010 about the effectiveness and accessibility of the programs.	Governor's Desk

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SB 990	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 4/10/07)	Would require as a condition for any sale, lease, or sublease, or transfer of any land presently or formerly occupied by the Santa Susana Field Laboratory, also known as Rocketdyne, that the Director of Toxic Substances Control certify that the land has undergone complete remediation pursuant to specified protective standards. Further, it would authorize the Department of Toxic Substance Control to compel a responsible party or parties to take or pay for appropriate removal or remediation action necessary to protect public health and safety and the environment at the Susana Field Laboratory site in Ventura County.	Governor's Desk
SB 1001	Perata	Oppose (State Update: 4/13/07)	Would reduce the membership of regional water quality control boards from nine to seven at-large Governor-appointed members and completely restructure the composition of those boards, eliminating the members representing county and municipal government. The bill would specify that the seven appointees have water quality credentials.	Governor's Desk
SCA 12	Torlakson	Support Board Action (8/7/07)	Would provide additional resources for local governments to fund stormwater and urban runoff management programs.	Senate Floor



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**STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTS AN
ADDITIONAL \$64 MILLION IN ONE-TIME FUNDS TO EXPAND LOCAL
MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES**

Sacramento, Calif – California Department of Mental Health Director Stephen Mayberg today announced the release of \$64 million in unspent administrative funds to 58 counties and two cities providing mental health services in their communities.

The funds accumulated under the Mental Health Services Act, which was enacted with the passage of Proposition 63 in 2004. The Act calls for setting aside up to five percent of total funds collected for administrative costs associated with implementation and oversight by the Department of Mental Health.

Under the provisions of the Act, unused administrative funds are slated for reinvestment to support delivery of mental health services at the local level. After reviewing expenditure projections, the Department of Mental Health determined that the unused funds should be released now to help further expand mental health services at the local level.

"We are in a period of unprecedented investment in local mental health services," Mayberg said. "These one-time funds will add to that investment and assist local programs in providing services that suit their community's needs."

Since the passage of the Act, a total of \$106.9 million has been designated for administrative expenses, and the Department of Mental Health has used and directed the use of approximately \$42 million for implementation and oversight activities. The Department of Mental Health will begin working to distribute the unused \$64 million to local communities.

"We are pleased to see even more money made available to support services in local communities," Mayberg said. "Through prudent fiscal management, we did not use a significant portion of the available funds, which means they will instead be used for needed community mental health services."

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