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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

Executive Summary

On May 27, 2016, the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees took action on over 700 measures to meet the legislative deadline to pass fiscal bills out of these committees. Bills that were held in the committees will not proceed this year. Measures which were approved by the committees must now pass a floor vote in their house of origin by June 3, 2016, to remain active.

This memorandum contains a report on the actions taken by the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees on the following measures:

- **County-Sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell)** - related to reimbursement for Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee.
- **County-Advocacy Legislation.** The committees took action on 17 County-advocacy measures related to: 1) the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, Assembly bill; 2) gender-related disability benefits; 3) the Right to Try Act; 4) re-entry service pilot programs; 5) interstate voter data exchange; 6) vital records requests; 7) the Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, Senate bill; 8) oversight and regulation of natural gas storage wells; 9) teaching credentials in dance and theater; 10) reimbursement for special elections; 11) the use and production of renewable gas; 12) housing

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discrimination; 13) development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan; 14) expansion of 2-1-1 informational and referral services; 15) creation of social enterprise preference for small businesses; 16) aircraft tax assessment valuation methodology; and 17) expanding the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

- **Legislation of County Interest.** The committees took action on three measures of significant County interest related to: 1) membership of the board of directors of the Central Basin Municipal Water District; 2) implementation of State Auditor recommendations regarding the Central Basin Municipal Water District; and 3) establishment of the Los Angeles Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Below is a report on specific actions taken by the Assembly and Senate Appropriations Committees on County-sponsored bills, County-advocacy measures, and legislation of significant interest to the County.

Appropriations Committee Action on County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored SB 1335 (Mitchell), which as amended on April 20, 2016, would authorize federally qualified health centers to elect to have Drug Medi-Cal and specialty mental health services reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0.

Appropriations Committees Actions on County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 1568 (Bonta), which as amended on May 3, 2016, would enact provisions of the new five-year Federal Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0.

County-opposed AB 1643 (Gonzales), which as amended on March 16, 2016, would prohibit the use of certain gender-related characteristics in the calculation of permanent disability benefits, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 15 to 5.

County-supported AB 1668 (Calderon), which as amended on March 7, 2016, would establish the Right to Try Act to permit a manufacturer of an investigational drug, biological product or device to make the product available to eligible patients with a serious or immediately life-threatening disease, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 15 to 5.

County-supported AB 2114 (Garcia), which as amended on April 12, 2016, would appropriate \$1.5 million for re-entry service pilot programs for incarcerated or formerly incarcerated parents in five counties, including Los Angeles County, was held in the Assembly Appropriations Committee, and it will not proceed this year.

County-supported AB 2433 (Allen), which as amended on April 14, 2016, would authorize the Secretary of State to join an interstate voter data exchange, was held in the Appropriations Committee, and it will not proceed this year.

County-supported AB 2636 (Linder), which as amended on April 12, 2016, would allow local governments to offer consumers the option to request copies of their vital records via a secure electronic identification process, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0.

County-supported SB 815 (Hernandez), which as amended on May 3, 2016, would enact provisions of the new five-year Federal Medi-Cal 2020 Waiver, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0.

County-supported SB 887 (Pavley), which as amended on March 28, 2016, would provide a comprehensive framework for the reform of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Geothermal Resources' oversight and regulation of natural gas storage wells, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 2, with amendments which are not yet in print.

County-supported SB 916 (Allen), which as amended on April 27, 2016, would require the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to issue single subject teaching credentials in dance and theater, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0.

County-supported SB 967 (Vidak), which as introduced on February 8, 2016, would require the State to reimburse counties for expenses authorized and incurred in the preparation for and administration of special elections conducted on or after January 1, 2008, and before December 31, 2016, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and it will not proceed this year.

County-supported SB 1043 (Allen), which as amended on April 25, 2016, would require the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to consider and adopt policies to increase the use and production of in-state renewable gas, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and it will not proceed this year.

County-supported SB 1053 (Leno), which as amended on April 4, 2016, would amend the definition of “source of income” to include specified Federal, State, or local housing assistance or subsidies paid either to the tenant or directly to the landlord on behalf of the tenant, and would require county counsel to determine the existence of an unlawfully restrictive covenant based on source of income, was held in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and it will not proceed this year.

County-opposed SB 1170 (Wieckowski), which as amended on April 6, 2016, would prohibit a public entity, charter city, or charter county from: 1) delegating to a contractor the development of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) used to prevent or reduce water pollution or runoff on a public works contract; or 2) requiring a contractor on a public works contract that includes compliance with a SWPPP to assume responsibility for the completeness and accuracy of a plan developed by that entity, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

County-supported SB 1212 (Hueso), which as amended on May 3, 2016, would allow funding allocated to the California Public Utilities Commission to be used to facilitate the expansion of 2-1-1 informational and referral services through a uniform database, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 6 to 1.

County-supported SB 1219 (Hancock), which as amended on April 4, 2016, would create an employment social enterprise preference for State contracts, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

County-opposed-unless-amended SB 1329 (Hertzberg), which as amended April 26, 2016, would extend the existing aircraft tax assessment valuation methodology and tax filing process; remove a valuation discount; and allow commercial air carriers to appeal an assessment appeals board valuation decision in Superior Court for a trial de novo review, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 7 to 0, with amendments which are not yet in print.

County-opposed SB 1472 (Mendoza), which as amended on April 11, 2016 would: 1) expand the board of directors of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority to 16 members by adding two members that reside in the County of Los Angeles, one member appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and one member appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; and 2) prohibit these members from residing in the same city as another member of the board, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 1, with amendments which are not yet in print.

Appropriations Committees Actions on Legislation of County Interest

AB 1794 (Garcia), which as amended on April 11, 2016, would: 1) revise the governance structure of the Central Basin Municipal Water District (CBMWD) by specifying a seven-member board of directors comprised of four elected directors and three directors appointed by water purveyors; 2) provide for an interim board structure until the permanent board, elected at the November 6, 2018 election, takes office; and 3) require the board to establish a technical advisory committee within the CBMWD, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee by a vote of 20 to 0.

SB 953 (Lara), which as introduced on February 4, 2016, would: 1) require the CBMWD Board of Directors to consist of seven members, five members elected and two members appointed by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors; 2) prohibit the CBMWD from using sole source contracts, except in emergency circumstances or when only one vendor can meet the district's needs; 3) require the CBMWD to rebid a contract if the district significantly changes the scope of work of the contract; 4) require the general manager of the CBMWD to submit a quarterly report to the district's board detailing all of the district's contracts, contract amendments, and contract and amendment dollar amounts; and 5) prohibit the CBMWD from providing any member of its board of directors with district funds to conduct community outreach activities, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 2.

SB 958 (Lara and Hall), which as amended on April 26, 2016, would establish a Citizens Redistricting Commission in Los Angeles to adjust the boundaries of the County's supervisorial districts after each decennial U.S. Census, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 5 to 2.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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