



TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee **DATE:** January 13, 2020

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RE: Legislative Program: State Advocacy Updates

The Legislature began the second year of its two-year 2019-2020 legislative session on January 6. Bills that were introduced in 2019 that did not advance through the house of origin have the month of January 2020 to proceed in order to remain active in 2020. Any “two-year bills” that fail to advance out of the house of origin by January 31, 2020 will be considered as having failed passage and can no longer be acted upon during the 2020 Legislative Session.

At the same time, new legislation will begin to be introduced during the first two months of 2020. Newly introduced legislation will be considered in the Legislature on a standard schedule that would allow bills to be fully considered by both houses prior to the 2020 adjournment date of August 31, 2020.

Complicating the 2020 legislative session will be the overlay of an election year and the politics associated with election year dynamics

- a. **State Budget:** The Governor plans to release the proposed state budget on January 10, the constitutional deadline. During December 2019, the Legislative Analyst’s Office projected a 2020-21 state budget surplus above expenditure commitments of approximately \$7 billion, although \$3 billion of the projected surplus depends on federal approval of the renewed managed care organization tax. Since this report was drafted before the release of the State Budget, a more detailed verbal update will be provided at the Legislative Committee meeting.
- b. **AB 315 (Garcia): Recommended Watch.** This bill would restrict local government associations from spending money on anything other than lobbying and education. It would also impose extra reporting requirements on our lobbying expenditures, severely limiting CSAC, RCRC and others. AB 315 would effectively limit or end a majority of grassroots advocacy programs, legal advocacy programs, educational activities as well as state and federal legislative advocacy. Several local government associations are in opposition, including CSAC, RCRC, UCC, CSDA, and others. We have attached the CSAC coalition letter for reference. The bill will be heard in the Assembly Local Government Committee on January 15. At the time this report was written, no individual county had taken an oppose position, therefore we recommend a watch position. Should individual counties begin to weigh in, the County should consider an oppose position.
- c. **AB 1080 (Gonzalez)/SB 54 (Allen) Solid Waste: Packaging and Products: Recommend Support.** AB 1080 and SB 54 are identical bills which would enact the California Circular Economy and Plastic Pollution Reduction Act to achieve a 75% reduction in single-use packaging and priority single-use plastic products by 2030. Both bills are two year bills and are pending on the floor of their 2nd House. The bill directs CalRecycle to examine single-

use packaging and priority single-use plastic products across-the-board and develop an approach that would not only aid the state in meeting its 75% diversion goal, but also result in the reduction of waste and its associated environmental impacts, including GHG emissions and plastic pollution, and require the development of domestic markets for recyclable materials to foster instate recycling infrastructure. More specifically, it requires CalRecycle to adopt regulations that would: 1) require single-use packaging and specified single-use plastic products be source reduced and require, by 2030, that all single-use packaging and specified single-use plastic products be recyclable or compostable; and, 2) achieve, by 2030, a 75% reduction of waste generated by each of single-use packaging and specified single-use plastic products. The bill provides CalRecycle with a variety of tools to achieve those goals.

- d. **State Bill/Issue Track:** Attached.