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TO: Monterey County Legislative Committee

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RE: State Legislative Program: Advocacy Update – **AGENDA ITEM #**

State Report

- a. Status of the Legislature and State Budget:** Friday, September 12th was the scheduled recess date for the legislature, however, due to many last-minute budget trailer bill amendments and the rule which requires all bill language to be in print for seventy-two-hours, the legislature's adjournment was pushed to Saturday, September 13 after they passed about 800 bills to the governor's desk. Many bills were moved to the inactive file at the last minute due to fiscal impacts or continued opposition. The governor now has until October 12 to sign or veto all measures on his desk. Bills signed by the governor will become law on January 1, 2026 and the official start of the second year of this two-year legislative cycle will be January 5.

Although the governor and legislature passed the FY 2025-26 state budget in June, there were a number of budget trailer bills introduced in the last week of session. Such bills included the allocation of funds from Proposition 4—the Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparedness, and Clean Air Fund. Additionally, one of the legislature's key priorities this year was reauthorization of California's Cap-and-Trade program which was passed on the final day of the session. There was also a huge push at the last minute for bills focused on electricity costs, the petroleum market, air pollution, CEQA exemptions, anticipating cuts from H.R.1, and housing affordability measures. We expect to see Delta Conveyance Project streamlining legislation to be introduced next year which will bring a great deal of controversy.

- b. Priority Legislation:** The governor has until October 12 to act on all bills passed to him. This is the current status of priority bills at the time of the submission of this report. We will provide an update on any bills as relevant on the day of the Legislative Committee Meeting.

Measure	Author	Topic	Location	Position	Notes
AB 1	Connolly, D	Residential property insurance: wildfire risk.	GOVERNOR'S DESK	Support	2/10/25 letter to author 4/9/25 memo to Asm. Approps 6/10/25 memo Sen. Insurance 7/3/25 memo Sen. Approps

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					9/11/2025 request for Signature letter submitted
<u>AB 53</u>	<u>Ramos, D</u>	Personal income taxes: exclusion: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act.	INCORPORATED INTO BUDGET	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC. A personal income tax exclusion for military services retirement and surviving spouses was included in the budget bill recently passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor and therefore AB 53 will not be moving forward.
<u>AB 63</u>	<u>Rodriguez, Michelle, D</u>	Loitering with intent to commit prostitution.	2 YEAR	Support	4/14/25 Letter to Asm Appropriations
<u>AB 226</u>	<u>Calderon, D</u>	California FAIR Plan Association.	GOVERNOR'S DESK	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC. 6/10/2025 Memo to Senate 7/3/2025 Memo to Sen Appropriations 9/11/2025 request for Signature letter submitted
<u>AB 259</u>	<u>Rubio, Blanca, D</u>	Open meetings: local agencies: teleconferences.	2 YEAR	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC. 6/10/2025 Support memo filed
<u>AB 431</u>	<u>Wilson, D</u>	Advanced Air Mobility Infrastructure Act.	2 YEAR	Support	5/12/25 -Letter to Asm Appropriations 6/24/2025 Support Memo filed
<u>AB 726</u>	<u>Ávila Farías, D</u>	Planning and zoning: annual report: rehabilitated units.	GOVERNOR'S DESK	Support	4/14/25 Letter of Support submitted 7/8/2025 Memo filed to Sen Housing

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					7/8/2025 Memo to Sen Appropriations 9/11/2025 request for Signature letter submitted
<u>AB 761</u>	<u>Addis, D</u>	Monterey-Salinas Transit District: sales and special taxes.	GOVERNOR'S DESK	Support	4/16/25 - Support letter submitted 6/10/2025 Memo filed Sen Transportation 9/11/2025 Request for Signature letter sent to Governor
<u>AB 928</u>	<u>Rogers, D</u>	Roosters: restrictions.	2 YEAR	Support	5/15/25 - Letter of Support filed and shared with delegation, CSAC and RCRC. 6/24/2025 Memo to Sen Agriculture, Sen Judiciary
<u>AB 933</u>	<u>Ávila Farías, D</u>	Organized residential camps: organized day camps.	2 YEAR	Oppose	4/14/25 Letter of opposition submitted and shared with delegates, RCRC and CSAC.
<u>AB 946</u>	<u>Bryan, D</u>	Chief probation officer: designee.	2 YEAR	Oppose	4/14/25 Letter of opposition submitted and shared with delegates, RCRC and CSAC.
<u>AB 1014</u>	<u>Rogers, D</u>	Traffic safety: speed limits.	Signed by Governor	Support	4/29/25 - Letter submitted and shared with CSAC and RCRC. 6/16/2025 Memo sent Sen transportation 6/27/2025 Memo sent Sen Appropriations 9/10/2025 Request for Signature letter sent
<u>AB 1185</u>	<u>Hart, D</u>	California Library Services, Equity in Opportunity Act.	2 YEAR	Oppose	3/11/25- Letter in Opposition submitted and sent to all cc's.
<u>AB 1288</u>	<u>Addis, D</u>	Registered environmental health specialists.	Signed by Governor	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's. 6/20/2025 - Memo filed - Sen Health 7/9/2025 Memo filed Sen Appropriations

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					9/11/2025 request for Signature letter submitted
<u>AB 1413</u>	<u>Papan, D</u>	Sustainable Groundwater Management Act: groundwater adjudication.	2 YEAR	Oppose Unless Amended	8/18/2024 Letter filed Sen Appropriations
<u>SB 23</u>	<u>Valladares, R</u>	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.	HELD	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC.
<u>SB 74</u>	<u>Seyarto, R</u>	Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation: Infrastructure Gap-Fund Program.	2 YEAR	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's. 4/14/25 support memo filed and sent to delegation, CSAC and RCRC. 6/10/25 Memo filed to ASM Local Gvt 6/10/2025 Memo filed Asm Appropriations
<u>SB 144</u>	<u>Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review</u>	Health.	HELD	Support	9/10/2025 Support Letter sent
<u>SB 239</u>	<u>Arreguín, D</u>	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.	2 YEAR	Support	2/11/25 support letter filed and sent to the delegation and CSAC and RCRC. 4/14/25 support memo filed and sent to delegation, CSAC and RCRC.
<u>SB 283</u>	<u>Laird, D</u>	Energy storage systems.	Signed by Governor	Support	4/16/25 - Letter of support submitted and shared with delegation, RCRC and CSAC. 6/16/2025 - Memo of Support filed Asm U and E, LG and Appropriations, sent to CC's, RCRC and CSAC

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					7/24/2025 Support Memo filed Assembly Appropriations 9/11/2025 Request for Signature Letter sent to Governor
<u>SB 296</u>	<u>Archuleta, D</u>	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners.	HELD	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's. 6/20/2025 Support Memo filed -Assembly Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Assembly Committee on Revenue and Taxation Assembly Appropriations Committee, cc's CSAC and RCRC
<u>SB 346</u>	<u>Durazo, D</u>	Local agencies: transient occupancy taxes: short-term rental facilitator.	GOVERNOR'S DESK	Support	3/11/25- Letter of Support submitted and sent to all cc's. 6/18/2025 Support memo filed Assembly Local Govt, Judiciary, Sent to CC's, RCRC and CSAC 9/10/2025 Request for Signature letter sent
<u>SB 357</u>	<u>Menjivar, D</u>	Juveniles: delinquency.	2 YEAR	Oppose	4/14/25 Letter of opposition submitted and shared with delegates, RCRC and CSAC. 6/23/2025 Letter of opposition submitted - Assembly Public Safety, sent to cc's, RCRC and CSAC Author is parking bill on Assembly Floor.
<u>SB 496</u>	<u>Hurtado, D</u>	Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation: appeals advisory committee: exemptions.	2 YEAR	Support	3/18/25 - letter submitted to Senate Environmental Quality Committee.
<u>SB 577</u>	<u>Laird, D</u>	State Government.	2 YEAR	Support	4/14/25 Letter of Support submitted and shared

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					with delegates, RCRC and CSAC. 7/3/25 Support Memo filed Assembly Judiciary, cc's, CSAC, RCRC 7/24/2025 Support Memo filed Assembly Appropriations
<u>SB 599</u>	<u>Caballero, D</u>	Atmospheric rivers: research: forecasting methods: experimental tools.	2 YEAR	Support	4/14/25 Letter of Support submitted and shared with delegates, RCRC and CSAC. 6/18/2025 Support memo filed - Assembly - Water, Parks, and Wildlife, Cc's RCRC and CSAC 7/11/2025 Support memo filed Assembly Appropriations
<u>SB 601</u>	<u>Allen, D</u>	Water: waste discharge.	2 YEAR	Oppose	4/14/25 Letter of opposition submitted and shared with delegates, RCRC and CSAC. 6/24/2025 Opposition Memo filed Assembly Judiciary and ESTM, Sent to cc's, and CSAC and RCRC 7/24/2025 Opposition Memo filed Assembly Appropriations

c. Governor's Actions and Executive Orders:

- September 27 – Governor Newsom announced deployment of California resources to the East Coast ahead of multiple Atlantic storms.
- September 22 – Governor Newsom signed AB 238, requiring lenders to offer mortgage forbearance for up to 12 months for those affected by the LA fires.
- September 22 – Governor Newsom released \$414 million through the CA Department of Housing and Community Development to build new homes in California.
- September 18 – Governor Newsom issued a proclamation declaring September 2025 as “Preparedness Month.”
- September 15 – Governor Newsom proclaimed Latino Heritage Month

- September 5 – California secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant (FMAG) from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help suppress the 2-7 fire in Calaveras County within the TCU Lightning Complex
- September 5 – Governor Newsom announced that California has officially joined the Northwest Wildland Fire Fighting Compact.
- September 4 – Governor Newsom announced a new statewide task force to prioritize and remove encampments and bring services and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness.
- September 2 – On behalf of Governor Gavin Newsom, Cal OES approved the predeployment of 23 fire engines, eight water tenders, two dispatcher, and six support personnel to El Dorado, Nevada, Plumas, Sierra, and Trinity counties ahead of expected high temperatures, low humidity, and dry lightning.

d. State Bill/Issues Track: See attached.