



COUNTY OF SAN MATEO
Inter-Departmental Correspondence
County Manager's Office



Date: October 10, 2014
Board Meeting Date: October 21, 2014
Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors

From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager

Subject: County Manager's Report #16

RECOMMENDATION:

Accept this informational report.

BACKGROUND:

This report will provide you with updates on a variety of County initiatives focusing on Public Safety, Health and Human Services, Community Services and Performance, in addition to reports on legislation and issues that require your action. We will also keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Legislative Update—2014 End of Session Report

September 30th was the deadline for the Governor to sign or veto all of the bills sent to his desk before the Legislature adjourned for the year on August 30th. The Governor signed a total of 930 bills and vetoed 143—a veto rate of about 13 percent.

Among the more notable pieces of legislation signed by the Governor was a three-bill package, Senate Bills 1168 and 1319 by Senator Fran Pavley, and Assembly Bill 1739, by Assembly member Roger Dickinson, that together include complementary provisions requiring the establishment of groundwater sustainability agencies (GSAs) and adoption of groundwater sustainability plans (GSPs) in specified areas, and provides for implementation tools and enforcement authorities at the state and local levels. The new laws would require adoption of groundwater sustainability plans by January 31, 2020, for all high or medium priority basins in overdraft condition and by January 31, 2022 for all other high and medium priority basins unless legally adjudicated or otherwise managed sustainably.

In the area of redevelopment, the Governor signed Senate Bill 628 by Senator Jim Beall, which will implement an agreement between his office and legislative leaders on Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFs). Specifically, the bill expands the authority of local agencies to collaborate to achieve community infrastructure improvements. In addition, the Governor vetoed Senate Bill 1129 by Senator Darrell Steinberg that would have allowed Successor Agencies to expend revenues from bonds issued after December 2010 and allowed Agencies to enter into new or amended contracts without review.

The following were actions taken by the Governor on select legislation affecting the County:

County-Sponsored Bills:

Senate Bill 986, Hill (Chapter 922, Statutes of 2014)

Will require the State Lands Commission to consult, and enter into any necessary negotiations, with the owners of the Martins Beach property to acquire a right-of-way or easement for the creation of a specified public access route to and along the shoreline, including the sandy beach.

Assembly Bill 2028, Mullin (Chapter 209, Statutes of 2014)

Authorizes San Mateo County participate in a ongoing pilot project that allows certain elections to be conducted entirely by mailed ballot through January 1, 2018.

County-Supported Bills:

Assembly Bill 2193 (Chapter 604, Statutes of 2014)

Will provide private landowners, conservation organizations and local public agencies with streamlined access to environmental permits required for small ecosystem and urban watershed restoration projects.

Assembly Bill 2231 (Chapter 703, Statutes of 2014)

Reinstates the Senior Citizens and Disabled Citizens Property Tax Postponement (PTP) program to provide property tax deferral to seniors and disabled persons.

Assembly Bill 2516 (Chapter 522, Statutes of 2014)

Creates the Planning for Sea Level Rise Database to be managed by the Natural Resources Agency.

County-Opposed Bills:

Assembly Bill 2126 (Bonta)—Vetoed

Would have allowed either a public agency or employee organization to request mediation if, upon impasse in negotiations, the parties fail to reach agreement.

Assembly Bill 194 (Campos)—Vetoed

Would have expanded the public comment period at public meetings.

A complete list of bills analyzed and acted on by staff and the County's advocacy teams is attached for your review (Attachment I).

When the legislature reconvenes on December 1st, there will be two new leaders. Senator Kevin De Leon of Los Angeles will be President pro Tem in the Senate and Assembly member Toni Atkins of San Diego will be the new Speaker of the Assembly. There will also be major changes to the makeup of the membership, including many new members in both houses due to term limits. It is expected that San Mateo County's delegation will continue to serve in key leadership posts in both houses of the Legislature.

County staff has already begun the work of identifying legislative priorities for the 2015 and will provide your Board with an updated 2015 Legislative Session Program in December.

PERFORMANCE MEASURE(S):

Measure	FY 2013-14 Actual	FY 2014-15 Projected
Federal/State Measures analyzed and acted on	100	120

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.