



County of San Mateo

Inter-Departmental Correspondence

Department: COUNTY MANAGER

Board Meeting Date: 10/23/2018

Special Notice / Hearing: None
Vote Required: Majority

To: Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: John L. Maltbie, County Manager
Subject: County Manager's Report #18 of 2018

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 also will keep you and the public informed about new services, upcoming events and general updates.

DISCUSSION:

Health and Human Services

Seven honored as 'Housing Heroes'

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS), a division of County Health, and the Change Agent Housing Committee honored seven local leaders as "Housing Heroes" for demonstrating exceptional leadership in providing or maintaining housing for individuals with mental health and/or substance abuse issues. The annual awards are given each October to those who work on housing solutions for the county's most vulnerable. The 2018 honorees are: Teri Chin, human services manager at the Fair Oaks Community Center; Valerie Abea, a family partner at the BHRS Youth Services Center; family member Ingrid Dela Rosa; BHRS housing champion Diane Dwarkin; board and care administrator Ana Dayeh; landlord Esam Hussain; and, Li-Ping Fan, a BHRS community mental health nurse.

Community Services

Mediterranean fruit fly eradicated in county, quarantine lifted

The California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) and the County's Department of Agriculture/Weights have declared the Mediterranean fruit fly eradicated as of Oct 4, 2018. The welcome news to producers, retailers and business owners comes nearly a year after a 56-mile quarantine was enacted in the Half Moon Bay area following the November 2017 discovery of two

wild-type Medflies within five miles of each other. The quarantine, aimed at containing the spread of the most destructive agricultural pest in the world, placed strict limits on material leaving the area, stripped all fruit from trees near the finds and required both organic-approved pesticide application and the dropping of nearly 200 million sterile flies over a 12-square-mile region.

HUD deems County's online grants system, policies manuals best practices

The County Department of Housing's use of an interactive online management system to administer its Emergency Solutions Grants Program (ESG) is a best practice, according to a recent federal compliance review. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) also deemed as best practices the comprehensive ESG Program Policies and Procedures Manual and the electronic participant recordkeeping system by LifeMoves, the County's collaborator on the grants which fund shelter facilities. HUD conducted on-site monitoring of the program in early September 2018 to ensure it adhered to applicable laws and regulations and, if needed, to offer recommendations to improve performance or capacity. HUD called the County's electronic files "exceptionally well-organized, accessible and very efficient" as a result of using its "state-of-the-art, web-based grants management system."

Measure K

New mental health respite center dedicated

Behavioral Health and Recovery Services (BHRS) staff and community members came together on Oct. 16 for a ribbon-cutting celebration at Serenity House, the County's first program to aid adults undergoing a mental health crisis who do not need hospitalization. Located on the grounds of San Mateo County Health's campus in San Mateo, Serenity House provides short-term, around-the-clock care and treatment in a home-like setting. A Measure K grant approved by your Board contributed to renovating an existing building into the new temporary home to support individuals in their wellness and recovery.

Legislative Update

2018 Legislative session wraps up governor's final term

With a late-night tweet on Sunday Sept. 30 that declared, "16 years - and nearly 20,000 bills later, the desk is clear. #Eureka," Gov. Edmund G. Brown, Jr. closed out the 2018 State Legislative Session - his fourth and final as governor of California. This year alone, he weighed in on 1,217 pieces of legislation, signing 1,016 into law and vetoing 201. The following is a select list of bills with direct impact to counties acted on by the governor:

Elections

AB 216 (Gonzalez Fletcher) Ballot Postage-Chaptered-requires vote by mail ballots to include a return envelope with prepaid postage. (County Watch)

AB 2540 (Mullin) State facilities and public building: vote centers and polling places-Chaptered-authorizes governing bodies with jurisdiction over public buildings to allow those building to be used as vote centers beginning up to 10 days prior to an election day. (County Support)

Employee Relations

AB 1912 (Rodriguez) Public employees' retirement: joint powers agreements: liability-Chaptered-specifies that if an agency to a JPA agreement is going to be dissolved an agreement should be reached by all parties regarding the retirement system. (County Watch)

AB 3224 (Thurmond) Public Social Services: County Employees-Chaptered-codifies in state law

that eligibility determinations for Medi-Cal, CalWORKs, and CalFresh must be conducted by county merit or civil service employees. (County Watch)

SB 866 (Cmte on Budget & Fiscal Review) Employment-Chaptered-creates new state law regulating how public employers will interact with employee unions and applies new requirements on how public employers will manage wage and salary deductions and how they can communicate with employees about union membership. (County Watch)

SB 1085 (Skinner) Public employees: leaves of absence: exclusive bargaining representatives service-Chaptered-require public employers to provide union employees with “reasonable” leaves of absence to serve as union stewards or officers. While on the leave of absence, employees are entitled to their regular compensation, the same benefits (including retirement accrual), and job reinstatement without loss of seniority, rank, or classification. (County Watch)

SB 1343 (Mitchell) Sexual Harassment Training-Chaptered-establishes sexual harassment training requirements for non-supervisory positions to ensure safe workplace and provide all employees with training opportunities and ensure protection against liability. (County Watch)

Environment

AB 1956 (Limon) Fire prevention activities: local assistance grant program-Chaptered-requires CalFIRE to establish a local assistance grant program for fire prevention activities and would allow for advance payments of awarded grant to local governments and other agencies.

SB 100 (de Leon) California Renewables Portfolio Standard Program: emissions of greenhouse gases-Chaptered-aims to attain a 50 percent renewable resources target by Dec. 31, 2026, and a 60 percent target by Dec. 31, 2030. (County Watch)

SB 212 (Jackson) Solid waste: pharmaceutical and sharps waste stewardship-Chaptered-establishes a stewardship program, under which a manufacturer or distributors of covered drugs or sharps would be required to establish and implement a stewardships program for covered drugs or for sharps. (County Support)

SB 901 (Dodd) Wildfires-Chaptered-addresses forest management, fire prevention, funding, utility debt management and cost recovery. Key elements of this bill include: legal protections; \$1 billion over the next five years the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund (GGRF) for improved forest management and fire prevention programs; mutual aid and improved utility safety plans; forest management and regulatory streamlining; 2017 Wildfire cost sharing; future wildfire cost recovery; and the creation of a commission in the governor’s Office of Planning and Research to consider methods of socializing the costs of wildfires.

Health/Hospitals

AB 626 (Garcia) California Retail Food Code: microenterprise home kitchen operations-Chaptered-will allow a city or county to permit by ordinance or resolution, the operation of microenterprise home kitchens, through which home cooks will be allowed to sell a limited number of meals (County opposed)

AB 3115 (Gibson) Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternate Destination Act-Vetoed-would have required counties to appoint specific members to the local emergency medical care committee, add new members to the statewide EMS Commission, and create the Community Paramedicine or Triage to Alternative Destination Program. (County Oppose)

AB 2775 (Kalra) Professional cosmetics: labeling requirements-Chaptered-Requires manufacturers to list ingredients on the labels of professional cosmetics. (County Support)

SB 946 (Lara) Sidewalk Vending-Chaptered-creates rules for cities and counties to regulate sidewalk vendors, requiring a licensing scheme to be developed locally but with certain restrictions on time, scope, and manner of the permitted activity. (County Watch)

SB 192 (Beall) Mental Health Services Fund-Chaptered-clarifies that the value of a prudent reserve for Local Mental Health Services Fund shall not exceed 33 percent of the average of community services and support revenue received for the fund, in the preceding 5 years.

SB 215 (Beall) Diversion: mental health disorders-Chaptered-makes defendants ineligible for the diversion program for certain offenses, including murder, voluntary manslaughter, and rape. Authorizes the court to require the defendant to make prima facie showing that the defendant will meet the minimum requirements for eligibility for diversion and that defendant and the offense are suitable for diversion.

SB 1045 (Wiener) Conservatorship: serious mental illness and substance use disorders-Chaptered-would create a new type of conservatorship that is specifically targeted at individuals that are chronically homeless, have mental illness, and have substance abuse issues. Program is limited to: the Counties of Los Angeles, San Diego and the City and County of San Francisco.

SB 1108 (Hernandez) Medi-Cal: conditions of eligibility or coverage-Chaptered--declares that the goal of Medi-Cal program is to provide comprehensive health care to low-income Californians who cannot afford the cost of health care; and requires that a waiver proposed by the Department of Health Care Services that aims to increase the number of Medi-Cal beneficiaries or enhance the medical

SB 1152 (Hernandez) Hospital patient discharge process: homeless patients-Chaptered-will require each hospital to include a written homeless patient discharge planning policy and process, to document specified information before the discharging of a homeless patient.

SB 1187 (Beall) Competence to stand trial-Chaptered-will reduce the term for commitment to a treatment facility when a felony was committed to the shorter of two years or the period of commitment equal to the maximum term of imprisonment provided by law for the most serious offense charged.

Housing

AB 1771 (Bloom) Planning and zoning: regional housing needs assessment-Chaptered-makes changes to regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) plan objectives, methodology, distribution, and appeals process. (County Watch)

AB 1804 (Berman) California Environmental Quality Act: exemption: residential or mixed-use housing projects-Chaptered-will, until Jan. 1, 2025, exempt from CEQA residential or mixed-use housing projects located in unincorporated areas of a county meeting certain requirements. (County Support)

SB 765 (Wiener) Planning and zoning: housing-Chaptered-makes various changes to SB 35 (Wiener, Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017), which established a streamlined process for approving local housing developments that meet specified standards, and to AB 932 (Ting, Chapter 786, Statutes of 2017), which amended the Shelter Crisis Act to authorize emergency housing, upon declaration of a

shelter crisis by specified cities and counties, to include homeless shelters. (County Watch)

SB 828 (Wiener) Land use: housing element-Chaptered-makes several changes to the regional housing needs allocation process, including prohibiting the prior underproduction of housing in a city or county from the previous cycle and stable population numbers in a city or county from the previous cycle from being used as a justification for a determination or a reduction in the jurisdiction's share of the regional housing needs. (County Watch)

SB 918 (Wiener) Homeless Youth Act of 2018-Chaptered-establishes the Homeless Youth Act of 2018 to better serve the state's homeless youth population and requires the Homeless Coordinating Council to take on additional related responsibilities that are focused on addressing the needs of youth experiencing homelessness. (County Watch)

Local Government

AB 3068 (Daly) County government: contract legal counsel: auditor-controller-Chaptered-allows auditor-controllers to hire outside counsel where a conflict of interest exists, just as is currently allowed for sheriff's and assessors. It also lets sheriffs, assessors, and auditor-controllers recommend specific counsel to the presiding judge, while allowing the board of supervisors to do the same. (County Watch)

SB 1459 (Cannella) Cannabis provisional licenses-Chaptered-passed as an urgency measure this new law took effect immediately upon its signing on Sept. 27 and allows state licensing agencies to issue provisional commercial cannabis licenses to businesses that hold a temporary state license for the same premises and the same activity, and that have an application pending with a local jurisdiction provided that the potential licensee is in good standing. This law will allow local jurisdictions additional time to review pending commercial cannabis applications at the local level and complete environmental review processes.

Public Safety/Justice

AB 1810 (Budget Committee) Health-Chaptered-authorizes pre-trial diversion programs for individuals with certain mental disorders alleged to have committed a misdemeanor or felony offense. (County Watch)

SB 10 (Hertzberg) Pretrial release or detention: pretrial services-Chaptered-enacts a risk-based system instead of money bail system for determining when a person is released from custody. Eliminates money bail as of Oct. 1, 2019. (County Watch)

SB 931 (Hertzberg) Conservatorship: custody status-Chaptered- amends the Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) to specify that custody status cannot be used as the sole reason to postpone the psychiatric conservatorship evaluation and expands who is eligible to conduct a conservatorship to include a professional person in charge of providing mental health treatment at a county jail. (County Watch)

SB 1054 (Hertzberg) Pretrial Services-Chaptered-clean up legislation for SB 10 and provides that no person arrested for a sex offense can be released pre-arraignment.

Tax & Finance

AB 1838 (Cmte. On Budget) Local government: taxation: prohibition: groceries-Chaptered-as part of the 2018 State Budget package, limits the ability of local governments to impose taxes and/or fees on groceries. (County Watch)

Other State Issues/County Priorities

AB 2035 (Mullin) Affordable housing authorities-Chaptered-makes administrative and technical changes to statutes governing Affordable Housing Authorities. (County Watch)

SB 221 (Wiener) Agricultural District 1-A: firearm and ammunition sales at the Cow Palace-Vetoed-would have prohibited the sale of firearms and ammunition at the Cow Palace beginning Jan. 1, 2020. (County Support)

SB 822 (Wiener) Communications: broadband Internet access service-Chaptered-enacts the California Internet Consumer Protection and Net Neutrality Act of 2018, which will prohibit fixed and mobile Internet service providers that provide broadband Internet access service from engaging in specified actions concerning the treatment of Internet traffic. (County Support)

SB 833 (McGuire) Emergencies: Office of Emergency Services: guidelines: Alert and warning-Chaptered-requires the Office of Emergency Services (OES) to develop voluntary guidelines for alerting and warning the public of an emergency and requires OES to develop an alert and warning training. (County Watch)

SB 1115 (Hill) Property taxation-Chaptered-increases the current cap on the value for purposes of the welfare exemption from property tax for non-publicly financed affordable housing. Increases the cap from \$10M in value to \$20M in value. (County Support)

Early Childhood Education

AB 605 (Mullin) Child day care facilities: infant to school age license-Chaptered-requires the adoption of regulations to create a child care center license to serve infant, toddler, preschool and school age children and that all-day care centers be licensed as child care centers. (County support)

AB 2626 (Mullin) Child care services-Chaptered-makes a number of changes regarding subsidized child care and California State Preschool Programs (CSPPs), including among others raising the income eligibility threshold for families initially applying for subsidized child care services: removing certain age restrictions for CSPP; providing for staff training for providers of contracted center-based care; and increasing flexibility in funding adjustments for contractors. (County Support)