

**ALAMEDA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS'
PERSONNEL/ADMINISTRATION/LEGISLATION
COMMITTEE**

Monday, October 28, 2019

1:30 p.m.

Supervisor Keith Carson, Chair
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers – Room 512 5th floor
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street, Oakland, CA 94612

Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Both the House and Senate are in session this week.

Appropriations

The Federal government is working under a Continuing Resolution (CR) through November 21, 2019. Another CR is likely to last through late January or February.

Appropriations bills

This week the Senate continues debate on domestic spending bill package which includes Ag-FDA, Commerce-Justice-Science, Interior-Environment, and Transportation-HUD.

Caught in spending approval delay and CR funding levels are census funds; the 2020 Census needs more funds than appropriated. There is a current push with a letter to Congress from the Census Bureau urging it to include full funding for the Census in the next CR.

– The Senate Finance Committee has a draft proposal which funds a wavier extension at 90% of FY19 levels for FY20 and at 75% for FY21 for current Title IV-E Waiver Extension waiver States.

Impeachment

The House to vote this week on a resolution to formalize the next phase of the impeachment inquiry. Investigation continues, but many subpoenas are being challenged or ignored. There will be closed hearings for the next couple of weeks then public hearings.

Purpose:

- Report progress
- Advocacy or Education
- Request PAL_Committee Recommendation or Position
- Other: Federal Update**

Request for Legislation position – Action Item

i. Letter to Census Bureau regarding the count of unhoused residents

Recommendation: Support: Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency

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This item was withdrawn and postponed at the request of the department due to changes in the item requested by the Census Committee.

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Week in Review at the Capitol

The Legislature remains on their fall recess and will return to Sacramento in January of 2020. The focus this week has been on several wildfires currently burning throughout the state and the PG&E Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). With many parts of the state under emergency evacuations both the Legislature and the Governor have been working to try to address these issues as well as requesting assistance from the federal government, which has been granted.

Governor Gavin Newsom

Governor Newsom held a briefing this afternoon, Monday, October 28, 2019, at the Office of Emergency Services, State Operations Center. The Governor was joined by the state's top fire and emergency management officials. Earlier today, the Governor also issued a press release to announce that the state has secured a Fire Management Assistance Grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to help ensure the availability of resources to fight the Getty Fire burning in Los Angeles County, which has threatened homes and caused the evacuation of residents.

The Fire Management Assistance Grant will assist local, state and tribal agencies responding to the fire to apply for 75-percent reimbursement of their eligible fire suppression costs.

Governor Newsom has declared a statewide emergency due to the dangerous weather conditions, which have resulted in fires and evacuations across the state. The Governor has also secured Fire Management Assistance Grants to help ensure the availability of resources to fight the Kincadee and Tick fires, for which he previously declared a state of emergency in Sonoma and Los Angeles counties.

The Governor has also announced a \$75 million program for state and local governments to mitigate the impacts of power shutoffs and unveiled a series of new partnerships and new tools to help secure medically vulnerable populations during these events.

County Sponsored Legislation

AB 723 (Quirk) Transactions and use taxes: County of Alameda: Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District. This bill was signed by the governor on October 11, 2019.

AB 944 (Quirk) CalWORKs: sponsored noncitizen: indigence exception.

County co-sponsored bill, AB 944 (Quirk) with the Western Center on Law and Poverty was vetoed by the governor on October 13, 2019. The governor was concerned about investing in new programs in California given some fiscal shortfalls in the coming years.

AB 143 (Quirk-Silva) Shelter crisis: homeless shelters: Counties of Alameda and Orange: City of San Jose. The bill was signed by the governor on September 26, 2019.

Key Dates/Deadlines

- January 6, 2020 – Legislature Reconvenes
- January 10, 2020 – Budget must be submitted by the Governor

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PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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