

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

**Monday, December 7, 2020
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

Congressional Schedule

The Senate is in session and scheduled to be in Washington until December 18. The House returned to Washington last Wednesday planning to adjourn this Friday, December 11, but that is no longer the case.

Appropriations

Members will introduce a one-week stopgap spending bill to avert a partial U.S. government shutdown after the current temporary funding measure expires on December 11, 2020. The bill would keep the government open until December 18th as Appropriators continue negotiations on their \$1.4 trillion spending bill. It seems that most of the appropriations issues have been resolved, but there are still a few outstanding issues that could hold up a bill.

COVID-19 Relief Talks

A bipartisan COVID-19 relief proposal was introduced last week to restart negotiations. The \$908 billion proposal is supported by Democratic leadership in the House and the Senate as a starting point for negotiations, an indication that Democrats are willing to come down from the \$2.4 trillion on which they had previously insisted.

Senate Majority Leader McConnell, however, has not come out in support of the bipartisan proposal and instead unveiled yet another version of a smaller, targeted bill that does not include state and local funding or transit aid, among other things. Senator Bill Cassidy from Louisiana has been a strong Republican proponent of this new package, and though few details have been released, the state and local aid section will likely include some elements of the SMART Act, which he introduced with Senator Bob Menendez in May.

The new \$908 billion proposal contains \$160 billion for states and locals. It is possible that \$8 billion of those funds would be allocated to territories, leaving \$152 for states and locals. 60%, or \$90 billion, would go to states. 40%, or \$60 billion, of that is for cities and counties, which would be divided evenly into two \$30 billion pots. One third of funds would be allocated based on population, and the remaining two thirds would be allocated based on revenue losses. Funds would flow directly to states, who would then sub-allocate to cities and counties.

However, there would likely be a requirement that states would need to suballocate to cities and counties within 15 days. The proposal also pushes back the timeline for disbursement of CARES Act funds to the end of calendar year 2021.

Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA)

U.S. District Judge Nicholas Garaufis ordered the Trump administration to fully restore the Dreamers program that protects undocumented immigrants brought to the U.S. as children, a federal judge ruled on Friday, opening the door to new applicants for the first time since 2017. The Judge directed the Department of Homeland Security to make a public notice by today that it will accept petitions from new applicants for the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program.

MORE Act

The MORE Act passed the House last week. The bill would decriminalize cannabis possession and create a process to expunge the records of those non-violent marijuana convictions in the past. Although Senate Majority Leader McConnell has pledged to kill the bill in the Senate, this is the first time a decriminalization bill has passed the full House. It will likely be reintroduced in the 117th Congress.

Biden Transition Announcements

President-elect Biden announced California Attorney General Xavier Becerra as his pick for Secretary of Health and Human Services, and his selection of Dr. Rochelle Walensky to run the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Purpose:

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

II. State Legislative Update – Political Solutions

Capitol Update

The Legislature returned to Sacramento today for swearing-in ceremonies and organizational session to kick off the 2021-2022 Legislative session. Members are able to begin introducing bills today and Legislative Leadership will also be announcing both committee chairs and membership in the near future.

On the Administration side, the Regional Stay-at-Home order announced by the Governor last week took effect on Saturday, December 5, 2020 at 12:59pm. As a reminder, the order is triggered once a region falls below 15% of available ICU capacity, at this point certain business closures and modifications are required. The impacted region will stay under the order for three weeks and counties will be eligible to come out from under the order once that period is up and their four- week projected ICU capacity is 15% or higher.

The five regions are broken up as follows:

Northern California: Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Lassen, Mendocino, Modoc, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity

Bay Area: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Monterey, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma

Greater Sacramento: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Colusa, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Sacramento, Sierra, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba

San Joaquin Valley: Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne

Southern California: Imperial, Inyo, Los Angeles, Mono, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

Key Dates & Deadlines

- Legislature Meets for Organizational Session/Swearing-In Ceremonies – December 7
- Statutes take effect – January 1, 2021
- Legislature Reconvenes – January 4, 2021
- Budget must be submitted by Governor – January 10, 2021
- Last day to submit bill requests to the Office of Legislative Counsel – January 22, 2021

Governor Gavin Newsom

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The Governor announced the development and roll-out of a new app, California Notify created jointly by Google and Apple. The app will be available for download starting this Thursday, with hopes that the new technology can be used to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and notify those who may have been exposed. The Governor explained that an individual's data would be 100% secure and private and that the app is an opt in rather than opt out. In addition, the Governor explained generally the concept of the app, for individuals who have opted in, when their phones are near one another, their phones will exchange anonymous keys, if one of the users tests positive for COVID-19, the app will send an anonymous message to anyone who may have been exposed.

COVID-19 Vaccine Regional Distribution - First Shipment

CDPH has posted the COVID-19 Vaccine Regional Distribution for first shipment. California will receive 327,000 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine in the first state shipment expected in mid- December 2020. These initial doses will be provided to healthcare workers and long-term care residents in accordance with the Allocation Framework for Phase IA. The regional distribution of the 327,000 is broken down by six regions and is as follows:

Region I - Counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura

- 126,750

Region II - Counties: Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Monterey, Napa, San Benito, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Shasta, Solano, Sonoma

- 80,497

Region III - Counties: Butte, Colusa, Glenn, Lassen, Modoc, Plumas, Santa Cruz, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yuba

- 8,592

Region IV - Counties: Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Nevada, Placer, Sacramento, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, Yolo

- 35,145

Region V - Counties: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced

- 16,706

Region VI - Counties: Imperial, Inyo, Mono, Riverside, San Bernardino

- 59,910

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This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

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