Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

Congress will return to session this week. The House and Senate will continue negotiations this week to determine the length of the next continuing resolution that needs to be addressed prior to December 9, 2016.

Lame Duck & Continuing Resolution

Congress will return to session this week after recessing for the Thanksgiving holiday. There are a few items remaining that the House and Senate will need to address prior to adjourning the 114th Congress. These include, an extension of the current continuing resolution and passage of the 21st Century Cures bill and the National Defense Authorization Act.

Congress will have to address the current CR that runs through December 9. House and Senate Republican leaders agreed to extend the current CR in order to give the 115th Congress and incoming Trump administration time to address FY17 spending levels. It is likely that the CR will extend through March 31, 2017, but negotiations are ongoing and there is a possibility that the continuing resolution could be extended into May 2017.

Transition

As Mr. Trump’s transition to the White House progresses here are the picks announced so far:

*Attorney General* - President-elect Trump has tapped Sen. Jeff Sessions as attorney general.

*Director of the Central Intelligence Agency* - Mr. Trump has chosen Kansas Rep. Mike Pompeo for the job.

*White House National Security Adviser* - Mr. Trump has picked Retired Lt. Gen. Mike Flynn for national security adviser.

*Deputy National Security Adviser* - Mr. Trump has selected K.T. McFarland to be his deputy national security adviser. She served as an official in the Reagan White House.

*White House Counsel* - Mr. Trump selected Donald McGahn, a partner at the firm Jones Day who served as the Trump campaign’s general counsel, for the job. Mr. McGahn is a former chairman of the Federal Election Commission.

*Chief of Staff* - Republican National Committee Chairman Reince Priebus will be Trump’s chief of staff.

*Chief Strategist* - Former Breitbart News executive Steve Bannon, who was Mr. Trump’s campaign CEO, will be Mr. Trump’s chief White House strategist.
**Ambassador to the United Nations** - Mr. Trump has tapped South Carolina Gov. Nikki Haley (R) to be his ambassador to the United Nations.

**Education Secretary** - Mr. Trump announced that he will nominate Betsy DeVos, a prominent advocate for school choice and charter schools, as Education secretary.

**Purpose:**
- □ Report progress
- □ Advocacy or Education
- □ Request PAL Committee Recommendation or Position
- ✗ Other: Federal legislative update

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

**II. State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

The Legislature is out on final recess for only a few more days. The 2015-16 Session adjourns on November 30th and the Legislature will convene on December 5th for the 2017-18 Organizational Session where all the Legislators that were elected or re-elected in November will be sworn in. Assembly Democrats will have a 2/3 supermajority when the Legislature convenes. The Senate Democrats are still only one seat away from securing a 2/3 supermajority, and as of this morning, Democrat, Josh Newman, has a 1,755 vote lead in the 29th Senate District race.

**Transportation Funding**

The Legislature failed to act on Senator Beall and Assemblymember Frazier’s transportation funding proposal before the end of the 2015-16 Legislative Session. On the table was $2.5 billion in new funding to be shared between cities and counties, as well as accountability and streamlining measures to enhance the delivery of transportation projects.

In the last week, Governor Jerry Brown, Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de León, and Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon announced that there would be no action on this matter before the end of 2016. The deal had been in the works for almost a year and a half, and due to conflicting priorities between the two parties, a compromise could not be reached. However, Governor Brown and legislative leadership have not yet given up on the issue. They will attempt to make California’s critical transportation and infrastructure needs a focus heading into the new Legislative Session.

**Legislative Analyst’s Office Fiscal Outlook 2017-18**

The Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) published their annual Fiscal Outlook report in anticipation of the 2017–18 budget process. In this report the LAO provides a summary of their assessment of the condition of California’s economy and budget for the approaching Fiscal Year 2017–18. The report also includes an assessment of the next three years, through Fiscal Year 2020–21.

**Disability Among California’s Seniors**

California’s senior population is expected to increase from approximately 5 million in 2015 to nearly 12 million by 2060. Given this, the Legislative Analyst’s Office (LAO) published a report exploring California’s outlook on the projected need for Long-Term Supports and Services (LTSS). The LAO projects that there will be a 160% growth in the population of seniors with disabilities and the overall senior population is projected to grow by 135%. The report includes projections about the disability levels of California seniors and the potential needs for LTSS over the next several decades.
Proposition 47 Grant Program Request for Proposals

Proposition 47, the Safe Neighborhoods and Schools Act, approved by voters in 2014, reduces some low level crimes to misdemeanors, and requires the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) to administer grant programs that will support substance abuse treatment, diversion, and mental health using a portion of the annual state savings generated by its implementation. Additionally, AB 1056 (Atkins) added priorities to the grant program including housing-related assistance and community-based services such as job training, case management and civil services.

The 2016 Budget Act appropriated $25.6 million and a supplemental legislative augmentation of $10 million, to be distributed as Proposition 47 recidivism-reduction grants. Approximately $103.5 million total will be available over the 38-month grant period beginning June 16, 2017 through August 15, 2020. The BSCC released its final Proposition 47 Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP) providing key information necessary in preparing a proposal. All public agencies are eligible to receive funding. RFPs are due no later than February 21, 2017.

Outstanding Local Streets and Roads Project Awards Program

The Save California Streets Coalition has begun an entry period for cities and counties to nominate a project or program that has been deployed to preserve and protect public investment in local streets and roads. Projects should address at least one of the following four areas: 1) Efficient and Sustainable Road Maintenance; 2) Construction and Reconstruction Projects, Complete Streets Projects; 3) Safety or Intelligent Transportation System Project; or 4) Efficient and Sustainable Bridge Maintenance, Construction and Reconstruction Projects. Nominations are due January 11, 2017 and winners will be announced in late February with award presentation at the 2017 Public Works Officers Institute and the County Engineers Association of California Spring Conference.

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III. Proposed Resolution Opposing the Repeal of the Affordable Care Act

Attachment

Wilma Chan, District 3, Chair, Health Committee, Board of Supervisors, presented a proposed resolution to Oppose the Repeal of the Affordable Care Act. The proposed Board Resolution would oppose any attempts by the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal government in 2017 to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and direct County personnel to seek all opportunities to work with Federal, State, County and local leaders representing California residents to fight against the repeal of the Affordable Care Act and further regressive policy proposals by leaders of the Executive and Legislative branches of the Federal government to reduce funding for Medicaid and Medicare in the proposed implementations of block grants, privatization schemes, and other methods.

Recommendation from PAL Committee: Support. Move to the full Board of Supervisors

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

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