Summary/Action Minutes

I. Federal Legislative Update – CJ Lake

The House is not in session this week. The Senate is in session, will recess on Wednesday for Yom Kippur and return on Thursday, September 20, 2018. The Senate will focus on approving the FY19 Defense and Labor-HHS-Education minibus conference report as well as a package of House-passed opioid related bills.

FY19 Appropriations

Last week, the House and Senate approved the first minibus conference report that included the FY19 Energy & Water, Military Construction-Veterans Affairs, and Legislative Branch appropriations bills. President Trump is expected to sign the first minibus this week. The Senate will vote this week on the FY19 Defense and Labor-HHS-Education minibus conference report.

Congress is expected to pass a continuing resolution that will fund the remaining appropriations bills through December 7, 2018. Those bills include Transportation-HUD, Interior & Environment, Agriculture-FDA, Financial Services, DHS, Commerce-Justice-Science, and State-Foreign Operations.

Opioid Package

The Senate will vote this afternoon on the House-passed package of opioid related bills. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Chairman Lamar Alexander will offer a substitute amendment that will include additional provisions agreed to in the Senate. Many of the provisions are bipartisan and the package of bills is expected to pass overwhelmingly.

Farm Bill

Last week, House and Senate Agriculture Committee leaders met and continue to negotiate on some of the top line numbers as well as policy issues related to SNAP. There is a chance that negotiations could continue this week if House Ag Chairman Conaway and Ranking Member Petersen return to DC even though the House in recess. Senate Ag Chairman Pat Roberts has already said he is fine if the negotiations go past the deadline and need a short-term extension.

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- Other: Federal Update
II. **State Legislative Update – Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck**

With the Legislature having adjourned the 2017-18 Legislative Session, Legislators are still back in their home districts preparing for the November Election and gearing up for the 2019-20 Legislative Session, which convenes on December 3, 2018.

The Governor is now focused on signing or vetoing all bills sent to him by the Legislature before they adjourned on August 31, 2018, prior to the September 30th deadline. In 2018, approximately 2,500 bills were sent to the Governor for action. The Governor has made progress acting on some bills, some of the County’s priority bills are currently awaiting action including AB 626 (Garcia) regarding home kitchen food facilities, AB 2923 (Chiu) regarding BART standards for transit-oriented development, and SB 905 (Wiener) regarding alcoholic beverages hours of sale.

**Update on County Sponsored Bills**

AB 2111 (Quirk), Alameda County’s sponsored bill, which will align CalWORKs sponsor deeming provisions with those used for CalFresh for sponsored non-citizens indigence determinations, is also currently on the Governor’s desk awaiting action.

**Bail Reform and Referendum**

California’s bail industry has put forth an effort to overturn SB 10 (Hertzberg) which was recently signed by Governor Brown and set to go into effect on October 1, 2019. SB 10 will revert California’s cash bail system to a system based on risk assessments – an effort that has been long debated in California. On September 10, the Referendum of SB 10 received a title and summary and was subsequently cleared for circulation of signature gathering.

The proponents now have until November 26th to collect 365,880 signatures from registered voters to delay the implementation of SB 10 until voters decide on the referendum in November 2020.

**Homelessness Funding**

Over $700 million in state funding is available to address homelessness and some funding deadlines are quickly approaching. As a reminder, Homeless Mentally Ill Outreach and Treatment Program (HMIOT) applications are due on September 25, 2018. This program is designed to provide flexible one-time funding for county activities involving individuals with serious mental illness and who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

All counties are eligible to receive a direct allocation of HMIOT funding. Counties are strongly encouraged to leverage the funding with other funding sources and initiatives, including Whole Person Care pilots and efforts to address mental illness among populations at risk of homelessness.

**Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) Grants**

CalOES is currently soliciting proposals for the Domestic Violence Assistance (DH) Program for fiscal year 201819. The DH Program expands comprehensive support services to domestic violence survivors and their children, including emergency shelter, counseling, court accompaniment, and advocacy. There is approximately $2 million available for this program, with applicants being eligible to apply for up to $500,000 in one-time funding. Applications are due no later than October 9, 2018.

**PPIC: Californians’ Views on Climate Change**

A recent PPIC poll, aimed at discerning Californian’s current views on climate change, found that many Californians say climate change is very important that that the state is a world leader on the issue. When asked how important it is that California acts as a leader in climate change, Democrats (67%) are much more likely than Independents (48%) and Republicans (23%) to say it is important.
Further, the poll finds that most Californians are concerned about the impact of global warming – 80% of those polled view global warming as a very serious or somewhat serious threat to California’s future economy and quality of life. 8 out of 10 Californians polled are either very or somewhat concerned about more severe wildfires that may be caused by extreme weather caused by global warming.

State Controller’s August Cash Report

The State Controller reports higher revenues than estimated for the month of August. Total revenues of $9.98 billion for August were $1.14 billion, or 12.9%, higher than anticipated in the budget. Additionally, revenues for the first two months of the 2018-19 fiscal year are $846 million, or 5.4%, higher than projected in the enacted budget.

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A. Request for Legislation Position – Action Items

i. Proposition 10 - Expands Local Governments’ Authority to Enact Rent Control on Residential Property, Initiative Statute
Recommendation: Support: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency and Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency, and Lori A. Cox, Director, Social Services Agency

ii. Proposition 6 - Voter Approval for Future Gas and Vehicle Taxes and 2017 Tax Repeal Initiative
Recommendation: Oppose: Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency, Chris Bazar, Director, Community Development Agency and Daniel Woldesenbet, Director, Public Works Agency

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

PUBLIC COMMENT
None.

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