

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM: 2.10  
(ID # 12925)

MEETING DATE:  
Tuesday, June 30, 2020

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE:

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Receive and File the Legislative Update Report, All Districts.  
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**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and File the Legislative Update Report.

**ACTION:** Consent

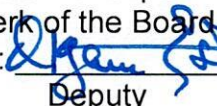
  
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

On motion of Supervisor Hewitt, seconded by Supervisor Spiegel and duly carried by unanimous vote, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as recommended.

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Hewitt  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: June 30, 2020  
xc: EO

Kecia R. Harper  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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<b>FINANCIAL DATA</b>	<b>Current Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Next Fiscal Year:</b>	<b>Total Cost:</b>	<b>Ongoing Cost</b>
<b>COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>NET COUNTY COST</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
<b>SOURCE OF FUNDS: N/A</b>			<b>Budget Adjustment:</b>	No
			<b>For Fiscal Year:</b>	19/20

**C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:** Approve

**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

The purpose of Riverside County's Legislative Coordination Policy Program is to support legislation which benefits the County and its residents, and to oppose/amend legislation which might adversely affect the County. The following specific procedures are instituted to facilitate active participation by Departments, allow the Executive Office to act as a centralized "clearinghouse" for legislative matters, and to ensure that all advocacy efforts are entirely consistent with Board-approved positions. Per Board Policy A-27, The County's Legislative Advocates and or the Executive Office shall provide to the Board, monthly reports on the progress of County-sponsored legislation and issues at the forefront of discussion at State/Federal levels that may have a fiscal and/or operational impact on the County. This Form 11 is a Legislative report for the May 2019.

**STATE REPORT: TO ACCESS THE FULL REPORT, PLEASE OPEN ATTACHMENT**

**State Budget Update**

Consistent with the Legislature's agreement announced last week and in keeping with the constitutional requirement that a balanced budget bill be approved by June 15, the Assembly and Senate on Monday ratified SB 74, a 2020-21 budget bill that reflects a bicameral spending plan. The passage of the bill does not, however, reflect a final budget deal with the Governor. In fact, the Legislature's spending plan departs in several significant ways from the Governor's May Revision, especially with respect to the timing, content, and application of "trigger cuts" should additional federal relief not materialize in the coming months. For additional state budget details see attached State Final Budget Summary.

**Realignment Revenue Backfill**

The budget includes \$750 million to provide support for counties experiencing revenue losses for realigned programs. Budget bill language specifies that "in utilizing these funds, counties shall prioritize support for health and human services, entitlement programs, and programs that serve vulnerable populations." An additional \$250 million may be provided for this purpose if additional federal funds materialize to trigger additional restorations.

The budget bill (AB 89/SB 121) specifies that the Department of Finance, in consultation with the California State Association of Counties, will develop a countywide allocation



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schedule to distribute the funding. Additionally, receipt of the backfill is conditioned upon a county's adherence to federal guidance, the state's stay-at-home requirements and other health requirements as directed in gubernatorial Executive Order N-33-20, any subsequent executive orders or statutes, and all California Department of Public Health orders, directives, and guidance issued in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency. Counties must certify compliance to the Department of Finance.

**DJJ Realignment**

The final budget deal contains various provisions that point to the future closure of the Division of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) – such as elimination of pilot programs currently operating at DJJ and repeal of provisions that transfer the state's DJJ function to a stand-alone entity under the state's Health and Human Services agency, as agreed to in last year's budget.

While DJJ realignment remains a priority for the Administration, action on a trailer bill to carry out the transfer will be deferred until after the Legislature's summer recess. It is our understanding that the Senate budget subcommittee with jurisdiction over corrections and public safety matters may hold a hearing to review the proposed realignment framework. The Administration indicates its continued support for the negotiated structure.

**Salton Sea**

The Legislative budget plan includes \$19,250,000 for the Salton Sea North Lake Project, which would be available for encumbrance or expenditure until June 30, 2023.

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**Policing Bills**

The House will vote June 25 on its policing behavior and reform bill while the Senate is crafting its bill and looks to have it voted out of the Senate before the July 4 recess.

**Next COVID Bill and Stimulus Priorities**

Speaker Nancy Pelosi insists that an extension of Unemployment Insurance, state and local aid and more payments to individuals are critical to both COVID response and economic recovery and that the House will push for those items. Senate Majority Leader McConnell has said that negotiations on what will likely be the last major COVID-related spending bill will occur after the July 4 Congressional recess. McConnell, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and other Republicans have said House Democrats acted too fast in proposing another virus response bill while much of the funding from the CARES Act (Public Law 116-136) was still being paid out.

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In congressional hearings, Labor Secretary Eugene Scalia said there have been talks about a reduced amount of extra unemployment payments, possibly \$250 per week on top of the usual formula, and Mnuchin said lawmakers should at least consider extra stimulus payments.

**DACA**

In a 5-4 decision with the Chief Justice, John Roberts, joining the Supreme Court's four liberal justices, the Trump Administration's attempt to end the DACA program was denied. Justice Roberts wrote that there were procedural problems with the Administration's approach, opening the door for the Administration to try again.

**Infrastructure/Stimulus-**

The Trump administration's proposal to spend \$1 trillion on infrastructure could increase GDP by up to \$720 billion through June 2022, according to a Penn Wharton Budget Model (PWBM) analysis. PWBM previously estimated that states could spend about \$300 billion per year, based on shovel-ready projects. "Therefore, up to \$300 billion per year in federal infrastructure aid will lead states to spend up to \$300 billion on infrastructure investment that otherwise would have been cut," the analysis says. "This spending will keep workers employed during the recession and increase GDP." House Democrats offered a \$1.5 trillion bill to rebuild the nation's infrastructure, calling on Trump to immediately engage in discussions on how to pay for it. The House is scheduled to vote on the bill before the July 4 recess.