

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



**ITEM: 2.2  
(ID # 24513)**

**MEETING DATE:**  
Tuesday, October 29, 2024

**FROM :** EXECUTIVE OFFICE

**SUBJECT:** EXECUTIVE OFFICE: Receive and File the Legislative Report for October 2024,  
[All Districts] [\$0]

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and File the Legislative Report for October 2024.

**ACTION:Consent**

Carolina Salazar Herrera, Director of Legislative Advocacy

10/24/2024

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

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

Ayes: Jeffries, Spiegel, Washington, Perez and Gutierrez  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Date: October 29, 2024  
xc: E.O.

Kimberly A. Rector  
Clerk of the Board

By:   
Deputy

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**BACKGROUND:**

**Summary**

Board Policy A-27 provides, in part, that the County's legislative advocates and/or the Executive Office shall provide 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. Included in the reports shall be known formal positions of notable associations and/or organizations.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Legislative Report (October 2024)

## LEGISLATIVE REPORT

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This report includes updates on the County's federal and state legislative advocacy efforts, legislation of interest, and copies of advocacy letters sent.

### FEDERAL ADVOCACY

#### RivCo Bill List

#### 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

- **S. 3830: Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program Establishment Act (Sen. Alex Padilla [D-CA])** Directs the Secretary of Health and Human Services in consultation with the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to establish the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program to award grants to eligible entities to provide funds to owners and operators of public water systems or treatment works to assist low-income households in paying arrearages and other rates charged to such households for drinking water or wastewater services.

**Position:** Support [Per Letter Sent to Author on 04/10/24.]

- **H.R. 696 (Rep. Calvert, Ken [CA-41])** To direct the United States Postal Service to designate a single, unique ZIP Code for Eastvale, California.

**Position:** Support [Per Board Agenda Item 3.1 on 02/07/23]

- **H.R. 726 (Rep. McClain, Lisa C. [MI-9])** To amend the Wild Free-Roaming Horses and Burros Act to direct the Secretary of the Interior to implement fertility controls to manage populations of wild free-roaming horses and burros, and to encourage training opportunities for military veterans to assist in range management activities, and for other purposes.

**Position:** Watch

- **H.R. 1586 Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023 (Rep. LaMalfa, Doug [R-CA-1])/S. 796 Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act of 2023 (Sen. Lummis, Cynthia M. [R-WY])** Exempts discharges of fire retardant by Federal land management agencies and local governments from the permitting requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

**Position:** Support

## CALIFORNIA STATE ADVOCACY 2024 End of Session Report

The California state legislative session ends on November 30, 2024. Governor Newsom vetoed a total of 189 bills this year, for a veto rate of 15.7%. This report includes updates on new laws that were signed by the Governor, as well as the status of bills that were of interest to the County but failed passage. The advocacy strategy and impact are highlighted where appropriate. These summaries were prepared by the executive office with assistance from the County's lobbying team in Sacramento, Hurst Brooks Espinosa.

### Signed by Governor

The following bills were signed by the Governor. Unless otherwise noted, bills will go into effect on January 1, 2025.

- **AB 1948 (Rendon-D, Santiago-D, and Gipson-D) Homeless Disciplinary Personnel Teams.** Would allow seven counties to continue using AB 728 authority to apply agency collaboration towards coordinating care for individuals and families at risk of becoming unhoused and reducing inflow into homelessness.  
**Position:** Support

**Impact:** RivCo was one of the original pilot counties. Removing the current sunset would enable the County to continue using a collaborative approach to homelessness.
- **AB 1957 (Wilson-D) Public contracts: Best Value Construction Contracting for Counties.** Authorizes any county in the state to utilize the best-value contracting model and eliminates the statutory sunset on such authority.  
**Position:** Support

**Impact:** RivCo was one of the pilot counties, the use of best-value contracting has allowed for a selection of contractors based on qualifications and experience, not simply lowest bid prices.
- **AB 2037 (Papan-D) weights and measures: electric vehicle chargers.** Would require a country sealer to test and verify electric vehicles chargers operated by public agencies.  
**Position:** Support
- **AB 2115 (Haney-D) Controlled substances: clinics.** Would allow authorized practitioners at non-profit or free clinic to dispense narcotic drugs to alleviate acute withdrawal symptoms while arranging treatment referrals.  
**Position:** Support
- **AB 2343 (Schiavo-D) CalWORKs: childcare programs.** Would enhance support for recipients of CalWORKs childcare services to provide additional support and navigation services to recipients experiencing homelessness or escaping domestic violence.  
**Position:** Support
- **AB 2561 (Ortega-D) Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.** Would restrict county contracting and create onerous reporting requirements.  
**Position:** Oppose

- **AB 2866 (Pellerin-D) Pool safety: State Department of Social Services regulated facilities.** Would enhance required safety equipment for swimming pools on the premises of licensed child day care facilities and homebased family day care sites.  
**Position:** Support
- **AB 2871 (Maienschein) Overdose Fatality Review Teams.** This bill would authorize a county to establish an interagency overdose fatality review team to assist local agencies in identifying and reviewing overdose fatalities.  
**Position:** Support  
**Impact:** This bill codifies the best practices that have been created by the RivCo Overdose Fatality Review Team.
- **AB 3198 (Garcia-D) Joint powers agreement: retail electric services.** Would authorize a public agency with the authority to provide retail electric services to enter into a joint powers agreement with one or more public agencies with jurisdiction within the Coachella Valley Service Area.  
**Position:** Support
- **SB 994 (Roth-D) Local Government: joint powers authority: transfer of authority.** Would facilitate the transfer of land use authority from the March JPA to RivCo.  
**Position:** Sponsored  
**Impact:** This bill idea was proposed by RivCo and the March JPA.
- **SB 1025 (Eggman-D) Pretrial diversion for veterans.** Would include certain felony offenses in the pretrial diversion program for defendants who are current or former members of the United States Armed Forces and who may be suffering from conditions such as sexual trauma, traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress disorder, substance abuse, or mental health problems because of their military service.  
**Position:** Support
- **SB 1224 (Ochoa Bogh-R) Alcoholic beverage control: on-sale general license: County of Riverside.** Would facilitate the alcoholic beverage on-sale licensing for the RivCo Fairgrounds for the variety of community-based events held at the Fairgrounds throughout the year.  
**Position:** Sponsored  
**Impact:** This bill idea was proposed by RivCo Facilities Management.
- **SB 1233 (Wilk-D) University of California: Western University of Health Sciences: veterinary medicine: spay and neuter techniques.** Would expand elective coursework for veterinary medicine students and will also be available to California-licensed veterinarians and registered veterinary technicians.  
**Position:** Support
- **SB 1249 (Roth-D) Mello-Granlund Older Californians Act.** Charges the California Department on Aging (CDA), within specified time periods, to take administrative actions that recognize the state's major demographic shift towards an older, more diverse population.  
**Position:** Support  
**Advocacy Strategy:** RivCo Office on Aging Director Jewel Lee testified in the Senate Human Services Committee on 04/01/24 as the lead witness in support.

## Vetoed

- **AB 637 (Low-D, Jackson-D) Zero-emission vehicles: fleet owners: rental vehicles.**  
Would allow local jurisdictions to include the rental of ZEVs for compliance purposes in fleet calculations for ZEV acquisition requirements.  
**Position:** Support
- **AB 1168 (Bennett-D) Emergency medical services (EMS): prehospital EMS.** Would change the key provisions of the EMS Act, creating a fractured local EMS (LEMSA) system in which local jurisdictions could opt out of our current LEMSA.  
**Position:** Oppose  
**Activation:** In addition to partnering with the opposition coalition, EMD staff met with legislative offices to advocate against the bill.
- **AB 2448 (Jackson-D) Electronic Economic Opportunity Zone: County of Riverside.**  
Would establish an Electronic Vehicle Economic Opportunity Zone (EVEOZ) in the County of Riverside County to create programs that make electronic vehicle manufacturing jobs and education more accessible to lower-income communities.  
**Position:** Support
- **SB 366 (Caballero-D) The California Water Plan: long-term supply target.** This bill would complement and amplify Governor Newsom’s Water Supply Strategy, ensuring there are reasonable water supply target.  
**Position:** Support  
**Advocacy Strategy:** The bill is being proposed by the Solve the Water Crisis Coalition as a solution to creating more reasonable water targets.

## Failed Passage

- AB 817 (Pacheco-D) Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body.  
**Impact:** Would allow virtual participation on County appointed boards and commissions, removing barriers for participation.
- AB 2133 (Kalra-D) Veterinary medicine: registered veterinary technicians.
- AB 2557 (Ortega-D) Local agencies: contracts for special services and temporary help: performance reports.
- AB 2882 (McCarthy-D) California Community Corrections Performance Incentives.
- AB 3149 (Garcia-D) Promotores and Promotoras Advisory and Oversight Workgroup.
- AB 3182 (Lackey-R) Land conservation: California Wildlife, Coastal, and Park Land Conservation Act: County of San Bernardino.
- SB 1032 (Padilla-D) Housing finance: portfolio restructuring: loan forgiveness.
- SB 1057 (Menjivar-D) Juvenile justice coordinating council.
- SB 1175 (Ochoa Bogh-R) Organic waste: reduction goals: local jurisdictions: waivers.
- SB 1245 (Ochoa Bogh-R) In-home supportive services: licensed health care professional certification.  
**Impact:** This bill supports RivCo’s integrated service delivery work.
- SB 1396 (Alvarado-Gil-R) CalWORKs: Home Visiting Program.