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AGENDA

November 13, 2014

Location - Solano County Water Agency, Berryessa Room,
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA.

7:00 P.M. Meeting

PURPOSE STATEMENT – City County Coordinating Council

“To discuss, coordinate, and resolve City/County issues including but not necessarily limited to land use, planning, duplication of services/improving efficiencies, as well as other agreed to topics of regional importance, to respond effectively to the actions of other levels of government, including the State and Federal government, to sponsor or support legislation at the State and Federal level that is of regional importance, and to sponsor or support regional activities that further the purpose of the Solano City-County Coordinating Council.”

Time set forth on agenda is an estimate. Items may be heard before or after the times designated.

ITEM

AGENCY/STAFF

I. CALL TO ORDER (7:00 p.m.)
Roll Call

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (7:00 p.m.)

III. OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT (7:10 p.m.)

Pursuant to the Brown Act, each public agency must provide the public with an opportunity to speak on any matter within the subject matter of the jurisdiction of the agency and which is not on the agency's agenda for that meeting. Comments are limited to no more than 5 minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during public comment period although informational answers to questions may be given and matter may be referred to staff for placement on future agenda.

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IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

a. Approval of Minutes for August 14, 2014
Action Item (7:15 p.m.)

Chair Seifert

V. DISCUSSION CALENDAR

1. End-of-Session Legislative Update

(7:15 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.)

Presenters: Michelle Heppner, Legislative, Intergovernmental, and Public Affairs Officer, Solano County and Paul Yoder, Shaw, Yoder, Antwih, LLC

2. First Review of the Proposed 2015 Legislative Platform – *Action Item*

(7:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

Presenters: Michelle Heppner, Legislative, Intergovernmental, and Public Affairs Officer, Solano County

3. Plastic Bag Ban – Implementation Update

(8:00 p.m. – 8:20 p.m.)

Presenters: Narcisa Untal, Resource Management, Solano County

4. Travis Projects Update

(8:20 p.m. – 8:40 p.m.)

Presenters: Daryl Halls, Director, Solano Transportation Authority, Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator, and Nancy Huston, Assistant County Administrator

5. Proposed 2015 Workplan

(8:40 p.m. – 8:50 p.m.)

Presenters: Michelle Heppner, Legislative, Intergovernmental, and Public Affairs Officer, Solano County

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS

VII. CCCC CLOSING COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT: The next City-County Coordinating Council meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Solano County Water Agency – Berryessa Room, 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203, Vacaville, CA.

**CITY-COUNTY COORDINATING COUNCIL
August 14, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

The August 14, 2014 meeting of the Solano City-County Coordinating Council was held in the Berryessa Room at the Solano County Water Agency located at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Ste 303, Vacaville, CA 95688.

I. Roll and Call to Order

Members Present

Linda Seifert, Chair	Solano County Board of Supervisors (District 2)
Elizabeth Patterson, Vice Chair	Mayor, City of Benicia
Jack Batchelor	Mayor, City of Dixon
Harry Price	Mayor, City of Fairfield
Norm Richardson	Mayor, City of Rio Vista
Mitch Mashburn	Vice Mayor, City of Vacaville
Erin Hannigan	Solano County Board of Supervisors (District 1)
Jim Spering	Solano County Board of Supervisors (District 3)
John Vasquez	Solano County Board of Supervisors (District 4)

Members Absent

Pete Sanchez	Mayor, City of Suisun City
Steve Hardy	Mayor, City of Vacaville
Osby Davis	Mayor, City of Vallejo
Skip Thomson	Solano County Board of Supervisors (District 5)

Staff to the City-County Coordinating Council Present:

Nancy Huston	Assistant County Administrator, Solano County
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Other Staff Present

Stephen Pierce	Senior Management Analyst, Solano County, CAO
Jim Leland	Principle Planner, Resource management, Solano County
David White	City Manager, City of Fairfield
Otto Giuliani	City of Benicia

Guest Speakers Present

Paul Yoder, Solano County State Legislative Advocate, Shaw/Yoder/Antwih Inc.
O. Johnson, SOFITCITY

I. Meeting Called to Order

The meeting of the City-County Coordinating Council called to order at 7:00 pm.

II. Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Mayor Hardy and seconded by Mayor Batchelor. Agenda approved by 9-0 vote.

III. Opportunity for Public Comment

Christina Baird, accompanied by Hazel Payne, addressed the City-County Coordinating Council regarding the Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children Event to eliminate child sexual abuse to be held on August 28, 2014 at the Solano County Events center in Fairfield and urged the members of the council to attend. Several members noted they were attending the event.

IV. Consent Calendar

a. Approval of minutes for May 8, 2014

Motion to approve the May 8, 2014 minutes was made by Mayor Hardy and seconded by Mayor Batchelor. Consent calendar approved by 9-0 vote.

V. Discussion Calendar

The discussion calendar was changed and items are listed in these minutes in the order in which they were presented.

1. SOFITCITY III - Annual walk/run promoting healthy communities

O. Johnson from SOFITCITY reminded the council of the annual race between cities that is scheduled for September 27, 2014. Mr. Johnson also shared that Dixon won the Mayors Cup and the "Peoples Trophy" was won by Fairfield. Points are awarded based on attendance of elected, staff and citizens of the respective cities. New for 2014 are medals for everyone who finishes the 5k or 10k race.

2. Comprehensive Update to the Travis Air Force Land Use Compatibility Plan

Jim Leland, Principle Planner with Solano County's Department of Resource management introduced Stephen Vancil, Chair of the Solano County Land Use Commission, Gary Gottschall, Deputy Commander, 60th Operations Group, Travis Air Force Base, and Phil Wade from Environmental Science Associates (ESA) Sacramento.

Mr. Vancil acknowledged other members of the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission in attendance. He noted the goal is to update the Airport Land Use Plan which was last updated in 2002 and hopes to continue updating it every five years. Two changes since 2002 is the new Assault Landing Strip at Travis AFB and the unforeseen wind and solar projects. Mr. Vancil requested that the City-County Coordinating Council serve as the policy committee for the Airport Land Use Plan Update.

Mr. Gottschall provided an overview of Travis AFB aircraft missions as they relate to the Airport Land Use Plan and the long-term outcomes of the plan for the base. He also provided an overview of the new routes for the Assault Landing Strip that would be used to update the Airport Land Use Plan and ongoing changes in missions as the federal budget plays out.

Mr. Wade provided an overview of the project team which includes the Solano County Airport Land Use Commission, ESA Airports, Travis AFB, and three advisory groups. He provided the basics on the Travis AFB Land Use Compatibility Plan and the role the Airports Land Use Commission plays in updating the plan. Mr. Wade requested the City-County Coordinating Council

take on the role of a policy committee for purposes of updating the Land Use Compatibility Plan which would include advising the project team on crucial land use policy and zoning matters, provide feedback on proposed compatibility maps and criteria, and review the draft Travis AFB Land Use Compatibility Plan. Mr. Wade noted various items which would be included in the plan including the airport influence area. He further noted the process to be used and the scheduled timeline which estimates adoption of the Travis AFB Land Use Compatibility Plan by June 2015.

Mayor Patterson noted the large task of updating the Land Use Compatibility Plan within the tight schedule that is proposed.

Supervisor Spring expressed his appreciation of including the City-County Coordinating Council as the policy committees so that other larger issues that have larger impacts to updating the Land Use Compatibility Plan could to be addressed.

3. Legislative Update.

Paul Yoder of Shaw, Yoder, Antwih LLC provided a legislative update. He distributed a list of the six measures that have qualified for the November State ballot noting that the Water Bond would become Measure 1 and the Rainy Day Fund would become Measure 2.

Relative to the bills moving through the Legislature, Mr. Yoder noted that bills moved off the suspense file in the Appropriations committees. Mr. Yoder also provided an update on SB 270, the bill to ban plastic bags. The bill moved out of the Appropriations committee with minor amendments that are not yet in print. They will get distributed through County staff when they become available.

Chair Seifert asked when the next appropriate time would be to take a position on the November ballot measures. Nancy Huston, Assistant County Administrator for Solano County responded that they were provided as part of the agenda so positions could be taken at the individual cities or at the Board of Supervisors meeting. She also noted that the Water Bond was listed as an action item and the City-County Coordinating Council could take a position on it.

A motion was made by Mayor Price and seconded by Mayor Batchelor to support the Measure 1, the new Water Bond approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor earlier in the week. Measure 1 was approved by 8-1 vote with Mayor Patterson voting no.

Supervisor Seifert noted that CSAC has taken positions on a couple of the other measures and requested the City-County Coordinating Council consider the other measures currently on the November ballot. Mr. Yoder provided an overview of each measure. No positions were taken on the remaining ballot measures.

4. Moving Solano Forward Draft Report.

Ms. Huston introduced David Zehnder, Economic Planning Systems, Managing Principal, Amy Lapin, Economic Planning Systems, Executive Vice President, and Ryan Sharp, Center for Strategic Economic Research, Director who were all present to provide input on the Moving Solano Forward efforts.

Ms. Huston noted the purpose for the item on the agenda is to receive public comment for purposes of the grant application as well as comments from the City-County Coordinating Council relative to the draft strategies that have been developed by the consultant team.

Mayor Patterson requested the key elements to be included in the Executive Summary of the document rather than buried in a list of strategies.

Ms. Huston noted that a presentation will be made at the EDC later in the month and it is anticipated that all public comments will be received by the end of August and the report would be finalized in September. She also directed the City-County Coordination Council to Strategy 1.1A which states the County would be seeking more funds for a vision study which the Solano County Board of Supervisors already gave direction to move forward with.

Chair Seifert noted that she thought it was important to move forward with some sort of branding of who we are and a regional organization for economic development that can work collaboratively with the cities and the County as well as share in the resources to ensure we work more collectively.

Supervisor Hannigan asked if there were any “low hanging fruit” that could be addressed. Ms. Huston noted all the strategies required resources, however some more than others. Mayor Patterson concurred with Supervisor Hannigan’s strategy to get people excited about what could possibly be achieved.

Supervisor Sperring expressed his hope that what would come out of the Moving Solano Forward effort is a corridor of opportunity for Solano as a whole and promote the various aspects of what it has to offer rather than promoting them by each city.

Supervisor Vasquez noted his concern for who would be funding some of the strategies. He also noted that any plan is as good as the political will and that the County and the cities work well together now however priorities could change with each election.

5. Public-Public / Public-Private (P4) – Verbal Update.

Ms. Huston noted that the cities and the County have been actively involved in the P4 process being led by a consultant through Travis AFB. The idea of the project is for the County, the cities, and the community to come up with joint or shared programs and services that Travis AFB would benefit from and save money in the future. Various members have participated in two meetings which were split into groups and a list of ideas was created. From the list, the following are ideal ideas being focused on:

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- Fairfield – Aquatic Center at Allen Witt Park and the Police Training Facility being used by Travis AFB for training.
- Transition from Vallejo to Fairfield for potable water for Travis AFB.
- Looking at constructing a new facility on Travis AFB and lease out twenty nine existing buildings on the base for revenue to pay the debt service on the new facility.
- Travis AFB training the community on emergency preparedness as a benefit to Solano.

Supervisor Spering noted that small business like most general contractors are unwilling to work with the base based on prior experience of having to financially carry projects for six to twelve months. He urged staff to consider this as part of the discussion with the base. Mayor Price suggested involving Paul Hirsch with Government Affairs in Washington DC to assist with the discussion with Air Force relative to this concern.

Mayor Patterson suggested the State, specifically the State Department of water Resources, may also be interested in the P4 process for providing grey water for use in cleaning aircraft.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

No announcements.

VII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next meeting will be November 13, 2014 in the Berryessa Room at the Solano County Water Agency located at 810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Ste 303, Vacaville, CA 95688.

**SOLANO
City County Coordinating Council
Staff Report**

Meeting of. November 14, 2013

Agency/Staff: Michelle Heppner,
Solano County Administrator's
Office and Paul Yoder, Shaw,
Yoder, Antwih Inc.

Agenda Item No: V.1

Title /Subject: Legislative Update

Background:

CCCC staff and the County's legislative advocate, Paul Yoder of Shaw/Yoder/Antwih, Inc will provide an oral end-of-session update on legislative issues pertaining to the County and the cities. Below is the statistical information for the bills for 2013 and 2014 two-year legislative session.

Bill Counts By House of Origin:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSEMBLY	1,585	1,486	17
SENATE	955	774	17
TOTALS	2,540	2,260	34

Bill Counts By Outcome:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>Total</u>
CHAPTERED	1,003	1,178	14
DEAD	2,374	29	
VETOED	96	143	6

The following Top 10 lists depict the topics that were most popular for 2013 / 2014 bills.

<u>Code Section</u>	<u>Total</u>
Government Code	1,405
Education Code	1,114
Health and Safety Code	1,036
Business and Professions Code	911
Welfare and Institutions Code	850
Penal Code	595
Revenue and Taxation Code	394
Elections Code	287
Public Resources Code	281
Insurance Code	231
	7,104

Election Results:

Attached are two election results reports courtesy of CSAC and the County's Federal Legislative advocates, Waterman & Associates.

Statewide Propositions:

California voters approved by wide margins the two ballot measures presented by the Legislature, a \$7.5 billion water bond and a constitutional amendment strengthening requirements for the state's General Fund reserve. CSAC supported both measures. Voters also passed a measure CSAC opposed that will require misdemeanor sentences for certain drug and property crimes instead of felonies, unless the offender has a previous conviction for a violent, serious, or sex crime. Voters roundly rejected a proposition that would have dramatically increased caps medical malpractice awards, which CSAC opposed. Voters also rejected a proposal to give the state Insurance Commissioner authority to reject health insurance rate hikes and voted no on a measure to allow an off-reservation casino.

Discussion: At each CCCC meeting, staff provides a legislative update to keep members informed of activities at the State and Federal level.

Recommendation: Receive an end-of-session report on legislative matters of concern.

Attachments:

1. CSAC Election Results Report (State)
2. Waterman & Associates Elections Results Report (Federal)

CSAC Election Results Report

Below are highlights from the California election provided by CSAC Senior Analyst, Geoff Neill.

Although Governor Jerry Brown was re-elected by a landslide, democrats in both houses of the Legislature appear to have lost their 2/3s supermajority. The results of this election certainly will make for interesting political dynamics at both the Federal and State level.

California experienced its own version of the nationwide Republican victory. Here on the West Coast, though, it's not a question of which party is in the majority, but whether the Democrats achieve the 2/3 supermajority that would allow them to pass taxes and propose constitutional amendments to voters without any Republican votes. Republicans did as well as they could have expected, breaking the recently achieved supermajority in both the Senate and the Assembly. However, they failed to win any statewide offices.

California Senate

The Democrats lost one seat, as expected, leaving them one shy of a supermajority in the upper house. Surprisingly, all of the races where Democrats might have picked up that extra seat were not very close, and one seat that should have been very safe for the Democrat, SD 32, is running closer than expected (currently 51.8% to 48.2%).

Former county supervisor Roger Dickinson appears to have lost his same-party runoff against Richard Pan, while Jeff Stone, a Riverside County supervisor, won his same-party runoff. Current county supervisor Janet Nguyen won her Orange County race easily, as did her colleague on the board Pat Bates. Also newly elected to the Senate is Mike McGuire from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

California Assembly

The Republicans needed to net two seats to break the Democrats supermajority in the Assembly, and it appears that they outdid themselves, netting three seats. This is a fairly surprising outcome, as pre-election predictions varied from Republicans picking up a maximum of two to Democrats possibly picking up two additional seats. Like the California Senate, several districts saw Democrats running more weakly than expected or Republicans running more strongly than expected, including one district, AD 66, that appears to be dumping their Democratic incumbent and switching red. Whether these are a result of historically low turnout, nonpartisan voters voting more Republican than they have in the recent past, or something else is not clear.

One county supervisor, Bill Dodd of Napa County, is now a newly elected member of the Assembly. Several former county supervisors retained their Assembly seats: Brian Dahle, Frank Bigelow (a former CSAC president), Susan Bonilla, Rich Gordon (another former CSAC president), Mark Stone, and Katcho Achadjian, as well as two other former county officials who held an elected position other than supervisor, Phil Ting and Tom Daly.

Congress

In one of the most heavily contested races in the country, Republican Doug Ose leads incumbent Democrat Ami Bera by 2.8%. In other close races, incumbent Democrat Jim Costa is 1% behind his Republican challenger, incumbent Democrat Julia Brownley is 0.4% ahead of moderate Republican challenger Jeff Gorell, and Democrat Pete Aguilar is 2% ahead in the race to replace Republican Gary Miller.

Former county supervisor and state legislator Mark DeSaulnier easily won his race for CD 11.

Neither of California's US Senate seats was up this year.

County Supervisors

Forty new supervisors will be sworn in for 2015, out of California's total of 296. 25 were elected yesterday, 14 in June, and one in a special election in September. Of the 84 supervisors who ran for re-election, 93% were successful. Perhaps the most notable new supervisor in national news is former state Senator Sheila Kuehl, who won her race against Bobby Shriver for an open seat on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Michelle Heppner, Legislative, Intergovernmental and Public Affairs Officer, Solano County

FROM: Joe Krahn, Solano County Washington Representative

CC: Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator, Solano County
Nancy Huston, Assistant County Administrator, Solano County

DATE: November 6, 2014

SUBJECT: Midterm Election Report and Outlook

Fueled by what many polls show to be the growing unpopularity of President Barack Obama, GOP congressional candidates from across the country cruised to victory in Tuesday's midterm elections. As forecast by countless political pundits, Republicans gained the requisite number of seats - and then some - to assume the helm of the U.S. Senate beginning in 2015. For their part, House Republicans padded their already comfortable majority, assuring that the GOP will be in control of the legislative agenda on both sides of Capitol Hill for the first time in eight years.

This week's Republican victories also mean that a decisively divided government will be in place for the remaining two years of President Obama's final term in office. While some GOP lawmakers and newly elected members were quick to pledge cooperation with the president and congressional Democrats, many observers believe that legislative gridlock will prevail in the new Congress as members position themselves for the 2016 presidential election cycle.

By the Numbers

As of this writing, several individual congressional contests are still too close to call, including Louisiana's Senate race (which will be settled in a December runoff). In Alaska, Republican Dan Sullivan appears to have beaten Democratic incumbent Mark Begich, while Senator Mark Warner (D-VA) appears to have won his reelection. Notwithstanding potential recounts in those states, which could alter the presumed results, Republicans will hold *at least* 52 seats in the Senate come January.

It should be noted that Republicans will be far short of the 60-vote supermajority that is needed in the upper chamber to advance most legislation of consequence. Except in limited cases - such as budget reconciliation (which requires a simple majority) - Senate Republicans will need Democratic cooperation for major legislative initiatives to advance.

In the House, Republicans so far have netted a gain of 13 seats, expanding their majority to at least 243 members. Some news outlets are predicting that the GOP could hold as many as 249 House seats when all undecided races have been settled.

Regardless of the outcome of the unresolved contests, Tuesday's Republican gains will assure the GOP its largest House majority since the 1940s. If Republican candidates ultimately prevail in some of the undeclared elections, the GOP margin could reach its largest total since the 1920s.

While the Republican numerical gains are themselves historic, Utah voters also made history on Tuesday when they elected former Mayor Mia Love as the first black Republican female member of Congress (she also will be the first ever Haitian-American to serve on Capitol Hill). In addition, Republican Tim Scott became the first African American senator from South Carolina, as well as the first black candidate in the South to be elected to statewide office since Reconstruction.

In upstate New York, 30-year-old Republican Elise Stefanik won an open seat, making her the youngest woman ever elected to the House of Representatives. In yet another first, Shelley Moore Capito (R) became the first woman from West Virginia to win a Senate race. All told, one-hundred women will serve in the new 114th Congress.

California Results

At least 43 members of California's 53-member congressional delegation will be returning to Capitol Hill in January, including Solano County Representatives John Garamendi and Mike Thompson. The number of returning incumbents may increase, however, as uncounted mail and provisional ballots could reverse the presumed outcome in several close races. Based on current results, the state will send 36 Democrats and 17 Republicans to Washington in 2015 (the existing ratio is 38 Democrats and 15 Republicans).

In a major surprise to most political pundits, Central Valley Democrat Jim Costa failed to secure an election-night victory and is currently trailing challenger Johnny Tacherra (R) by one percentage point. While initial results show Tacherra - a third generation dairy farmer from Fresno County - with 50.5 percent of the vote, provisional ballots could ultimately propel Costa to victory.

In one of the nation's most highly competitive contests, Democratic Representative Ami Bera currently trails former Representative Doug Ose (R) in the race for Sacramento's 7th Congressional District. Although Ose has a roughly 3,000 vote lead over Bera, Sacramento County election officials estimate that more than 100,000 ballots remain uncounted.

For her part, incumbent Representative Julia Brownley (D) is just 0.4 percent ahead of her moderate Republican challenger, Assemblyman Jeff Gorell. Brownley, whose district includes parts of Los Angeles and Ventura County, leads Gorell by roughly 500 votes with more than 52,000 ballots yet to be counted. In San Diego, Republican challenger Carl DeMaio held a 752-vote advantage over Democratic Representative Scott Peters following Tuesday's vote; county election officials are currently tallying 46,000 outstanding votes.

With regard to the state's six open seats, all but one (which remains unsettled) will continue to be represented by a member of the same political party. In the race to replace retiring Representative Gary Miller (R), Redlands Mayor Pete Aguilar (D) leads his Republican challenger, Paul Chabot, by approximately 1,500 votes. There are additional ballots to be counted in that contest.

In Contra Costa County, Democratic State Senator Mark DeSaulnier easily prevailed in his bid to replace long-time Representative George Miller (D). Another long-serving member of Congress, Democratic Representative Henry Waxman from Los Angeles, will be succeeded by State Senator Ted Lieu (D).

In San Bernardino County, Congresswoman Gloria Negrete McLeod (D) will be replaced by State Senator Norma Torres (D). Negrete McLeod, who announced her retirement from Congress after one term, ran against Republican Assemblyman Curt Hagman in the race for 4th District Supervisor in San Bernardino County. As of this writing, Negrete McLeod was trailing Hagman with a significant number of ballots still outstanding.

Finally, the state's 25th and 45th Congressional Districts will continue to remain in Republican hands. In the 25th (Los Angeles/Ventura), State Senator Stephen Knight (R) will take the seat of retiring Representative Buck McKeon (R); Representative John Campbell (R), who is giving up his seat in the 45th District (Orange), will be replaced by State Senator Mimi Walters (R).

Outlook

Members of the current 113th Congress are slated to return to Washington, D.C. next week for what is expected to be a relatively brief lame-duck session. Number one on the legislative priority list for lawmakers will be deciding how to handle the unfinished fiscal year 2015 budget. With the current short-term Continuing Resolution (CR) set to expire on December 11, Congress will need to either extend the CR into the New Year or pass a catch-all omnibus appropriations bill.

On a related matter, the Obama administration on Wednesday, November 5 sent a formal request to Congress for nearly \$6.2 billion in emergency funding to combat the Ebola outbreak. The lion's share of the funding would go to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to respond to the crisis, as well as to the U.S. Agency for International Development and other State Department humanitarian assistance.

In addition to action on the fiscal year 2015 budget, lawmakers in both chambers will gather for organizational meetings to select new party leaders for the upcoming 114th Congress. In the Senate, current Majority Leader Harry Reid (D-NV) and Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) are expected to swap jobs as members in their caucuses will likely keep them at the helm of their respective parties.

In the lower chamber, little or no changes are expected to the GOP hierarchy. On the Democratic side of the aisle, Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced on November 5 that she will run for minority leader, the post she has held since 2011.

Finally, members of the House and Senate are slated to negotiate committee size, ratios, and membership for the 114th Congress over the course of the coming weeks. The committee assignment process could continue into early 2015, particularly with a number of outstanding races not expected to be settled until later this year.

I hope this information is useful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if you need any additional information.

**SOLANO
City County Coordinating Council
Staff Report**

Meeting of: November 13, 2014

Agency/Staff: Michelle Heppner, Solano County, Legislative, Intergovernmental, & Public Affairs Officer

Agenda Item No: V.2

Title /Subject: Review the City-County Coordinating Council's Draft Proposed 2015 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

Background/Discussion:

The Solano City County Coordinating Council (CCCC) began adopting annual State and Federal legislative platforms in 2006 and has continued this practice.

The CCCC legislative platforms represent a compilation of shared concepts and priorities created with input from Solano cities, the County, the Solano County Water Agency, the Solano Transportation Authority, and the Travis Community Consortium with the goal of capturing all of the significant regional priorities, as well as the priorities established by the League of Cities and the California State Association of Counties.

Consistent with CCCC direction, staff has developed the proposed 2015 State and Federal Legislative Platform (*Attachment A*). Attachment A includes input received from the City Manager's Group. Staff is requesting additional input from the CCCC. Staff will return in March for final adoption of the 2015 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

While the Proposed 2015 State and Federal Legislative Platform seeks to accurately reflect the current challenges and threats imposed by both the state and federal governments, should unanticipated issues arise, additional modifications may be required in future.

Recommendation: Review and provide input on the CCCC's Proposed 2015 State and Federal Legislative Platform.

Attachments:

Attachment A – City-County Coordinating Council's 2015 State and Federal Legislative Platform

SOLANO
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2014-2015 State & Federal Legislative Platform

Overview

The Solano City-County Coordinating Council (CCCC) consists of the Mayors of all seven cities in Solano County – Benicia, Dixon, Fairfield, Rio Vista, Suisun, Vacaville and Vallejo - and the five members of the County Board of Supervisors. On an annual basis, the CCCC adopts a legislative platform; recommending positions and strategies on both state and federal legislative and budget related issues. The platform takes into consideration and seeks to support the legislative priorities of all seven cities, the County of Solano, Solano Transportation Agency (STA), Solano County Water Agency (SCWA), Travis Community Consortium (TCC), Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District and our public higher education institutions (Solano College, UC Davis and CSU Maritime Academy).

Listed below are the CCCC's highest State and Federal legislative priorities as well as other significant policy issues. These are issues that CCCC believes are important to support and partner on. These priorities are extracted from other regional entities and are not intended to conflict or compete, but rather support and compliment efforts to improve funding of regional needs and priorities.

2014-2015 State and Federal Legislative Priorities (Listed Alphabetically)

1. **Funding for Key Infrastructure Projects.** Support efforts in Congress to authorize and appropriate fund funding for infrastructure projects in Solano cities and the county, including key water infrastructure initiatives pursuant to the newly authorized Army Corp's project selection process under the Water Resources Reform and Development Act (WRDA) funding for water projects identified as priorities by Solano cities and the county.
2. **Protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.** Ensure that Solano cities and the county is adequately represented in efforts to develop policy impacting the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, including policies to address water quality and supply, flood protection, environmental preservation and emergency response. Support legislation that protects Solano County water sources and supplies and provides for mitigation with regard to disaster preparedness, water rights, North Delta Water Agency Contract with the California Department of Water Resources, socio-economic vitality, water quality, water elevations, levee protection, loss of agricultural production, aquaculture, and access to fresh water supplies. Support efforts to develop other water supply options outside the areas-of-origin so as to reduce stresses in the Delta region. In general, support legislation that would provide for assurances and mitigations to the County, local Districts, and our residents and ensure sustainable funding outside of the General Fund for existing and future obligations created by State / Federal water projects and their Habitat Conservation Plans. Support appropriations from Proposition 1 that will facilitate key water infrastructure projects.
3. **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness.** Support funding for programs that assist Solano cities and the county with efforts aimed at reducing crime and enhancing public safety through community partnerships and multi-jurisdictional efforts, such as the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program and the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. In addition, support funding for programs that assist the County and cities with disaster response and preparedness and homeland security-related needs, including efforts aimed at achieving communications interoperability. Monitor legislation and state budget actions regarding the implementation of Proposition 47 to ensure that proper resources exist at the local level.

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4. **State Realignment & Cost-Shifts.** Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government, without commensurate compensation and a legislative ability for counties to draw down available federal funding. Support efforts to constitutionally guarantee continued funding for realigned programs. Support efforts to obtain and improve the stability of current Solano cities and the county's revenue sources. Oppose any realignment initiatives, which fail to fully fund services shifted to the County and cities. Advocate for funding for local police agencies and the Sheriff's Office dealing with the increase in specific crimes in Solano cities and the county due to realignment.

2014 State and Federal Legislative Principles (Sections Listed Alphabetically)

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water

- Support efforts to protect the Suisun Marsh consistent with the Suisun Marsh Preservation Act and the Suisun Marsh Plan;
- Support funding for improved mapping of flood hazard areas and advocate for the US Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies to protect ~~the~~ Solano cities and the county from these hazards.
- Support, develop, or seek out legislation that protects the Solano cities and the county's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of Solano.
- Support legislation to establish the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta National Heritage Area to protect and promote the economic vitality and cultural, historical, and natural assets of the region.
- Support protections and assurances to assure a reliable supply and access to high quality water for agriculture and recreation in the County.
- Support funding for an alternate intake to the North Bay Aqueduct.
- Support legislative or regulatory efforts to maintain local control/involvement in allocation of water resources.

General Government

- Support efforts to realign government services with necessary funding in order to improve the delivery of services and make government more accountable and efficient to the people they serve.
- Seek out, develop, and support legislative, regulatory, and budget efforts that protect and/or enhance local governments' revenues, maximize Solano cities and the county's access to Federal funding sources, and/or increases local funding flexibility.
- Support legislation that provides tax and funding formulas and regulations for the equitable distribution of Federal monies while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate Solano cities special districts and the county's revenue sources.
- Support any expansion, continuation, and/or increased flexibility in the bidding/procurement, delivery, and management of construction projects.
- Oppose legislative or administrative actions that would create State or Federal unfunded mandates and/or preempt local decision-making authority.
- Oppose attempts to restrict local authority with respect to issues that affect local communities.
- Oppose any effort to balance the state budget through the taking of local government resources.
- Support the enactment of legislation to allocate statewide bond funding based on objective criteria developed with local input.

Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Workforce Investment

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- Support Housing Element reform that provides for self-certification process for all jurisdictions that have a housing allocation, and that provides greater flexibility to agencies with limited urban services and strong city centered development policies.
- Support continued funding for existing programs including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), and the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP). Oppose efforts to reduce funding and operational flexibility for these programs.
- Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly economic expansion and growth, and increase the opportunity for discretionary revenues, programmatic and financial flexibility for Solano cities and the county.
- Support funding and incentives for smart growth and sustainable development, including infrastructure funding.
- Oppose Federal legislation that would reduce U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds and support the expanded eligibility and access to these funds.
- Support legislation that encourages job growth and the success of the business community.
- Support legislation that provides a stable national-level appropriation for workforce development programs as a longer-term investment strategy for the nation's economy.
- Support or seek federal grant funding opportunities that advance and improve housing, community and economic development, and workforce investment opportunities Solano cities and the county.
- Support and/or advocate for funding programs that would provide funding for community youth programs, including programs targeting underserved youth.
- Oppose Federal legislation that would reduce funding to the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) that provides rent subsidies and administrative funding to the Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8) Programs.
- Support State legislation that would create a new funding mechanism for local governments to provide funding for affordable housing (new construction, acquisition and rehabilitation and rehabilitation)
- Support State legislation that would create funding for local governments for economic development purposes.
- Support efforts to increase employment opportunities and linking training programs to local available employment.

Public Safety and Emergency Disaster Preparedness

- Support the preservation of funding levels for existing public safety programs such as the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program, and the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program. Oppose efforts to reduce or divert funding away from these programs.
- Support continued or new funding for emergency disaster preparedness programs such as FEMA - Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG), the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI), and emergency disaster preparedness and infrastructure damage recovery programs. Oppose efforts to reduce or divert funding away from these programs.
- Support funding to address emergency preparedness needs, particularly those that include communications equipment, training/exercises, or ongoing operations and maintenance costs.
- Support the preservation of funding for the State's Police Officer Standards and Training program that reimburses local agencies for training.
- Support changes to US Corps of Engineer's current flood control inspection standards that have resulted in the loss of Public Law 84-99 eligibility for post disaster restoration funding for local governments.

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- Support efforts to improve safety of hazardous materials transported by rail, including crude by rail and enhance capacity of local emergency responders to appropriately respond to potential emergency events resulting from derailment or releases.
- Support legislation that improves the availability, affordability and coverage for earthquake and flood insurance.

Resource Management, Environmental Health, and Sustainability

- Support measures and funding for County, city, and special district programs and projects that address sustainability issues such as air quality improvement, energy efficiency, water efficiency, renewable energy, fuel efficiency, energy adequacy, and security while balancing the reduction of emissions with impacts on business.
- Support legislation and administrative action that further the goals of the Solano cities and the county's climate protection and sustainability efforts, including programs that promote energy-efficient home improvements like the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and as referenced in their approved Climate Action Plans.
- Support Federal climate change legislation and policies that include local government funding and consideration for implementation at the local level.
- Support legislation and grant funding opportunities that improve land use planning for major economic drivers and infrastructure projects in Solano cities and the county.
- Support sensible CEQA reform that streamlines processes for broader range of infill development while maintaining strong analytic and mitigation requirements for large projects that clearly have significant environmental consequences at a regional or statewide level.
- Support regulatory processes that are not a one-size-fits-all approach and maintain flexibility for Solano cities, special districts, and the County to determine the best means of achieving water conservation mandates.
- Support legislation that fosters, establishes or expands regional purchasing capabilities and inter-jurisdictional infrastructure development to achieve local environmental and sustainability goals/requirements.
- Support legislation that enhances funding options for sustaining and expanding a countywide parks system.

Transportation

- Support efforts to reduce requirements and restrictions on the use of street maintenance funding by local agencies.
- Support efforts to maintain existing or increased funding for transportation programs and projects within the County.
- Support legislative efforts for Federal transportation reauthorization measures that reflect the needs of Solano cities and the county and project priority in funding streams.
- Support consideration of an increase or the indexing of the Federal gasoline tax and alternative sources of funding for pavement maintenance.
- Support legislation and budget action that provides additional and continuing funding for local infrastructure, including local roads, bridges, and transit priorities.
- Ensure that existing transportation funding sources are retained.
- Seek to reverse the current diversion of the Off highway vehicle funding so that it returns to local source.
- Seek funding from the Cap and Trade measure to pay for green road maintenance (not sure what this means) and other enhancements to the transportation network that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Support or sponsor legislation that provides for the imposition/establishment, extension, or increase of a special tax for the purpose of providing funding for local transportation

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projects, including pavement maintenance, and lowers the threshold for voter approval to 55%.

- Support legislation and administrative rule making that improves rail and rail car safety for transport of hazardous material including crude oil.
- Seek funding and maximize opportunities to develop, support, and maintain a robust active regional transportation strategy, with particular attention to transportation and health equity issues.

Other Agency Interests

- Travis Community Consortium. Support the mission of all military organizations located within the County. Support the 2014-2018 strategy adopted by the Travis Community Consortium. Work with the Governor's Military Council to protect California's interest with the decline in defense spending and the probable realignment of missions and closure of bases. Support Travis AFB moving forward in 2014-2015 with the Public-Private Partnership (P4) process. Work, with the TCC, to ensure a bridge mission is in place at Travis to neutralize the impact to the retirement of the KC-10. Advocate for new missions and operations at Travis.
- Solano Transportation Authority. Support the 2014-2015 legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano Transportation Authority.

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Staff Report**

Meeting of. November 13, 2014

**Agency/Staff: Narcisa Untal,
Senior Planner of Solano County**

Agenda Item No: V.3

Title /Subject: Receive an update on the State's ban on single-use plastic bags.

Background:

On March 13, the 4Cs were provided an informational report on State and Local regulatory efforts to address single-use plastic bags. At that time, over 70 California communities had adopted ordinances to reduce plastic bags. Meanwhile, Senate Bill 270 was making its way through the Legislature to do the same statewide. In August, County staff reported to the City County Coordinating Council that a local bag ban discussion resulted in the cities and business community desiring to table the matter and await the results of the State bill. This was due in large part to the bill's preemption clause that made the timeline prohibitive for the cities and County of Solano to adopt its own ordinance.

Discussion:

Governor Brown signed Senate Bill 270 on September 30 making it the nation's first statewide ban on single-use plastic bags. Solano County is preparing to launch a public education campaign in January to ready the general public and retailers for the July 1, 2015 effective date. However, a referendum to overturn SB 270 may delay implementation if 504,760 signatures are obtained by December 29, 2014. This will automatically postpone the ban and place the matter on the November 2016 ballot for California voters to decide.

Recommendation:

Receive an update on legislation to ban single-use plastic bags.

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**Agency/Staff: Daryl Halls, Director,
Solano Transportation Authority,
Birgitta Corsello, County Administrator,
and Nancy Huston, Assistant County
Administrator.**

Agenda Item No: V.4

Title /Subject: Update of Travis Projects

Background:

Provide an update on various projects in and around Travis Air Force Base.

Discussion:

Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station:

The cities of Fairfield and Vacaville have partnered in the development of a new train station for the Capitol Corridor service. The train station, identified as the Fairfield/Vacaville Train Station (Project), will be located on property owned by the City of Fairfield at the southeast corner of Peabody Road and Vanden Road. A major element of the proposed work will be the Peabody overcrossing of the UPRR mainline and widening of Peabody Road to six lanes from Huntington Drive to Vanden Road. In addition to the Peabody Road overcrossing, the Project contract includes the following components:

1. Train Station Center Passenger Platform and Amenities
2. Bus Passenger Transfer Area and Bus Turn-around Area
3. Pedestrian/Bicycle Underpass (including ADA ramp access to platform)
4. Limited parking lot with Internal Circulation Road and Lighting

Bids were opened on September 30, 2014 and bids were received from eight (8) contractors. The apparent low bidder is Teichert/Myers JV of Rancho Cordova.

City of Fairfield staff anticipates awarding the ~\$40 million construction contract on November 18, 2014. Mobilization is projected for Spring 2015. The Peabody Road widening and overpass construction entails the closure of Peabody Road from the intersection of Cement Hill/Vanden Road and Huntington/Whitney Drive. Peabody will be closed no earlier than June 12, 2015 and scheduled to be re-opened for traffic by August 14, 2016.

Travis AFB – South Gate Improvement Project:

Petersen Road is a two-lane road, with a 1-mile length shared by Solano County and the City of Suisun, that provides the only truck access route into Travis AFB. All commercial and hauling trucks entering the base must use Petersen Road to access the south gate of the base, which can create lengthy truck queues. The project will construct a truck stacking lane along the southern side of Petersen Road to safely accommodate these queues. In addition, a Class 1 bicycle and pedestrian path will be constructed along the north side of Petersen Road. Construction work will be staged to maintain all existing traffic patterns during construction, with no impacts to traffic beyond temporary traffic control flagging with delays of 10 minutes or less.

The Project obtained environmental clearance in October 2013, and completed design and acquisition of all right-of-way in August 2014. This Project is funded with federal High Priority Project funds, with \$2.2 million allocated for construction. Construction advertisement is planned for winter 2015, with construction beginning in May 2015 and completed by October 2015.

Jepson Parkway:

The Fairfield – Vanden Road Phase 1A Project includes a 4-lane parkway with improvements from the Cement Hill/Peabody/Vanden Road intersection to 1,500 feet south of the Vanden Road/Canon Road intersection. The design of this phase is nearing completion; however it has been delayed due to the Post Award Audit by Caltrans and some re-scoping of the project limits. Final design for Phases 1A is scheduled for completion by winter of 2014 assuming the audit findings are found to be satisfactory. Total cost of Phase 1A is estimated at ~\$40 million, with construction advertisement being planned for mid 2015.

The Vacaville – Vanden Road/Leisure Town Road Phase 2 Project includes a 4-lane parkway from 2000 feet south of Vanden Road/Leisure Town Road intersection to Commerce Drive/Leisure Town Road intersection. A roundabout is being designed for the Vanden Road/Leisure Town Road intersection, with full project design completion by winter of 2015. Total cost of Phase 2 is estimated at ~\$33 million, with construction advertisement being planned for mid-2015.

Public-Public / Public-Private Partnership:

Verbal Update from staff.

Recommendation:

Receive an update on projects in and around Travis Air Force Base.

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Meeting of: November 13, 2015
Agenda Item No: V.5.

Agency/Staff: Michelle Heppner, Solano County

Title /Subject: Approve the 2015 CCCC Meeting Schedule and discuss the CCCC 2015 Work Plan

Background/Discussion:

The CCCC is asked to approve the DRAFT 2015 Meeting Schedule (Attachment A).

The Draft 2015 CCCC Work Plan (*Attachment B*) focuses on presentations and discussions on three general topic areas: State and Federal budget and legislative impacts; Healthcare reform; Regional branding; and a workshop on Economic Diversity / Gap in Education for Future Employers. Other topics that may be of interest include: 1) Travis AFB Collaboration and Community Partnerships; 2) CalCOG – Transportation and Housing; and 3) School siting – Safe Route to Schools. The CCCC is asked to review and comment on the Draft 2015 Work Plan. Staff will seek approval of the 2015 Work Plan at the next regularly scheduled CCCC meeting, proposed for January 8, 2015.

Recommendation: Approve the DRAFT CCCC Meeting Schedule; and receive and review the Draft 2015 CCCC Work Plan and provide feedback on the proposed focus and potential topics.

Attachment A: Proposed CCCC 2015 Meeting Schedule
Attachment B: Draft Proposed CCCC 2015 Work Plan

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**SOLANO
City-County Coordinating Council**

Proposed Meeting Schedule

Meeting Location & time (unless otherwise scheduled):

Solano County Water Agency
810 Vaca Valley Parkway, Suite 203
Vacaville, CA 95688

7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Proposed 2015 Meeting Dates

January 8	Regular Meeting
March 12	Regular Meeting
May 14	Regular Meeting
August 13	Regular Meeting / Workshop
November 12	Regular Meeting

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Proposed 2015 Work Plan**

January 8, 2015

Proposed meeting topics:

- Adoption of 2015 CCCC Meeting Schedule and Work Plan
- Legislative Update and Adoption of 2015 CCCC State and Federal Legislative Platform
- Legislative Update and Report on the Governor's January State Budget Plan (If available)
- Letter of Support – Potential Third UCD Campus (Solano Community College)

Include informational items on agenda:

- Updated CCCC 2015 Roster

March 12, 2015

Proposed meeting topics:

- Economic Development Principles
- Update on Climate Action Plans (Include an Update on PACE program)
- Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan Update
- Update on Affordable Care Act Implementation

May 14, 2015

Proposed meeting topics:

- Report on Governor's May State Budget Revisions
- Legislative Update and Ballot Measures

August 13, 2015

Proposed meeting topics:

- Workshop on Economic Diversity / Gap in Education for Future Employers
- Legislative Update
- Moving Solano Forward – Implementation of Diversifying Economic Action (IDEA)

November 12, 2015

Proposed meeting topics:

- Review 2015 CCCC State and Federal Legislative Platform
- End of Session - Legislative Update
- Local Funding Measures – Maximums and Inventory and Expiration of Existing Measures
- Quarterly Update - Moving Solano Forward – Implementation of Diversifying Economic Action (IDEA)

Future Suggested Meeting Topics

Proposed meeting topics:

- Regional Branding / Marketing Solano County
- Transit of HazMat and Fossil Fuels
- Regional Park Initiative
- Priority Development Areas
- Priority Conservation Areas
- Travis AFB Collaboration
 - TCC
 - KC10 Retirement / New mission
 - Military Budget
 - P4 Community Partnerships / OEA Grant Funding
- CalCOG – Transportation and Housing (Guest Speaker)
- School siting – Safe Routes to Schools
- Cap & Trade Funding Allocations
- Delta Update DCC and BDCP (SCWA vs. CCCC)
- Local Affordable Care Act Implementation
- Senior and Disabled Mobility