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To: LAFCo Commissioners
From: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer
Subject: Legislative Report

Summary

As reported to you in May, the Commission's Legislative and Policy Committee met on February 24 and reviewed 25 bills that CALAFCO was tracking at the time. CALAFCO is now tracking 26 bills. Of these 26 bills, 4 are holdovers from the 2019-20 legislative session and are not moving forward in the current legislative year.

Since the return of State Legislature to Sacramento in May, much of lawmakers' focus has been on the State budget and response to COVID-19. The Legislature is currently negotiating with Governor Newsom to pass a budget bill by the required June 15 constitutional deadline. LAFCo staff will continue to monitor the State budget for impacts to member agencies.

As noted in the CALAFCO tracker, a number of bill sponsors have already stated that they will not be moving their bills forward in 2020. Bills of interest include the following:

SB 1052 (Hertzberg) - Water quality: municipal wastewater agencies.

This bill would establish municipal wastewater agencies and would authorize a municipal wastewater agency, among other things, to enter into agreements with entities responsible for stormwater management for the purpose of managing stormwater and dry weather runoff. It would also allow an agency to acquire, construct, expand, operate, maintain, and provide facilities for specified purposes relating to managing stormwater and dry weather runoff, and to levy taxes, fees and charges consistent with the municipal wastewater agency's existing authority in order to fund projects. The bill would require the exercise of any new authority granted under the bill to comply with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. CALAFCO currently supports this bill.

Senator Hertzberg will not be moving this bill forward in 2020 and will re-introduce it next year.

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SB 1280 (Monning) Drinking water: consolidation and extension of service: at-risk water systems.

This bill would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to order consolidation between a receiving water system and an at-risk water system, as defined, upon receipt of a petition that substantially conforms to the specified-referenced policy adopted by the state board and that is either approved by the water system's governing body or signed by at least 30% of the households served by the water system. For purposes of that provision, the bill would authorize the state board to contract with a technical assistance provider or appoint an administrator to provide information to a community regarding the petition process, to assist with the preparation of a petition, or to evaluate whether a water system is an at-risk water system. CALAFCO currently opposes this bill. Staff will consider monitoring this bill because if enacted, it could have a negative effect on water systems in San Mateo County including County Service Area 11 (Pescadero).

Senator Monning will not be moving this bill forward in 2020 and will re-introduce it next year.

Recommended Action:

Receive the report.

Attachments

A. Legislative Daily Report 6/5/2020