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TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The 2017-2018 legislative session was a busy one for the Assembly Local Government Committee. Because of the large number of Assembly Members and Senators with local government backgrounds, interest in local government issues remains high.

Enclosed is a summary of chaptered and vetoed bills that were introduced during the 2017-2018 session and referred to the Assembly Local Government Committee. The summary includes a brief description of all bills, divided into the following categories: Contracting and Procurement; Elections; Governance; Health Care Districts and Health Authorities; Housing and Land Use; Joint Exercise of Powers; Local Agency Formation Commissions; Local Government Finance; Powers and Duties; Transportation and Transit Districts; Utilities, Telecommunications, and Energy; and, Water.

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Sincerely,


Cecilia M. Aguiar-Curry, Chair

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CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 851 (Caballero and Gloria), Chapter 821, Statutes of 2017

Local agency contracts.

Extends the sunset date on the authority of counties to use construction manager at-risk (CM at-risk) contracting, extends CM at-risk contracting authority to the City of San Diego for specified projects, and allows the Santa Clara Valley Water District to use the design-build procurement method for specified types of projects.

AB 994 (Muratsuchi), Chapter 321, Statutes of 2017

Health care districts: design-build.

Allows the Beach Cities Health District to use the design-build procurement method to assign contracts for the construction of facilities or other buildings in the district.

AB 1205 (Jones-Sawyer), Chapter 473, Statutes of 2018

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: contracting.

Allows the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) to facilitate contract awards with medium business enterprises and makes changes to LA Metro's authority to facilitate contract awards with small business enterprises and disabled veteran business enterprises.

AB 1223 (Caballero), Chapter 585, Statutes of 2017

Construction contract payments: Internet Web site posting.

Requires state agencies to post specified information about construction contract payments valued at \$25,000 or more on their Internet Web sites within 10 days of making the payment.

AB 1523 (Obernolte and Reyes), Chapter 154, Statutes of 2017

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority: design-build.

Authorizes the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to use design-build for the construction of the Mt. Vernon Avenue Viaduct project.

AB 2137 (Mayes), Chapter 278, Statutes of 2018

Regional park and open-space districts: general manager: powers.

Increases, from \$25,000 to \$50,000, the amount for which all regional park and open space districts may enter into contracts without a formal bid process.

AB 2249 (Cooley), Chapter 169, Statutes of 2018

Public contracts: local agencies: alternative procedure.

Increases project cost limits specified in the Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act.

AB 2654 (Quirk-Silva), Chapter 239, Statutes of 2018

Design-build: Orange County.

Authorizes Orange County and the Orange County Flood Control District to use the design-build contracting process for specified projects.

AB 3177 (Chávez), Chapter 554, Statutes of 2018

North County Transit District: contracting.

Repeals provisions of law requiring the North County Transit District (NCTD) to award contracts exceeding \$50,000 for supplies, equipment, and materials to the lowest responsible bidder and, instead, allows NCTD to establish and use a flexible process for these contracts and for service contracts.

SB 373 (Cannella), Chapter 391, Statutes of 2017

Public contracts: design-build: Stanislaus Regional Water Authority.

Allows the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority to use design-build for its Regional Surface Water Supply Project.

SB 622 (Wiener), Chapter 396, Statutes of 2017

Local Agency Public Construction Act: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

Makes various changes to the bidding threshold requirements for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District.

SB 793 (Hill), Chapter 627, Statutes of 2017

Competitive bidding: design-build and best value construction contracting.

Allows the Peninsula Health Care District, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority to use design-build contracting for construction of buildings or other facilities in those districts, and expands a pilot program that allows seven counties to use best value contracting for specified projects until January 1, 2020.

SB 914 (Dodd), Chapter 108, Statutes of 2018

Local agency contracts: construction manager at-risk construction contracts.

Expands the types of projects counties can deliver using the construction manager at-risk contracting method.

Vetoed Legislation:

AB 1019 (Chiu), 2017

California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission.

Would have removed a requirement that staff and other support made available by the State Controller's Office (SCO) for the conduct of the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission's business not conflict with the accomplishment of the other businesses of the SCO.

ELECTIONS

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 467 (Mullin), Chapter 640, Statutes of 2017

Local transportation authorities: transactions and use taxes.

Authorizes a county elections official, upon the request of a local transportation authority, to replace the adopted county transportation expenditure plan in the sample ballot and voter information guide with a notification that directs voters to view the expenditure plan on the transportation authority's Internet Web site.

AB 801 (Weber and Gloria), Chapter 711, Statutes of 2017

County of San Diego Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Repeals existing provisions of law requiring a redistricting commission made up of former or retired judges to adjust the boundary lines of supervisorial districts in San Diego County after each decennial federal census and, instead, establishes a Citizens Redistricting Commission in the county, charges it with adjusting the boundaries of supervisorial districts, and changes the criteria that must be used when the boundaries are adjusted.

AB 2880 (Harper), Chapter 394, Statutes of 2018

Political Reform Act of 1974: local enforcement.

Authorizes the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) to administer and enforce a local campaign finance ordinance or government ethics law upon mutual agreement between the FPPC and a local agency with a population of less than three million people, as specified.

SB 267 (Pan), Chapter 622, Statutes of 2017

Political Reform Act of 1974: City of Sacramento.

Allows the City of Sacramento to enter into an agreement with the FPPC for the FPPC to administer and enforce the City's local campaign finance reform ordinance.

SB 1018 (Allen), Chapter 462, Statutes of 2018

Elections: state and local reapportionment.

Allows specified local jurisdictions to create a hybrid redistricting commission, allows school districts, community college districts, and special districts to create a redistricting commission, and modifies some of the requirements for serving on a local redistricting commission.

GOVERNANCE

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher), Chapter 658, Statutes of 2017

County of San Diego: transportation agencies.

Makes changes to the governance and financing authority of the San Diego Association of Governments, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, and the North County Transit District.

AB 1226 (McCarty), Chapter 114, Statutes of 2017

River port districts: Sacramento-Yolo Port District.

Authorizes the City of West Sacramento and the County of Yolo to replace an appointed member to the Sacramento-Yolo Port District Commission prior to the end of their four-year term of office.

SB 634 (Wilk), Chapter 833, Statutes of 2017

Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

Reorganizes the Castaic Lake Water Agency and the Newhall County Water District into the Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency.

SB 693 (Mendoza), Chapter 466, Statutes of 2017

Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District.

Authorizes the formation of the Lower San Gabriel River Recreation and Park District, pursuant to existing law, and establishes the governing board structure and powers of the District.

HEALTH CARE DISTRICTS AND HEALTH AUTHORITIES

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 994 (Muratsuchi), Chapter 321, Statutes of 2017

Health care districts: design-build.

Allows the Beach Cities Health District to use the design-build procurement method to assign contracts for the construction of facilities or other buildings in the district.

AB 1538 (Bonta), Chapter 263, Statutes of 2017

Alameda Health System Hospital Authority: physician services.

Makes changes to the statutes which govern conditions in which the Alameda Health System can privatize services provided by physicians and surgeons.

AB 1728 (Local Government Committee), Chapter 265, Statutes of 2017

Health care districts: board of directors.

Requires a board of directors of a healthcare district to adopt an annual budget and grant funding policy, and to establish an Internet website.

AB 2019 (Aguiar-Curry), Chapter 257, Statutes of 2018

Health care districts.

Requires set-asides for affordable units when a healthcare district uses design-build to construct housing, requires healthcare districts to post additional information online, expands what healthcare districts must include in their grant policies, and requires healthcare districts to notify their local agency formation commission when a district files for bankruptcy.

SB 4 (Mendoza), Chapter 479, Statutes of 2017

Medi-Cal: county organized health system: County of Orange.

Codifies the enabling ordinance adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange that prescribes the composition of the governing body of the Orange County Health Authority, a county organized health system, known as CalOptima.

SB 522 (Glazer), Chapter 133, Statutes of 2018

West Contra Costa Healthcare District.

Dissolves the existing West Contra Costa Healthcare District board of directors and requires the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors to either serve as or appoint the district board.

SB 793 (Hill), Chapter 627, Statutes of 2017

Competitive bidding: design-build and best value construction contracting.

Allows the Peninsula Health Care District, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and Santa Clara Valley Open-Space Authority to use design-build contracting for construction of buildings or other facilities in those districts, and expands a pilot program that allows seven counties to use best value contracting for specified projects until January 1, 2020.

HOUSING AND LAND USE

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 73 (Chiu, Bonta, Caballero, and Kalra), Chapter 371, Statutes of 2017

Planning and zoning: housing sustainability districts.

Allows a city or county to create a housing sustainability district to complete upfront zoning and environmental review, in order to receive incentive payments for development projects that are consistent with the district's ordinance.

AB 346 (Daly), Chapter 35, Statutes of 2017

Redevelopment: housing successor: Low and Moderate Income Housing Asset Fund.

Authorizes a housing successor to use funds remaining in their Low and Moderate Income Housing Fund towards a variety of homelessness services.

AB 352 (Santiago), Chapter 400, Statutes of 2017

State Housing Law: efficiency units.

Prohibits a city or county that adopts an ordinance permitting efficiency units from placing specified limitations on the units.

AB 448 (Daly and Quirk-Silva), Chapter 336, Statutes of 2018

Joint powers authorities: Orange County Housing Trust.

Allows Orange County and any city in Orange County to create the Orange County Housing Finance Trust to fund housing to assist the homeless population and persons and families of low-income.

AB 465 (Ting), Chapter 313, Statutes of 2017

Urban agricultural incentive zones.

Extends the sunset of the Urban Agriculture Incentive Zones Act from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2029, and makes other technical changes to the Act.

AB 494 (Bloom), Chapter 602, Statutes of 2017

Land use: accessory dwelling units.

Makes a number of changes to the Accessory Dwelling Unit review process and standards.

AB 678 (Bocanegra), Chapter 373, Statutes of 2017

Housing Accountability Act.

Makes a number of changes to the Housing Accountability Act.

AB 829 (Chiu), Chapter 800, Statutes of 2018

Local government: funding: state-assisted projects.

Prohibits cities and counties from requiring a letter of acknowledgment or similar document prior to applying for state assistance for any housing development.

AB 879 (Grayson), Chapter 374, Statutes of 2017

Planning and zoning: housing element.

Makes a number of changes to housing element law, and directs the Department of Housing and Community Development to complete a study evaluating the reasonableness of local fees charged to new developments.

AB 1397 (Low), Chapter 375, Statutes of 2017

Local planning: housing element: inventory of land for residential development.

Makes a number of changes to housing element law by revising what may be included in a locality's inventory of land suitable for residential development.

AB 1505 (Bloom, Chiu, and Gloria), Chapter 376, Statutes of 2017

Land use: zoning regulations.

Authorizes the legislative body of a city or county to establish inclusionary housing requirements as a condition of the development of residential rental units, and allows the Department of Housing and Community Development to review inclusionary ordinances in specified circumstances.

AB 1515 (Daly), Chapter 378, Statutes of 2017

Planning and zoning: housing.

Establishes, for purposes of the Housing Accountability Act, a reasonable person standard for deeming consistency for a housing development project or emergency shelter.

AB 1568 (Bloom), Chapter 562, Statutes of 2017

Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.

Establishes the Neighborhood Infill and Transit Improvements Act in Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD) law, and allows EIFDs to receive sales and use and transaction and use taxes for affordable housing purposes.

AB 1598 (Mullin), Chapter 764, Statutes of 2017

Affordable housing authorities.

Allows a city or county to create an affordable housing authority to fund affordable housing and affordable workforce housing, similar to a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority.

AB 1771 (Bloom), Chapter 989, Statutes of 2018

Planning and zoning: regional housing needs assessment.

Revises the objectives and methodology process used in developing the regional housing needs allocation plan.

AB 2035 (Mullin), Chapter 862, Statutes of 2018

Affordable housing authorities.

Makes a number of administrative and technical changes to Affordable Housing Authority Law.

AB 2162 (Chiu and Daly), Chapter 753, Statutes of 2018

Planning and zoning: housing development: supportive housing.

Requires supportive housing, as defined, to be a use by right in all zones where multifamily and mixed uses are allowed.

AB 2238 (Aguilar-Curry), Chapter 990, Statutes of 2018

Change of organization or reorganization: LAFCO review: hazard mitigation plan: safety element.

Makes a number of minor changes to local agency formation commission law, regional housing needs allocation law, and the law that governs public health emergencies.

AB 2372 (Gloria), Chapter 915, Statutes of 2018

Planning and zoning: density bonus: floor area ratio bonus.

Authorizes a city or county to establish a procedure by ordinance to grant a developer a floor area ratio bonus, in lieu of a density bonus.

AB 2753 (Friedman), Chapter 921, Statutes of 2018

Density bonuses: density bonus application.

Requires a city or county to provide additional information to an applicant who is applying for a density bonus, when an application is deemed complete by that city or county.

AB 2911 (Friedman), Chapter 641, Statutes of 2018

Fire safety.

Makes various changes to fire safety planning efforts, defensible space requirements, and electrical transmission or distribution lines' vegetation clearance requirements, with the intent to improve the fire safety of California communities.

AB 2923 (Chiu and Grayson), Chapter 1000, Statutes of 2018

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: transient-oriented development.

Requires, until January 1, 2029, cities and counties to adopt the zoning standards in the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) transit-oriented development guidelines, and establishes a streamlined approval process for certain projects on BART-owned land.

AB 2973 (Gray), Chapter 830, Statutes of 2018

Land use: Subdivision Map Act: expiration dates.

Allows a 24-month extension for unexpired subdivision maps that relate to the construction of single or multifamily housing in jurisdictions that meet certain criteria.

AB 3194 (Daly), Chapter 243, Statutes of 2018

Housing Accountability Act: project approval.

Makes a number of changes to the Housing Accountability Act related to a housing project's consistency with zoning standards and the general plan.

SB 35 (Wiener), Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017

Planning and zoning: affordable housing: streamlined approval process.

Establishes a streamlined, ministerial review process for certain multifamily affordable housing projects that are proposed in local jurisdictions that have not met regional housing needs, until 2026.

SB 166 (Skinner), Chapter 367, Statutes of 2017

Residential density and affordability.

Requires a local government to accommodate its remaining unmet housing need at all times throughout the housing element planning period.

SB 167 (Skinner), Chapter 368, Statutes of 2017

Housing Accountability Act.

Makes a number of changes to the Housing Accountability Act.

SB 229 (Wieckowski), Chapter 594, Statutes of 2017

Accessory dwelling units.

Makes a number of changes to Accessory Dwelling Unit law.

SB 481 (Pan), Chapter 506, Statutes of 2018

Successor agencies: assets: disposal.

Allows the Redevelopment Agency of the County of Sacramento to dispose of a specified property for an amount less than fair market value, provided that the property is used for affordable housing purposes.

SB 540 (Roth), Chapter 369, Statutes of 2017

Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone.

Authorizes a city or county to establish a Workforce Housing Opportunity Zone by preparing an environmental impact report to identify and mitigate impacts from establishing a zone, and adopting a specific plan, and provides for expedited approvals of housing development projects within that zone.

SB 732 (Stern), Chapter 434, Statutes of 2017

General plan: agricultural land.

Authorizes a city or county to develop an agricultural land component of their open-space element, or a separate agricultural land element, and requires the Department of Conservation (DOC) to give priority consideration for grants, bond proceeds, and other local assistance funding provided by DOC to a city or county that meets specified requirements.

SB 765 (Wiener), Chapter 840, Statutes of 2018

Planning and zoning: streamlined approval process.

Makes various changes to SB 35 (Wiener), Chapter 366, Statutes of 2017, which created a streamlined, ministerial approval process for housing developments that meet specified standards.

SB 828 (Wiener), Chapter 974, Statutes of 2018

Land use: housing element.

Makes a number of changes to the regional housing needs assessment methodology and process.

SB 1035 (Jackson), Chapter 733, Statutes of 2018

General plans.

Requires climate adaptation and resiliency information contained in a general plan to be regularly updated.

SB 1227 (Skinner), Chapter 937, Statutes of 2018

Density bonuses.

Requires cities and counties to grant a density bonus when an applicant for a housing development of five or more units agrees to construct a project that will contain at least 20% of the total units for lower-income students in a student housing development.

SB 1260 (Jackson), Chapter 624, Statutes of 2018

Fire prevention and protection: prescribed burns.

Makes various changes related to local fire planning, prescribed fire requirements, and broader fire prevention efforts.

SB 1333 (Wieckowski), Chapter 856, Statutes of 2018

Planning and zoning: general plan: zoning regulations: charter cities.

Applies specified provisions in the Government Code pertaining to local planning and zoning requirements to charter cities.

Vetoed Legislation:

AB 890 (Medina), 2017

Land use: planning and zoning: initiatives.

Would have delegated exclusive authority to make certain land use approvals and designations to a city council or a board of supervisors.

SB 649 (Hueso), 2017

Wireless telecommunications facilities.

Would have established permitting and leasing requirements for small cells that cities and counties must follow and would have made a number of other changes to law governing small cells.

JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 545 (Bigelow), Chapter 124, Statutes of 2017

Joint powers agreements: County of El Dorado: nonprofit hospitals.

Authorizes a private, nonprofit hospital in El Dorado County to enter into a joint powers agreement with a public agency.

AB 653 (Cunningham), Chapter 706, Statutes of 2018

Joint powers agreements: County of Santa Barbara: nonprofit hospitals.

Allows private, nonprofit hospitals in Santa Barbara County to enter into joint powers agreements with public agencies.

SB 302 (Mendoza), Chapter 807, Statutes of 2017

Joint powers agencies: Orange County Fire Authority: funds.

Requires specified property tax transfers to be approved by Orange County, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), and a majority of cities that are members of OCFA.

SB 564 (McGuire), Chapter 430, Statutes of 2017

Joint powers authorities: Water Bill Savings Act.

Establishes the Water Bill Savings Act, which authorizes joint powers authorities to finance water conservation improvements on private property for a customer of a local agency or its publicly owned utility in ten counties, to be repaid by charges collected on a water bill.

SB 797 (Hill), Chapter 653, Statutes of 2017

Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board: transactions and use tax.

Allows the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, in specified conditions, to impose a retail transactions and use tax at a rate not to exceed 0.125%, subject to voter approval.

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSIONS (LAFCOs)

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 464 (Gallagher), Chapter 43, Statutes of 2017

Local government reorganization.

Makes changes to LAFCO statutes which govern changes of organization and reorganization, including annexation proceedings.

AB 722 (Limón), Chapter 409, Statutes of 2017

Isla Vista Community Services District: board of directors.

Authorizes a member of the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors or any public officer of the County or their deputies to serve on the Isla Vista Community Services District Board of Directors.

AB 979 (Lackey), Chapter 203, Statutes of 2017

Local agency formation commissions: district representation.

Makes changes to the statutes which govern the independent special district selection committee and representation of special districts on LAFCOs.

AB 1361 (Eduardo Garcia and Waldron), Chapter 449, Statutes of 2017

Municipal water districts: water service: Indian tribes.

Authorizes a municipal water district, until January 1, 2023, to apply to a LAFCO to extend water service to Indian lands and prohibits the LAFCO from denying the application.

AB 1577 (Gipson), Chapter 859, Statutes of 2018

California Safe Drinking Water Act: Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District.

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to order the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District to accept administrative and managerial services from an administrator selected by SWRCB.

AB 1725 (Local Government Committee), Chapter 353, Statutes of 2017

Local agency formation.

Makes several non-controversial changes to LAFCO statutes which govern local government organization and reorganization.

AB 2019 (Aguilar-Curry), Chapter 257, Statutes of 2018

Health care districts.

Requires set-asides for affordable units when a healthcare district uses design-build to construct housing, requires healthcare districts to post additional information online, expands what healthcare districts must include in their grant policies, and requires healthcare districts to notify their LAFCO when a district files for bankruptcy.

AB 2238 (Aguiar-Curry), Chapter 990, Statutes of 2018

Change of organization or reorganization: LAFCO review: hazard mitigation plan: safety element.

Makes a number of minor changes to LAFCO law, regional housing needs allocation law, and the law that governs public health emergencies.

AB 3254 (Local Government Committee), Chapter 86, Statutes of 2018

Local government organization: omnibus.

Makes several non-controversial changes to the LAFCO statutes which govern local government organization and reorganization.

SB 365 (Dodd), Chapter 216, Statutes of 2017

Regional park and open-space districts: County of Solano.

Authorizes the Solano County Board of Supervisors to initiate the formation of a regional park and open-space district by adopting a resolution and calling an election in lieu of LAFCO approval and circulating a petition.

SB 448 (Wieckowski), Chapter 334, Statutes of 2017

Local government: organization: districts.

Requires the State Controller to publish a list of inactive special districts and establishes a process for LAFCO to dissolve inactive special districts.

Vetoed Legislation:

AB 2258 (Caballero), 2018

Local agency formation commissions: grant program.

Would have authorized the Strategic Growth Council to administer a grant program to finance certain LAFCO activities.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 733 (Berman), Chapter 657, Statutes of 2017

Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: projects: climate change.

Adds climate change projects to the list of projects that may be financed by an Enhanced Infrastructure Financing District (EIFD).

AB 804 (Cristina Garcia), Chapter 317, Statutes of 2017

Controller: internal control guidelines.

Allows the State Controller to audit any local agency for purposes of determining whether the agency's internal controls are adequate to detect and prevent financial errors and fraud.

AB 1180 (Holden), Chapter 617, Statutes of 2017

Los Angeles County Flood Control District: taxes, fees, and charges.

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to levy a special tax to manage stormwater.

AB 1189 (Eduardo Garcia), Chapter 642, Statutes of 2017

Riverside County Transportation Commission: transactions and use tax.

Increases the maximum transactions and use tax rate, from 0.5% to 1%, which Riverside County Transportation Commission may impose, subject to voter approval.

AB 1568 (Bloom), Chapter 562, Statutes of 2017

Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.

Establishes the Neighborhood Infill and Transit Improvements Act in EIFD law and allows EIFDs to receive sales and use and transaction and use taxes for affordable housing purposes.

AB 1613 (Mullin), Chapter 231, Statutes of 2017

San Mateo County Transit District: retail transactions and use tax.

Authorizes the San Mateo County Transit District, subject to voter approval, to exceed the 2% transactions and use tax limit at a rate of no more than 0.5%.

AB 1770 (Steinorth), Chapter 271, Statutes of 2018

Local government: investments.

Updates and clarifies the preconditions required for asset-backed securities and other pass-through securities in which local agencies may invest.

AB 1889 (Caballero), Chapter 251, Statutes of 2018
Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Amends the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act by increasing the amount of days the board can be compensated for meetings every calendar month from 10 to 15, and changing the process for receiving a special tax exemption from an opt-in to an opt-out process, among other changes.

AB 1900 (Brough), Chapter 382, Statutes of 2018
Capital investment incentive programs: repeal date.

Extends the authorization for cities and counties to establish a capital investment incentive program until January 1, 2024.

AB 2132 (Levine), Chapter 386, Statutes of 2018
Building permit fees: waiver.

Authorizes cities and counties to waive or reduce all building permit fees for improvements to the home of a senior with a qualifying disability that are made to accommodate that disability.

AB 2329 (Obernolte), Chapter 170, Statutes of 2018
Special districts: board of directors: compensation.

Increases the amount of compensation board members of certain special districts can receive per month.

AB 2920 (Thurmond), Chapter 771, Statutes of 2018
Transactions and use taxes: North Lake Tahoe Transportation Authority and City of Berkeley.

Allows the City of Berkeley to impose a transactions and use tax for general or special purposes at a rate of no more than 0.5%, outside the 2% cap; and, enacts several changes to the North Lake Tahoe Transportation Authority Act.

SB 152 (McGuire), Chapter 728, Statutes of 2018
Transactions and use taxes: County of Sonoma.

Allows Sonoma County or any city within the county to impose a transactions and use tax (TUT) for general or specific purposes, and the Sonoma County Transportation Authority to impose a TUT for specific purposes, at a rate of no more than 1% above the 2% limit allowed by existing law.

SB 231 (Hertzberg), Chapter 536, Statutes of 2017
Local government: fees and charges.

Defines "sewer" for the purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

SB 302 (Mendoza), Chapter 807, Statutes of 2017
Joint powers agencies: Orange County Fire Authority: funds.

Requires specified property tax transfers to be approved by Orange County, the Orange County Fire Authority (OCFA), and a majority of cities that are members of OCFA.

SB 450 (Hertzberg), Chapter 625, Statutes of 2017

Public bodies: bonds: public notice.

Requires the governing body of a public body to obtain and disclose specified information in a public meeting prior to authorizing the issuance of bonds.

SB 703 (Skinner), Chapter 651, Statutes of 2017

Transactions and use taxes: Alameda and Santa Clara County, City of Santa Fe Springs.

Authorizes the counties of Alameda and Santa Clara and the City of Santa Fe Springs to adopt an ordinance proposing the imposition of a transactions and use tax that exceeds the 2% statutory limitation.

SB 742 (Moorlach), Chapter 77, Statutes of 2017

City treasurers.

Requires the city treasurer, if the city has issued bonds, to use a system of accounting and auditing that adheres to generally accepted accounting principles.

SB 961 (Allen), Chapter 559, Statutes of 2018

Enhanced infrastructure financing districts.

Enacts the Second Neighborhood Infill Finance and Transit Improvement Act (NIFTI-2) in enhanced infrastructure financing district law, and allows a NIFTI-2 to issue bonds without voter approval.

SB 1130 (Leyva), Chapter 896, Statutes of 2018

Property tax postponement: residential dwelling: manufactured homes.

Adds manufactured homes to the Property Tax Postponement Program.

SB 1145 (Leyva), Chapter 563, Statutes of 2018

Enhanced infrastructure financing districts: maintenance.

Authorizes enhanced infrastructure financing districts to fund maintenance of public capital facilities, excluding revenue from bond proceeds.

SB 1202 (Stone), Chapter 357, Statutes of 2018

Land use: development fees.

Requires local governments that have not completed a required report on mitigation fees for three consecutive years to pay the costs of requested audits of their Mitigation Fee funds.

POWERS AND DUTIES

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 331 (Eggman and Gloria), Chapter 399, Statutes of 2017

County recorders: veterans: recorded documents.

Requires county recorders to record any military discharge document, including a veteran's service form DD214, and maintain it in a nonpublic index.

AB 332 (Bocanegra), Chapter 34, Statutes of 2017

Vehicles: local regulations: street closures.

Expands a local authority's ability to temporarily close a highway due to serious and continual criminal activity by allowing temporary closure of a through highway or arterial street under specified conditions, and allowing temporary closure due to serious and continual illegal dumping.

AB 428 (Ridley-Thomas), Chapter 137, Statutes of 2017

Local government: the Ralph M. Brown Act.

Eliminates a January 1, 2018, sunset date in existing law that allows county health authorities to establish a quorum pursuant to the Ralph M. Brown Act when meeting via teleconference if at least 50% of the board members constituting the quorum are physically present within the boundaries of the authority's jurisdiction and other conditions are met, thereby extending this provision indefinitely.

AB 549 (Quirk), Chapter 138, Statutes of 2017

Local government: building permit: electrified security fence: notice.

Requires counties and cities, including charter counties and charter cities, to notify their respective fire agencies when they approve a permit for an electrified security fence.

AB 556 (Limón), Chapter 405, Statutes of 2017

County ordinances: violations: fines.

Increases the fine amounts that counties may assess for a violation of an event permit requirement that is an infraction.

AB 755 (Eduardo Garcia), Chapter 709, Statutes of 2017

Local agencies: capital investment incentive program.

Extends the authorization for cities and counties to establish a capital investment incentive program from January 1, 2018, to January 1, 2019.

AB 798 (Eduardo Garcia), Chapter 383, Statutes of 2017

Local government: counties: consolidation of offices.

Allows Imperial County to convert the public administrator's office from an elected to an appointed position and to consolidate the offices of public administrator and public guardian.

AB 1330 (Reyes), Chapter 476, Statutes of 2018

Park property: Ayala Park.

Allows the Bloomington Recreation and Park District to dispose of property used for park purposes at Ayala Park, subject to certain conditions.

AB 1445 (Reyes), Chapter 380, Statutes of 2018

Designated qualified opportunity zones: sale or lease of property.

Requires a city or county leasing or selling property to a qualified opportunity zone fund to collect specific information.

AB 1625 (Rubio), Chapter 352, Statutes of 2017

Inoperable parking meters.

Prohibits a local authority, by ordinance or resolution, from prohibiting or restricting the parking of vehicles in a parking space that is regulated by an inoperable parking meter or inoperable parking payment center, except as specified.

AB 2164 (Cooley), Chapter 316, Statutes of 2018

Local ordinances: fines and penalties: cannabis.

Allows local agencies to immediately impose administrative fines or penalties for the violation of building, plumbing, electrical, or other similar structural, health and safety, or zoning requirements if the violation exists as a result of, or to facilitate, the illegal cultivation of cannabis.

AB 2184 (Chiu), Chapter 388, Statutes of 2018

Business licenses.

Requires a local agency that licenses businesses to accept a driver's license or certain identification numbers in lieu of a social security number (SSN) if the municipality otherwise requires an SSN for the issuance of a business license.

AB 2485 (Chau), Chapter 263, Statutes of 2018

Code enforcement: financially interested parties.

Prohibits local inspection officials from being accompanied by financially interested persons during inspections of commercial properties or businesses.

AB 2598 (Quirk), Chapter 970, Statutes of 2018

Cities and counties: ordinances: violations.

Increases the fine amounts that counties and cities may access for violations of their building and safety codes, and creates a new fine for specified violations of building and safety codes on commercial property.

AB 2600 (Flora), Chapter 218, Statutes of 2018

Regional park and open space districts.

Establishes an alternative procedure for forming a regional park and open space district.

AB 2898 (Gloria), Chapter 395, Statutes of 2018

Emergency services: local emergencies.

Requires a governing body of a local agency to review the need for continuing a local emergency pursuant to the California Emergency Services Act every 60 days, instead of every 30 days.

AB 3068 (Daly), Chapter 307, Statutes of 2018

County government: contract legal counsel: auditor-controller.

Requires county boards of supervisors to obtain independent legal counsel to assist a county auditor-controller who requests such assistance, if a county counsel or district attorney would have a conflict of interest in representing the auditor-controller.

AB 3137 (Rodriguez), Chapter 724, Statutes of 2018

State property: conveyance: City of Pomona.

Authorizes the City of Pomona to convey to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of the County of Los Angeles a portion of former state surplus property.

SB 178 (Wieckowski), Chapter 458, Statutes of 2017

Parklands: Centerville Park.

Authorizes the City of Fremont to transfer to the Fremont Unified School District up to 4.6 acres of parkland in Centerville Park, pursuant to specified conditions.

SB 184 (Morrell), Chapter 621, Statutes of 2017

Social security number truncation program.

Allows county recorders to include documents recorded prior to January 1, 1980, in their social security number truncation programs.

SB 205 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 387, Statutes of 2017

Local Government Omnibus Act of 2017.

Enacts the Local Government Omnibus Bill of 2017, which proposes a number of non-controversial changes to existing laws governing the powers and duties of local agencies.

SB 206 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 57, Statutes of 2017

First Validating Act of 2017.

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other bodies.

SB 207 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 58, Statutes of 2017

Second Validating Act of 2017.

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other bodies.

**SB 208 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 59, Statutes of 2017
Third Validating Act of 2017.**

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other bodies.

**SB 240 (Dodd), Chapter 72, Statutes of 2017
County service areas: farmworker housing: County of Napa.**

Increases the maximum annual assessment that may be levied on vineyards in Napa County to support the County's farmworker housing.

**SB 330 (Berryhill), Chapter 281, Statutes of 2017
Building permit fees: waivers.**

Authorizes cities and counties to waive or reduce all building permit fees for improvements to the home of a veteran with a qualifying disability that are made to accommodate that disability.

**SB 361 (Hernández), Chapter 63, Statutes of 2017
Maintenance districts: City of La Puente.**

Authorizes the Landscaping and Lighting District of the City of La Puente to perform maintenance and make improvements, pursuant to the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

**SB 365 (Dodd), Chapter 216, Statutes of 2017
Regional park and open-space districts: County of Solano.**

Authorizes the Solano County Board of Supervisors to initiate the formation of a regional park and open-space district by adopting a resolution and calling an election in lieu of LAFCO approval and circulating a petition.

**SB 450 (Hertzberg), Chapter 625, Statutes of 2017
Public bodies: bonds: public notice.**

Requires the governing body of a public body to obtain and disclose specified information in a public meeting prior to authorizing the issuance of bonds.

**SB 653 (Moorlach), Chapter 336, Statutes of 2017
County tax collectors: notices: publication.**

Requires tax collectors to publish on their Internet Web sites any notice that tax collectors must publish in a newspaper.

**SB 929 (McGuire), Chapter 408, Statutes of 2018
Special districts: Internet Web sites.**

Requires all independent special districts, with certain exceptions, to have a website by January 1, 2020.

SB 946 (Lara), Chapter 459, Statutes of 2018

Sidewalk vendors.

Decriminalizes sidewalk vending and establishes various requirements for local regulation of sidewalk vendors.

SB 1323 (Hernandez), Chapter 93, Statutes of 2018

Maintenance districts: County of Los Angeles.

Allows county lighting districts for the County of Los Angeles to perform maintenance and make improvements authorized under the Landscaping and Lighting Act of 1972.

SB 1496 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 23, Statutes of 2018

Second Validating Act of 2018.

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other public bodies.

SB 1497 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 24, Statutes of 2018

First Validating Act of 2018.

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other public bodies.

SB 1498 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 467, Statutes of 2018

Local Government Omnibus Act of 2018.

Enacts the Local Government Omnibus Act of 2018, which makes a number of non-controversial changes to existing laws governing the powers and duties of local agencies.

SB 1499 (Governance and Finance Committee), Chapter 25, Statutes of 2018

Third Validating Act of 2018.

Validates the organization, boundaries, acts, proceedings, and bonds of the state government, counties, cities, special districts and school districts, among other public bodies.

Vetoed Legislation:

AB 2681 (Nazarian), 2018

Seismic safety: potentially vulnerable buildings.

Would have required city and county building departments in seismically active areas, once a funding source is identified, to submit to the Governor's Office of Emergency Services an inventory of buildings in their jurisdiction that are potentially vulnerable to seismic activity.

AB 2853 (Medina), 2018

Local government: economic development subsidies.

Would have required local agencies to take specified actions before approving or granting economic development subsidies of \$100,000 or more for warehouse distribution centers, and during the terms of such subsidies.

AB 3131 (Gloria and Chiu), 2018

Law enforcement agencies: military equipment funding, acquisition, and use.

Would have established requirements that must be met before a law enforcement agency may take a number of specified actions related to the acquisition and use of military equipment.

SB 1303 (Pan), 2018

Coroner: county office of the medical examiner.

Would have replaced the county office of the coroner or the sheriff-coroner's office with an office of medical examiner in counties that have not adopted a charter and have 500,000 or more residents, or required these counties to adopt a policy requiring referral of death investigations to a county with a medical examiner's office for any case representing a potential conflict of interest.

SB 1416 (McGuire), 2018

Local government: nuisance abatement.

Would have allowed, until January 1, 2024, cities and counties to recover fines related to nuisance abatement through liens and special assessments and required fines recovered to be used for specified purposes.

TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT DISTRICTS

Chapered Legislation:

AB 709 (McCarty), Chapter 522, Statutes of 2018

Sacramento Regional Transit District.

Makes numerous changes to the Sacramento Regional Transit District (SacRT) Act, including clarifying SacRT's geographic area, and adding a one-eighth of one percent sales tax-rate increment to SacRT 's taxation authority.

AB 805 (Gonzalez Fletcher), Chapter 658, Statutes of 2017

County of San Diego: transportation agencies.

Makes changes to the governance and financing authority of the San Diego Association of Governments, the San Diego Metropolitan Transit System, and the North County Transit District.

AB 1189 (Eduardo Garcia), Chapter 642, Statutes of 2017

Riverside County Transportation Commission: transactions and use tax.

Increases the maximum transactions and use tax rate, from 0.5% to 1%, which Riverside County Transportation Commission may impose, subject to voter approval.

AB 1205 (Jones-Sawyer), Chapter 473, Statutes of 2018

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority: contracting.

Allows the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LA Metro) to facilitate contract awards with medium business enterprises and makes changes to LA Metro's authority to facilitate contract awards with small business enterprises and disabled veteran business enterprises.

AB 1523 (Obernolte and Reyes), Chapter 154, Statutes of 2017

San Bernardino County Transportation Authority: design-build.

Authorizes the San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to use design-build for the construction of the Mt. Vernon Avenue Viaduct project.

AB 1613 (Mullin), Chapter 231, Statutes of 2017

San Mateo County Transit District: retail transactions and use tax.

Authorizes the San Mateo County Transit District, subject to voter approval, to exceed the 2% transactions and use tax limit at a rate of no more than 0.5%.

AB 2923 (Chiu and Grayson), Chapter 1000, Statutes of 2018

San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District: transient-oriented development.

Requires, until January 1, 2029, cities and counties to adopt the zoning standards in the Bay Area Rapid Transit District (BART) transit-oriented development guidelines, and establishes a streamlined approval process for certain projects on BART-owned land.

AB 2982 (Gloria), Chapter 222, Statutes of 2018
North County Transit District: City of San Diego.

Adds a non-voting board member to the North County Transit District Board of Directors.

AB 3177 (Chávez), Chapter 554, Statutes of 2018
North County Transit District: contracting.

Repeals provisions of law requiring the North County Transit District (NCTD) to award contracts exceeding \$50,000 for supplies, equipment, and materials to the lowest responsible bidder and, instead, allows NCTD to establish and use a flexible process for these contracts and for service contracts.

SB 622 (Wiener), Chapter 396, Statutes of 2017
Local Agency Public Construction Act: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District.

Makes various changes to the bidding threshold requirements for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway, and Transportation District.

SB 797 (Hill), Chapter 653, Statutes of 2017
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board: transactions and use tax.

Allows the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board, in specified conditions, to impose a retail transactions and use tax at a rate not to exceed 0.125%, subject to voter approval.

SB 907 (Cannella), Chapter 135, Statutes of 2018
County road commissioner: Merced County.

Authorizes Merced County to transfer the duties of the Office of the Road Commissioner to Merced County's Department of Public Works.

UTILITIES, TELECOMMUNICATIONS, AND ENERGY

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 546 (Chiu), Chapter 380, Statutes of 2017

Land use: local ordinances: energy systems.

Requires cities, including charter cities, and counties to accept electronic submissions of permit applications for advanced energy storage installations, and to make documentation for such permitting available on their Internet Web sites.

AB 1145 (Quirk), Chapter 792, Statutes of 2017

Conversion of existing overhead electric and communication facilities to underground locations: cable television corporations and cable operators.

Adds cable television facilities and cable operators to existing statutes governing assessment districts that are created for the purpose of converting overhead electric and communication facilities to underground locations, and to existing statutes governing the Department of Transportation's undergrounding reimbursements.

AB 1284 (Dababneh), Chapter 475, Statutes of 2017

California Financing Law: Property Assessed Clean Energy program: program administrators.

Establishes requirements for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program administrators that must be met before PACE assessment contracts may be funded and recorded by a public agency, renames the California Finance Lenders Law as the California Financing Law (CFL), requires program administrators to be licensed under the CFL, and establishes a regulatory scheme for oversight of PACE solicitors and PACE solicitor agents.

AB 1414 (Friedman), Chapter 849, Statutes of 2017

Solar energy systems: permits.

Reduces the maximum permit fee a city or a county may charge for residential rooftop solar energy systems, applies these caps and commercial permit fee caps to a broader range of solar energy systems, and makes additional changes to existing law governing permit fees for rooftop solar energy systems and to the Solar Rights Act of 1978.

AB 1999 (Chau), Chapter 963, Statutes of 2018

Local government: public broadband services.

Establishes net neutrality rules for local agencies that provide broadband services and expands the types of local agencies that may provide broadband infrastructure, services, or both.

AB 2063 (Aguiar-Curry), Chapter 813, Statutes of 2018
California Financing Law: PACE program administrators.

Prohibits, until a homeowner's ability to pay has been determined, an assessment contract from being executed and from work commencing under a home improvement contract that is financed by that assessment contract, and a home improvement contract from being executed, and establishes additional requirements for PACE administrators, solicitors, and consumers.

SB 242 (Skinner), Chapter 484, Statutes of 2017
Property Assessed Clean Energy program: program administrator.

Establishes requirements for third-party program administrators of PACE programs.

SB 465 (Jackson), Chapter 837, Statutes of 2018
Property Assessed Clean Energy Program: wildfire safety improvements.

Expands, until January 1, 2029, PACE financing to allow cities and counties in Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zones to authorize contractual assessments for property owners to finance wildfire safety improvements.

SB 1087 (Roth), Chapter 798, Statutes of 2018
PACE program: program administrators.

Makes numerous changes to the PACE program, including enhancing the Department of Business Oversight's (DBO) enforcement authority and requiring DBO to post the identities of enrolled PACE solicitors and solicitor agents on its website, among others.

Vetoed Legislation:

SB 649 (Hueso), 2017
Wireless telecommunications facilities.

Would have established permitting and leasing requirements for small cells that cities and counties must follow and would have made a number of other changes to law governing small cells.

WATER

Chaptered Legislation:

AB 552 (Irwin), Chapter 294, Statutes of 2017

United Water Conservation District.

Expands the remedies granted to the United Water Conservation District for the enforcement and collection of delinquent groundwater charges.

AB 1180 (Holden), Chapter 617, Statutes of 2017

Los Angeles County Flood Control District: taxes, fees, and charges.

Authorizes the Los Angeles County Flood Control District to levy a special tax to manage stormwater.

AB 1361 (Eduardo Garcia and Waldron), Chapter 449, Statutes of 2017

Municipal water districts: water service: Indian tribes.

Authorizes a municipal water district, until January 1, 2023, to apply to a LAFCO to extend water service to Indian lands and prohibits the LAFCO from denying the application.

AB 1577 (Gipson), Chapter 859, Statutes of 2018

California Safe Drinking Water Act: Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District.

Requires the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to order the Sativa-Los Angeles County Water District to accept administrative and managerial services from an administrator selected by SWRCB.

AB 1794 (Limón), Chapter 68, Statutes of 2018

Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency: Southern California Water Company.

Changes the composition of the board of directors for the Ojai Basin Groundwater Management Agency and eliminates references to the Southern California Water Company.

AB 1889 (Caballero), Chapter 251, Statutes of 2018

Santa Clara Valley Water District.

Amends the Santa Clara Valley Water District Act by increasing the amount of days the board can be compensated for meetings every calendar month from 10 to 15, and changing the process for receiving a special tax exemption from an opt-in to an opt-out process, among other changes.

AB 2179 (Gipson), Chapter 863, Statutes of 2018

Municipal corporations: public utility service: water and sewer service.

Authorizes a municipal corporation to utilize alternative procedures to lease, sell, or transfer a municipal utility used for furnishing sewer service.

AB 2339 (Gipson), Chapter 866, Statutes of 2018

Water utility service: sale of water utility property by a city.

Authorizes the Cities of El Monte, Montebello, and Willows, until January 1, 2022, to sell their water systems for the purpose of consolidating with another public water system without obtaining voter approval.

SB 231 (Hertzberg), Chapter 536, Statutes of 2017

Local government: fees and charges.

Defines "sewer" for the purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.

SB 252 (Dodd), Chapter 538, Statutes of 2017

Water wells.

Codifies factors to be considered in well interference complaints and establishes conditions on the issuance of water well drilling permits for wells in overdrafted basins.

SB 372 (Cannella), Chapter 357, Statutes of 2017

San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency.

Creates the San Joaquin River Exchange Contractors Groundwater Sustainability Agency, specifies the board composition of the Agency, and adds the Agency to the list of agencies identified in statute to manage groundwater that are deemed the exclusive local agencies to comply with the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

SB 373 (Cannella), Chapter 391, Statutes of 2017

Public contracts: design-build: Stanislaus Regional Water Authority.

Allows the Stanislaus Regional Water Authority to use design-build for its Regional Surface Water Supply Project.

SB 564 (McGuire), Chapter 430, Statutes of 2017

Joint powers authorities: Water Bill Savings Act.

Establishes the Water Bill Savings Act, which authorizes joint powers authorities to finance water conservation improvements on private property for a customer of a local agency or its publicly owned utility in ten counties, to be repaid by charges collected on a water bill.

SB 963 (Allen), Chapter 351, Statutes of 2018

Water replenishment districts.

Repeals certain limitations on the reserve funds of the Water Replenishment District of Southern California.

SB 1084 (Berryhill), Chapter 111, Statutes of 2018

Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District.

Makes changes to the board and duties of the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District.

SB 1215 (Hertzberg), Chapter 982, Statutes of 2018

Provision of sewer service: disadvantaged communities.

Allows the regional water quality control boards to order provision of sewer service to disadvantaged communities served by inadequate onsite wastewater treatment systems.

Vetoed Legislation:

AB 2050 (Caballero), 2018

Small System Water Authority Act of 2018.

Would have created the Small System Water Authority Act of 2018, which would have authorized the creation of small system water authorities that would have powers to absorb, improve, and operate noncompliant public water systems.

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