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Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee

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State Advocacy Update

Issue: Update on state advocacy issues related to SACOG.

Recommendation: None, this is for information only.

Discussion: Attached is an updated list of the legislation that the Governor acted upon this year. The Governor signed two bills supported by SACOG. AB 1957 authorizes the state to relinquish to the City of Sacramento and County of Sacramento a portion of Highway 16 in southeastern Sacramento County. SB 628 was amended late in the session to expand the powers of Infrastructure Financing Districts to permit greater use of tax-increment financing.

Other bills of interest to SACOG and its members are listed in the attachment. There was significant work on groundwater legislation and a revised statewide water bond for the November ballot. SACOG staff did not work on either of these topics, but the North State Water Alliance, of which SACOG is a member, is supporting Proposition 1.

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	Author	Title	Location	Summary	Position
AB	380 Dickinson (D)	Spill Response For Railroads	Enacted	Requires a rail carrier to report specified information regarding the transportation of hazardous materials to the Office of Emergency Services. Requires each rail carrier to maintain a response management communications center. Requires each rail carrier to provide the office with a summary of the rail carrier's hazardous materials emergency response plan. Requires the office to provide a copy of each summary report to each unified program agency. Prohibits divulging the plan to those unauthorized.	
AB	471 Atkins (D)	Redevelopment: Successor Agencies	Enacted	Authorizes a infrastructure financing district to finance a project or portion of a project that is located in, or overlaps with, a redevelopment project area or former redevelopment project area. Authorizes a successor redevelopment agency to schedule Recognized Obligation Payment Schedule payments beyond the payment cycle upon a showing that a lender requires cash on hand beyond that cycle. Authorizes the use of estimates and projects to support payments. Relates to housing administrative costs funding.	
AB	1193 Ting (D)	Bikeways	Enacted	Requires the Department of Transportation to establish and update minimum safety design criteria for each type of bikeway, with consideration for the safety of vulnerable populations. Requires the publishing of the new criteria by a specified date. Authorizes a local agency to utilize other minimum safety criteria if adopted by resolution at a public meeting. Repeals related requirements of the Department to include a report to the Legislature about the steps taken to implement certain requirements.	
AB	1399 Medina (D)	Taxation: Insurance Tax: Credits: New Market Tax Credit	Vetoed	Allows a credit under the Personal Income and Corporation Tax Laws, and a credit against the retaliatory tax imposed on an insured, in conformity with a federal New Markets Tax Credit, for investments in low-income communities. Imposes specified duties on the State Competes Tax Credit Committee and GO-Biz with regard to the application for, and allocation of, the credit. Requires fees for application to a New Markets Tax Credit Fund that will defray the costs of the program.	
AB	1447 Waldron (R)	Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006	Enacted	Relates to moneys in the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund under the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Authorizes moneys in the fund to be allocated for an investment in a traffic signal synchronization component that is part of a sustainable infrastructure component if the project is designed and implemented to achieve cost-effective reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and includes specific emissions-reductions targets and metrics to evaluate the project's effect.	
AB	1471 Rendon (D)	Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement	Enacted	Repeals provisions that creates the Safe, Clean, and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2012. Enacts the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014 to authorize the issuance of bonds in a specified amount pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance a water quality, supply, and infrastructure program. Reallocates a specified portion of the funds for the purposes of for specified propositions for the same purposes.	
AB	1690 Gordon (D)	Local Planning: Housing Elements	Enacted	Authorizes a city or county to accommodate the very low and low-income housing need on sites designated for mixed uses if those sites allow a total residential use and require that residential use occupy 50% of the total floor area of a mixed use project.	
AB	1720 Bloom (D)	Vehicles: Bus Gross Weight	Enacted	Amends existing law that prohibits a publicly owned or operated transit system from procuring a transit bus whose weight on any single axis exceeds a specified weight. Extends the provision that exempts from this prohibition a transit system that is procuring a new bus that is of the same or lesser weight than the bus it is replacing, or if it is incorporating a new fleet class. Authorizes a transit system to procure a transit bus of a certain weight if it is incorporating a new fleet class expansion.	
AB	1739 Dickinson (D)	Groundwater Management	Enacted	Provides specific authority to a groundwater sustainability agency to impose certain fees. Authorizes the provision of technical assistance to entities that extract or use groundwater to promote water conservation and protect groundwater resources. Requires the publication on a Web site of sustainable management of groundwater best management practices. Authorizes inspections and related warrants. Designates probationary basins. Establishes groundwater reporting requirements.	
AB	1957 Dickinson (D)	State Highway Route 16	Enacted	Authorizes the Transportation Commission to relinquish to the City of Sacramento the portion of State Highway Route 16 that is located within the city limits of that city and to relinquish to the County of Sacramento a specified portion of State Highway Route 16 that is located within the unincorporated area of that county under certain conditions.	Support

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AB	2013 Muratsuchi (D)	Vehicles: High-Occupancy Vehicle Lanes	Enacted	Increases the number of identifiers that the Department of Motor Vehicles is authorized to issue under provisions authorizing the issuance of such identifiers to certain vehicles permitted to use high-occupancy vehicle lanes. Relates to a vehicle that meets the enhanced advanced technology partial zero-emission vehicle (enhanced AT PZEV) standard or transitional zero-emission vehicle (TZEV) standard.
AB	2040 Garcia (D)	Elected Officials Compensation: Reports and Disclosure	Enacted	Requires a local agency to report to the Controller the annual compensation of its elected officials, officers, and employees. Requires such agency required to report and that maintains an Internet Web site to post that information on the Controller's Government Compensation in California Internet Web site. Requires the Controller to display the financial reports and the public official compensation on that Web site. Requires the entities to consult regarding the reporting requirements for such disclosure.
AB	2119 Stone (D)	Local Transaction and Use Taxes	Enacted	Authorizes the board of supervisors of a county to levy, increase, or extend a transaction and use tax throughout the entire county or within the unincorporated area of the county, if approved by the qualified voters of the entire county or the unincorporated area of the county, if levied on the unincorporated area of the county, requires tax revenues to only be used within the area for which the tax was approved by the qualified voters.
AB	2135 Ting (D)	Surplus Land: Affordable Housing	Enacted	Requires an entity proposing to use local surplus land for developing low- and moderate-income housing to agree to make available less than a specified percentage of the total number of units developed on the parcels at affordable housing cost of affordable rent for a minimum number of years to lower-income households. Requires a local agency to give priority to entities that agree to these requirements. Provides requirements must be in a related recorded covenant. Provides for a lower development total.
AB	2170 Mullin (D)	Joint powers Authorities: Common Powers	Enacted	Provides that parties involved in a joint powers authority agreement may exercise any power common to the contracting parties, including, but not limited to, the authority to levy a fee, assessment, or tax.
AB	2280 Alejo (D)	Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities	Vetoed	Authorizes certain local agencies to form a community revitalization authority within a community revitalization and investment area, to carry out provisions of the Community Redevelopment Law. Provides for the financing of these activities by the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues. Provides for periodic audits of the authority with respect to affordable housing.
AB	2398 Levine (D)	Vehicles: Pedestrians and Bicyclists	Vetoed	Amends provisions of existing law that provides fines for violations by drivers of specified offenses of the road that causes bodily injury or great bodily injury to another person who is a vulnerable road user. Provides for an increase in a related fine range.
AB	2413 Perez J (D)	The Office of Farm to Fork	Enacted	Creates the Office of Farm to Fork to work with the agricultural industry and other organizations involved in promoting food access and to increase the amount of agricultural products available to underserved communities and schools in the state. Requires the office to identify urban and rural communities that lack access to healthy food. Creates the Farm to Fork Account in the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund. Requires an overview of the account's income and expenditures.
AB	2414 Ting (D)	Parking Facilities: Electric Vehicle Charging	Enacted	Specifies that the use of electricity by state government and other government entities, state officers and employees, or other persons for the charging of an electric vehicle in a department maintained or joint use motor vehicle parking facility is not a gift of public funds that is prohibited by the California Constitution.
AB	2707 Chau (D)	Vehicles: Buses: Bicycle Transportation Devices	Enacted	Amends an existing law which imposes a limitation on the length of vehicles that may be operated on the highways, and which exempts from the limitation a bus, except a schoolbus, operated by a public agency or a passenger stage corporation, used in transit system service, and provides an exemption therefor. Increases the lengths described in the exemption.
HR	29 Gomez (D)	Outsourcing Public Services	Adopted	Opposes outsourcing of public services and assets, which harms transparency, accountability, shared prosperity, and competition, and supports processes that give public service workers the opportunity to develop their own plan on how to delivery cost-effective, high-quality services.

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SB	486 DeSaulnier (D)	Department of Transportation: Goals and Performance	Enacted	Authorizes the State Transportation Commission to prescribe study areas for analysis and evaluation by the Department of Transportation and to establish guidelines for the State Transportation Plan. Requires the Department to submit to the Commission an interregional transportation strategic plan directed at a high-functioning and balanced interregional transportation system and to prepare an assess management plan to guide for state highway operation and protection including budgeting.	
SB	628 Beall (D)	Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts	Enacted	Authorizes a local government body to establish an enhanced infrastructure financing district to finance capital facilities and other project to include brownfield restoration, projects on a former military base, and low and moderate income housing. Requires specific events to occur before the district can implement a financing plan. Authorizes projects through tax increment financing. Authorizes projects that are located or overlap in a redevelopment area or a former redevelopment project area.	Support
SB	674 Corbett (D)	CEQA: Exemption: Residential Infill Projects	Enacted	Relates to California Environmental Quality Act exemptions for residential infill projects, exempts as residential a use consisting of residential units and primary neighborhood-serving goods, services, and retail uses that do not exceed a specified percentage of the total building square footage of the project.	
SB	969 DeSaulnier (D)	Public Works	Vetoed	Authorizes provisions of existing law to be known and cited as the Public Works Project Oversight Improvement Act. Defines a megaproject as a specified transportation project. Requires the agency administering a megaproject to establish a peer review group and to take specified actions to manage the risks associated with a megaproject including establishing a comprehensive risk management plan, and regularly reassessing its reserves. Requires project-related information to be posted on an agency's Web site.	
SB	1077 DeSaulnier (D)	Vehicles: Road Usage Charge Pilot Program	Enacted	Requires the Chair of the State Transportation Commission to create a Road Usage Charge Technical Advisory Committee to study the charge alternatives to the gas tax and make recommendations on the design of a pilot program. Authorizes the Committee to make recommendations on the criteria to be used to evaluate the program. Requires the preparation and submission of a program related report to Legislative committees. Requires the Commission to include same in its annual report to the Legislature.	
SB	1129 Steinberg (D)	Successor Agencies to Redevelopment Agencies	To Governor	Relates to the procedures of an successor redevelopment agency regarding the receipt of a finding of completion of a project entered into by the previous redevelopment agency. Relates to the recalculation of the accumulated on the remaining balance of a loan. Relates to the rejection of an enforceable obligation from a recognized obligation payment scheduled for a successor agency that has received a finding of completion. Provides an agency officer or employee may acquire an interest in project property.	
SB	1168 Pavley (D)	Groundwater Management	Enacted	Relates to groundwater management. Requires the development of prioritization criteria for identifying groundwater basins and subbasins that should be prioritized based on impacts to habitat and surface water resources. Prohibits the adoption of groundwater management plans by local agencies after a specified date. Provides for sustainability plans and for the authority of local agencies that elect to become groundwater sustainability agencies. Provides for inspections and warrants.	
SB	1183 DeSaulnier (D)	Surcharge for Bicycle Infrastructure	Enacted	Authorizes a city, county, or regional park district to impose and collect, as a special tax, a motor vehicle registration surcharge for bicycle infrastructure purposes. Requires the Department of Motor Vehicles to administer the surcharge and to transmit the net revenues to the local agency. Requires the local agency to use the revenues for improvements to paved and natural surface trails and bikeways, including existing and new trails, and for associated maintenance purposes. Requires related reports.	
SB	1236 Monning (D)	Transit Districts: Transit Offenses and Enforcement	Enacted	Authorizes transit district employees or security officers to enforce State laws regarding prohibited acts on or in public transportation systems or property, facilities, or vehicles. Prohibits giving false information to district employees or security officers and violating district rules regarding having bicycles on district vehicles.	
SB	1312 Steinberg (D)	Transportation Commission: Annual Report	Enacted	Amends existing law requiring California Transportation Commission to adopt an annual report for submission to the Legislature. Deletes the provision relating to the loan and transfer summary and discussion that was to be included in the reports submitted between certain calendar years.	

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SB 1319 Pavley (D)	Hazardous Materials: Railroad Tank Cars	Enacted	Creates the Regional Railroad Accident Preparedness and Immediate Response Force in the Office of Emergency Services. Designates this force as being responsible for providing regional and onsite response capabilities in the event of a release of hazardous materials from a railroad tank car or a railroad accident involving a tank car. Requires an accident preparedness and immediate response plan. Requires a schedule of fees for transportation through the state.
SB 1353 Nielsen (R)	Local Government: Williamson Act	Enacted	Amends the Williamson Act, which authorizes a city or county to enter into contracts with owners of land devoted to agricultural use, whereby the owners agree to continue using the property for that purpose, and the city or county agrees to value the land accordingly for purposes of property taxation. Authorizes a county to utilize the process for revising or entering into contracts to specify certain terms indefinitely and to utilize the process for revising or entering into contracts for certain farmland.
SB 1433 Hill (D)	Local Agency Public Construction: Design-Build Contract	Enacted	Relates to the Local Agency Public Construction Act. Extends the authorization for a transit operator to enter into a design-build contract and to submit required information.
