



**Item #12-11-7
Information**

Government Relations and Public Affairs Committee

November 13, 2012

State Advocacy Update

Issue: Summary of major activities in 2012.

Recommendation: None; this item is informational.

Discussion: Attached is a summary of major state activities from SACOG's state advocate, Jack Molodanof. Staff and Mr. Molodanof will provide an overview of the key issues from 2012 at the committee meeting. In January, staff will bring forward recommendations for state advocacy to the Strategic Planning Committee and the Board of Directors (the Government Relations & Public Affairs Committee will not meet in January).

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Attachment

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MOLODANOF GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Memorandum

To: SACOG
From: Jack Molodanof
Re: State Advocacy Annual Summary
Date: November 7, 2012

Below is a summary of state advocacy activity for the year along with SACOG's State Advocacy Principles.

Financial Stewardship

SACOG monitored the state budget, trailer bills and other key legislative measures dealing with Financial Stewardship. SACOG worked with Assembly member Dickinson and sponsored legislation (AB 432) that allows SACOG to consider all of the transit operators in Sacramento County as one coordinated service for farebox recovery purposes.

SACOG was also actively involved and supported legislation relating to Community Revitalization. SACOG monitored restructuring of state government proposals, including consolidation and transferring of board and agency functions. SACOG tracked measures dealing with local revenue options in the state budget and sought opportunities to help stabilize transportation funding.

- AB 432 (Dickinson): Transit: Sacramento County: Sponsor/Support. Allows SACOG to consider all of the transit operators in the Sacramento County as one coordinated service, which helps protect smaller operators with farebox recovery ratios that drop below the state-imposed minimums and creates loss of funding. Status: Chaptered
- SB 659 (Padilla): Community Redevelopment version: Support. As was amended, the measure would have extended the dissolution date for redevelopment agencies. Status: Failed
- AB 1555 (Norby): Redevelopment: Debt Forgiveness Agreements. Watch. Prohibits the oversight board from requiring the successor agency to take any action that results in the forgiveness of indebtedness that is owed by a public body to the dissolved RDA. Status: Failed.

- AB 1484 (Committee on Budget): Community Redevelopment. Watch. The bill makes statutory changes to achieve budget savings to the dissolution of RDA's. Status: Chaptered.
- SB 1156 (Steinberg): Sustainable Communities Investment Authority: Support. This measure would allow local governments to form Sustainable Communities Investment Authorities for accessing tax-increment financing and other purposes. Status: Vetoed.
- AB 2144 (John Perez): Local government: infrastructure and revitalization financing Districts. Support. This bill would allow local governments to form Infrastructure and Revitalization Financing Districts for accessing tax-increment financing and other purposes. Status: Vetoed.
- SB 214 (Wolk): Infrastructure financing districts: voter approval. Support. Would increase local government flexibility in creating Infrastructure and Revitalization Districts. Status: Vetoed.
- SB 1006 (Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review): State Government. Watch. This budget bill relates to state government including STIP and local streets and roads funding. Status: Chaptered.
- AB 1465 (Budget Committee): Transportation. Watch. Transfers excess HUTA revenues from special funds to General Fund. Status: Chaptered.

Economic Vitality

SACOG was involved with proposals that connect people to jobs and getting goods to market and supported legislation that modified representation on state boards and commissions to provide equitable representation for those entities that directly impact SACOG or its members including a dedicated Sacramento region representative on the Air Resources Board.

- SB 146 (Dickinson): State Air Resources Board: membership. Support. This bill allows the Sacramento region to better represented on the California Air Resources Board through the addition of a dedicated seat. Status: Chaptered.
- AB 1770 (Lowenthal): Transportation Financing Authority. Watch. This bill provides that a rail project may consist of rolling stock for purposes of the issuance of bonds to fund transportation projects. Status: Chaptered.
- AB 1477 (Budget Committee): Budget Act of 2012. Watch. Changes authority of Caltrans to charge local transportation agencies for the development and oversight of PIDs and local agencies will be charged only for direct costs. Status: Chaptered.

Smart Land Use

SACOG actively monitored legislation that supported good growth patterns, including increasing housing and transportation options, focusing more growth inward and improving the

economic viability of rural areas. SACOG supported proposals to invest proceeds from ARB Cap and Trade fees to reduce greenhouse gases consistent with AB 32. Monitored housing element law and/or administration procedures to give jurisdictions flexibility to provide affordable housing that is appropriate for their community, and remove disincentives and regulatory obstacles to providing affordable housing. Monitor and work on legislation relating to CEQA.

- AB 1532 (John Perez): California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reductions Fund. Support. This bill governs how cap and trade revenues are spent. Status: Chaptered.
- SB 535 (De Leon): California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Greenhouse Gas Reductions Fund Watch. This bill provides the cap and trade program for disadvantaged communities. Status: Chaptered.
- AB 2404 (Fuentes): Global Warming Solutions Act: Local Emission Reduction. Watch. Creates the Local Emission reduction Program pursuant to the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Status: Failed.
- AB 2308 (Torres): Land Use: Housing Element: Regional Housing Need. Watch. Authorizes a city or county to reduce its share of RHNA by the number of units build between the start of the projection period and the deadline for adoption of the housing element of a general plan. Status: Chaptered.
- SB 52 (Steinberg): Environmental Quality: Jobs and Economic Improvement. Watch. Amends CEQA and relates to judicial review of an environmental impact report. Status: Failed.
- AB 2245 (Smyth): Environmental Quality Act: Exemption: Bicycle Lanes. Watch. Exempts from CEQA restriping for bicycle lanes in an urbanized area that is consistent with a prepared bicycle transportation plan. Status: Chaptered.

Environmental Quality & Sustainability

SACOG monitored legislation that minimized transportation impacts on the environment for cleaner air/natural resource protection, streamlined review and approval of transportation and smart land use projects with low environmental impacts and tracked issues with regional and local governments in flood management and water resources.

- AB 1574 (Galgiani): High Speed Rail. Watch. This bill significantly modifies and changes the High Speed Rail Authority Act. Status: Failed.
- AB 1029 (Budget and Fiscal Review Committee): Budget Act of 2012. Watch. The bill makes appropriations relating to high-speed rail. Status: Chaptered.

- AB 1644 (Carter): Military Base Reuse and Preservation Act of 2012. Watch. Authorizes cities and counties to establish an authority with specified powers and duties relating to military base transition. Failed.
- AB 1813 (Buchanan): Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act of 2009. Watch. Requires a specified system of Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta watershed diversion data collection and public reporting by the Department of Water Resources. Status: Failed.
- AB 1884 (Buchanan): Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Reform Act: Covered Action. Watch. Excludes from the definition of covered action specified plans, programs, projects or activities within the secondary zone that have received environmental certification under CEQA. Status: Failed.
- AB 2000 (Huber): Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. Watch. Relates to the Delta Protection Commission membership. Status: Failed.
- SB 200 (Wolk): Delta Levee Maintenance. Watch. The bill extends funding for Delta Levee Maintenance. Status: Chaptered.
- SB 1278 (Wolk): Sacramento-San Joaquin Valley. Watch. The bill extends deadline to amend general plan to comply with Central Valley Flood Protection Plan. Status: Chaptered.

Access & Mobility

SACOG supported and monitored legislation that improved opportunities for business and citizens to easily access goods, jobs, services and housing. Monitored opportunities to support complete streets designation to accommodate cars, transit, bicyclists and pedestrians including education, encouragement and infrastructure for Safe Routes to School.

- SB 1779 (Galgiani): Intercity rail agreements-Support. This bill allows the creation of a Joint Powers Authority for operating the San Joaquin Intercity Rail Service. Status: Chaptered.
- AB 1951 (Atkins): Housing Bonds. This bill provides \$30 million in Prop 1C funds to a newly created Multifamily Housing Program. Status: Chaptered.
- AB 1585 (Perez J): Community Development-Watch. This bill appropriates Prop 1C funds to Infill Incentive Grant Program and to the Transit-Oriented Development Program. Status: Chaptered.
- SB 654 (Steinberg): Redevelopment. Watch. This bill would allow for local communities to maintain the 20 percent of tax-increment funds set aside for low and moderate income housing. Status: Failed.