

10-22-14 LAFCO hearing.

Assembly Local Government Committee

Senate Governance and Finance Committee

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE FROM SACRAMENTO

### 2014 CALAFCO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

October 17, 2014

#### Groundwater

- AB 1729 (Dickinson) – Requires, together with SB 1168 (Pavley), that in all basins and subbasins designated high and medium priority by the Department of Water Resources that a locally-formed groundwater sustainability agency adopt a groundwater sustainability plan (GSP) unless the basin or subbasin is adjudicated or otherwise being sustainably managed. Requires adoption of a GSP by January 31, 2020, if the basin or subbasin is in a critical condition of overdraft, or by January 31, 2022, for all other high and medium priority basins or subbasins. **SIGNED – Chapter 347, Statutes of 2014.**
- AB 2453 (Achadjian) – Authorizes, under the California Water District Law, the governing board structure and powers of the Paso Robles Basin Water District in San Luis Obispo County, with the District's boundaries to be established by the San Luis Obispo County Local Agency Formation Commission. **SIGNED – Chapter 350, Statutes of 2014.**
- SB 757 (Berryhill) – Would have required local agencies in high and medium priority basins that are in a condition of long-term overdraft to form a groundwater management agency (GMA) or group of GMAs by January 1, 2018, and to self-certify a groundwater management plan (GMP) or set of GMPs for the basin by January 31, 2020. Would have compelled counties to assume groundwater management duties if no other local agency steps forward in an area. **DIED IN ASSEMBLY RULES.**
- SB 1168 (Pavley) – Requires adoption of a sustainable GSP by January 31, 2020, for all high or medium priority basins that are subject to critical conditions of overdraft and by January 31, 2022, for all other high and medium priority basins unless the basin is legally adjudicated or the local agency establishes it is otherwise being sustainably managed. **SIGNED – Chapter 346, Statutes of 2014.**
- SB 1319 (Pavley) – Amends AB 1739 (Dickinson) of the current legislative session which, together with SB 1168 (Pavley) of the current legislative session, form the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (Act) and related provisions. **SIGNED – Chapter 348, Statutes of 2014.**

### LAFCO-Related Bills

- AB 1521 (Fox) – Would have modified the amount of property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees allocated to counties and cities to include changes in the assessed valuation within annexed areas. **VETOED.**
- AB 1527 (Perea) – Would have required the State Water Resources Control Board to provide incentives for the consolidation of public water systems for funding under the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund based upon a service review developed by a local agency formation commission. **VETOED.**
- AB 2156 (Achadjian) – Adds joint powers agencies and joint powers authorities to the existing list of governmental agencies a local agency formation commission may request information from in order to conduct its studies. **SIGNED – Chapter 21, Statutes of 2014.**
- AB 2480 (Yamada) – Would have required the Controller to appropriate from the General Fund money to a city incorporated before August 4, 2004, based on a specified formula to remedy the loss in vehicle license fee revenue for annexations that had pre-existing residential development. **NEVER HEARD IN ASSEMBLY LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.**
- AB 2762 (Assembly Local Government Committee) – Annual Assembly Local Government Committee Omnibus bill that makes several minor noncontroversial changes to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. **SIGNED - Chapter 112, Statutes of 2014.**
- SB 69 (Roth) - Would have provided a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, with property tax in lieu of vehicle license fees. **VETOED.**
- SB 614 (Wolk) – Allows a local agency, until January 1, 2025, to use tax increment financing in a newly formed or reorganized district to fund infrastructure improvements in disadvantaged unincorporated communities. **SIGNED – Chapter 784, Statutes of 2014.**

### Agricultural Land and Urban Farming

- AB 1961 (Eggman) – Would have required counties to develop a sustainable farmland strategy, and required the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to include best practices that support agricultural land retention and mitigation in its next update of the general plan guidelines. **DIED IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**
- AB 2241 (Eggman) – Changes, until January 1, 2020, the rescission fee charged by a city or county when land under the Williamson Act contract or land designated as a

farmland security zone enters into a solar-use easement, to 10% of the fair market value of the property, and requires 50% of the rescission fees collected to be deposited in the state General Fund. **SIGNED - Chapter 582, Statutes of 2014.**

- AB 2561 (Bradford) – Would have limited the ability of local governments, landlords, and homeowners' associations to restrict the growing of edible plant crops, except as specified. **DIED IN ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE.**

#### **Life After Redevelopment – Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFDs)**

- AB 229 (Assembly Speaker Perez) – Creates infrastructure and revitalization financing districts (modeled after infrastructure financing districts in existing law), authorizes a military base reuse authority to form a district, and allows these districts to finance a broader range of projects and facilities to clean up and develop former military bases. **SIGNED - Chapter 775, Statutes of 2014.**
- AB 471 (Atkins) – Allows infrastructure financing districts to include portions of former redevelopment project areas and amends several statutes governing the dissolution of redevelopment agencies. **SIGNED - Chapter 1, Statutes of 2014.**
- AB 1450 (Garcia) – Would have enacted provisions that would have allowed revenues from a voter-approved pension property tax to be allocated to the city or county whose voters approved the tax, in specified conditions. **VETOED.**
- AB 1582 (Mullin) – Would have increased, from six months to 12 months, the fiscal period covered by a redevelopment successor agency's recognized obligation payment schedule (ROPS). **DIED IN SENATE RULES COMMITTEE.**
- AB 2280 (Alejo) – Would have allowed local governments to establish a Community Revitalization and Investment Authority in a disadvantaged community to fund specified activities and would have allowed the Authority to collect tax increment. **VETOED.**
- SB 628 (Beall) – Allows local agencies to create enhanced infrastructure financing districts to finance specified infrastructure projects and facilities, using tax increment financing. **SIGNED - Chapter 785, Statutes of 2014.**

#### **Issues on Deck for Next Session**

- Municipal Bankruptcy
- Mutual Water Companies