



Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee

Wednesday, June 2, 2010 · 2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Sacramento Hyatt Regency
Regency Ballroom E & F

AGENDA

Supervisor, John Vasquez, Solano County, Chair
Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County, Vice- Chair

- 2:30- 2:40 p.m. **I. Welcome and Introductions**
Supervisor John Vasquez, Solano County
Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County
- 2:40- 3:00 **II. Williamson Act**
• Budget/Advocacy Campaign Update
• CSAC/RCRC Working Group Report
Supervisor Richard Forster, Amador County
Karen Keene, CSAC Senior Legislative Representative
Cara Martinson, CSAC Legislative Analyst
- 3:00- 4:30 **III. Panel Discussion: Local Water Challenges – Perspectives
from Around the State**
*Supervisor Mike McGowan, Yolo County, CSAC Second Vice
President, Moderator*
*Supervisor Jim Provenza, Yolo County and Member Delta
Counties Coalition*
*Todd Manley, Director of Government Affairs, Northern California
Water Association*
*Steve Arakawa, Manager of the Bay-Delta Initiatives Program,
Metropolitan Water District*
John Coleman, Board Member, East Bay Municipal Utility District
*Mario Santoyo, General Manager, Friant Water Authority
Representative, Imperial Irrigation District (TBA)*
- 4:30 **IV. Adjournment**

ATTACHMENTS

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Attachment One
Williamson Act Action Report



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Williamson Act 2010 Action Report

January

Governor's Budget – The Governor's proposed 2010-11 budget includes a token \$1000 for Williamson Act subventions. This is consistent with the Governor's previous reductions that eliminated \$34.7 million for the program in both the 2008-09 and the 2009-10 budgets.

February

Williamson Act Coalition – First of a series of meetings of the Williamson Act Coalition took place in February. The Coalition agreed to seek restoration of subvention funding and work together in the development of alternative funding sources.

March

Senate Local Government Committee Oversight Hearing – The Senate Local Government Committee held a special hearing on the Williamson Act entitled, "The Williamson Act: Past, Present, Future?" Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case and Kern County Planning Director Ted James testified on behalf of CSAC.

CSAC and RCRC Leaders Appoint CSAC/RCRC Williamson Act Working Group – The Working Group is charged with providing input and recommendations to CSAC and RCRC staff regarding various Williamson Act proposals (or options) currently under discussion.

Fresno County Williamson Act Summit – A widely attended summit on the Williamson Act culminated with the recommendation that agriculture, local government and environmental interests lobby together to seek restoration of subventions.

April

Local Government/Agriculture Meeting with Governor's Staff – Counties and agriculture interests were encouraged to develop alternative funding sources for the Williamson Act.

Williamson Act Coalition Lobby Day – The Williamson Act Coalition leaders held a lobby day on April 28, 2010. Supervisors Steve Worthley, representing CSAC, and Kim Vann, representing RCRC, teamed up with representatives from the Farm Bureau, the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club and others to advocate members of the Legislature urging them to restore Williamson Act subvention funding to its original \$38 million. Coalition leaders met with ten members of the legislature throughout the day, including Senator Denise Ducheny, chair of the Senate Budget Committee and the Senate President pro Tem Darrell Steinberg.

Senate Budget Subcommittee 4 Hearing – The Williamson Act Coalition members provided testimony to the Senate Budget Subcommittee Number Four, requesting that the Committee appropriate some funding to the program with the goal of sending the item to Budget Conference Committee for further discussion.

May

CSAC/RCRC Williamson Act Working Group – The Working Group held its first meeting to very generally discuss proposed alternative funding approaches and more specifically obtain technical feedback from counties regarding the availability of information/data needed to analyze those alternative funding approaches.

CSAC/RCRC Staff Meeting with Agriculture and Environmental Representatives – The meeting was held to obtain feedback on alternative funding approaches. Generally, some approaches are palatable while others are not. Groups will not make commitments until further analysis is done.

Governor's May Revise – The Governor's May Revision of the budget did not restore any additional subventions funds in 2010-11 budget.

Senate Budget Subcommittee 4 Hearing – RCRC and Farm Bureau testify. The subcommittee took no action.

June

CSAC/RCRC Williamson Act Working Group – The Working Group will meet again to further vet alternative funding proposals.

Attachment Two

Local Water Challenges- Perspectives from around the State



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May 24, 2010

To: CSAC Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee
From: Karen Keene, CSAC Senior Legislative Representative
Cara Martinson, CSAC Legislative Analyst

**RE: Panel Discussion: Local Water Challenges – Perspectives
from Around the State**

Representatives from counties and water agencies will address the CSAC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Committee on Wednesday, June 2 during the CSAC Legislative Conference. The panel, *Local Water Challenges – Perspectives from around the State*, will focus on the various challenges facing different regions of the state. Panelists will speak to the challenges of performing their respective missions, whether related to water quality/regulatory issues, flood control or supply matters.

Invitees include representatives of the Metropolitan Water District, the Northern California Water Association, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Yolo County, Friant Water Authority and the Imperial Irrigation District.

This is the first of three CSAC meetings focused on water. Future sessions include a summer meeting of the CSAC ANR Committee to discuss the 2010 Water Bond, followed by an additional water workshop tentatively scheduled to take place during the CSAC Annual Meeting in November.

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Speaker Biographies



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Supervisor Mike McGowan is a Yolo County Supervisor and the CSAC 2nd Vice President. He has served on the Yolo County Board of Supervisors for 17 years. Supervisor McGowan is a graduate of CSUS and McGeorge school of Law. In 1987, he was elected to the Inaugural city council for the newly incorporated city of West Sacramento and served as the city's first Mayor. In January 1993, Supervisor McGowan began his tenure at the Yolo County Board of Supervisors representing the first district, which includes West Sacramento and the farming community of Clarksburg. He is currently serving his fifth term as a Yolo County Supervisor and has served four times as Chair of the Board. As an advocate for the preservation of agricultural lands, Supervisor McGowan led the promotion and enhancement of open space, and the provision of a myriad of services important to the well being of Yolo's diverse population.

Supervisor Jim Provenza is in his first term as the Yolo County Supervisor to District Four. Supervisor Provenza has 29 years of county and state government experience, and a long career in public interest law. Supervisor Provenza is a graduate of the UC Santa Barbara and UC Davis School of Law. Previously, Supervisor Provenza served as a Special Assistant District Attorney, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Foundation of Santa Barbara County, Counsel to Senate Judiciary Committee Chair Bill Lockyer, Chief Counsel to the Assembly Public Safety Committee, and a member of the Davis Joint Unified Board of Education. He is also a member of the California State Bar Association.

Todd Manley is the Director of Government Relations for the Northern California Water Association's (NCWA). Mr. Manley works with NCWA members on issues at the local, state and federal levels. He also coordinates with government agencies, urban and agricultural water interests, and environmental organizations on various issues. Previously, Mr. Manley served as Federal Legislative Advocate in the Association of California Water Agencies' (ACWA) Washington, D.C. office. He is a graduate of California State University, Sacramento's College of Business Administration where he received the degree of Master of Business Administration. He also has a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and History from the University of California, Davis.

Stephen Arakawa is the manager of the Bay-Delta Initiatives Program at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California. At Metropolitan Mr. Arakawa is responsible for the plans and activities to secure a reliable supply from the state water project through environmental and water supply improvements in the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta. A key initiative within the program is completion of a Bay-Delta Conservation Plan, which entails the environmental review, permitting and preliminary design for both environmental restoration of the Delta and an improved water delivery system in the Delta. Mr. Arakawa is a graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles with a degree in civil engineering and has 30 years of experience working in the field as a civil engineer.

John A. Coleman is the Vice President of the East Bay Municipal Utility District's Board of Directors. Mr. Coleman was first elected to the Board of Directors of the East Bay Municipal Utility District in 1990 and was re-elected in 1994, 1998, 2002, and 2006, representing Ward Two. Mr. Coleman holds a Bachelor of Sciences in Natural Resources from the University of California, Berkeley, and a certificate in management from the University of the Pacific School of Business and Public Administration. Mr. Coleman is also a past president of the

board of the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and is past president of DERWA, the joint powers authority for recycled water service provided by EBMUD and the Dublin-San Ramon Services District.

Mario Santoyo is the Friant Water Authority and Friant Water Users Authority's, Assistant General Manager. Mr. Santoyo has been the principal technical lead on many of the Authority's activities, including the 18-year litigation regarding environmental restoration of the San Joaquin River. Mr. Santoyo is a graduate of the University of the Pacific in Stockton with a degree in civil engineering and has 30 years experience in the water resources field, much of which was acquired by his role as an engineer for the federal government working on major water facilities. Mr. Santoyo currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) Water Management Committee and as a member on the Fresno County Water Advisory Committee.