



Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee

Legislative Conference

Wednesday, May 21, 2008 - 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Sacramento Hyatt Regency

Regency Ballroom D-E

Supervisor Mike Nelson, Merced County, Chair
Supervisor Jon Vasquez, Solano County, Vice- Chair

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| 2:30-2:35 | I. Welcome and Introductions <i>Supervisor Mike Nelson, Merced County</i> <i>Supervisor Jon Vasquez, Solano County</i> |
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| 2:55- 3:10 | III. Overview of CSAC Draft Delta Policy Statements: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS <i>CSAC Staff</i> |
| 3:10- 3:35 | IV. Report from the US Forest Service <i>Willie Thompson, Deputy Director of Fire and Aviation Management, US Forest Service</i> |
| 3:35- 4:00 | V. County Agricultural Commissioners Report <i>Michael Boitano, Amador County Agriculture Commissioner</i> <i>Frank Carl, Sacramento County Agriculture Commissioner</i> |
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Attachment One

Orange County Clean Water Act's 404 Permit
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**Re: Orange County Clean Water Act's 404 Permit Process
Resolution— ACTION ITEM**

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the CSAC Agriculture and Natural Resources Policy Committee and Board of Directors approve support for Orange County's Clean Water Act 404 Permit Process Resolution.

Background: Orange County has experienced significant backlog in the processing of construction and maintenance permits with regard to public improvement projects, which has subsequently resulted in delays to important projects and the increase in the public's exposure to the risk of loss of life, significant property damage and financial loss.

Policy Considerations: CSAC has existing policy that supports this sort of permit streamline process. Specifically, the CSAC platform states, "Counties continue to experience frustration when applying for the state and federal permits that are required to repair, restore and maintain flood control facilities. Counties support the streamlining of such permits or any other efforts that would allow expeditious implementation of such activities."

Action Requested: Staff is requesting your action to approve support of the Orange County Resolution.

Staff Contact: Please contact Karen Keene at 916-327-7500 ext. 511, or kkeene@counties.org, or Cara Martinson at 916-327-7500 ext. 504, or cmartinson@counties.org for additional information.

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
April 29, 2008

WHEREAS, the County of Orange (County) is a strong proponent of the federal Clean Water Act (the Act); and

WHEREAS, counties, local flood control agencies and similar local government agencies in California and throughout the Country are required to obtain Section 404 Permits from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) to perform maintenance and construction activities within flood channels, basins and levees identified as within federal regulatory jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, this maintenance and construction is critical to ensuring the proper function of the County's flood control, highway and park management systems and the ability of the County to provide necessary public improvements and carry out necessary operations and maintenance of these facilities is dependent on the Section 404 Permit Program operating efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the Corps' Section 404 Permit Program is significantly backlogged in processing construction and maintenance permits, resulting in delays to important projects and increasing the exposure of impacted communities to the risk of loss of life, significant property damage and financial loss; and

WHEREAS, the Section 404 Permit Program currently prevents public works agencies from performing their construction and maintenance responsibilities in a timely and responsive manner, and also mandates repetitive and costly mitigation requirements for routine maintenance activities, while at the same time placing undue liability on those agencies; and

WHEREAS, a typical permit process in the County of Orange took three years to obtain a Section 404 Permit to clear 13.5 acres of riparian growth in a channel bottom which was reducing flood protection capacity of the channel; and, as a condition of the permit the County was required to provide 42 acres of mitigation at a cost of \$2.8 million, as compared to the cost of the riparian removal which was \$700,000; and

WHEREAS, the County must submit a new Section 404 Permit application to perform this routine maintenance at this same location on an annual basis, and will be required to maintain in perpetuity anywhere from three to five acres of riparian or upland mitigation to maintain one acre of flood control channel or basin surface; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Orange County Board of Supervisors does hereby declare its strong support for the federal Clean Water Act, and further advocates necessary revisions to the Section 404 Permit Program that will enhance and expedite public works agencies mission to execute their responsibilities in a timely and cost effective manner. And, further recommends that California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and National Association of Counties (NACo) work with all stakeholders to develop an expedited permitting process under the 404 Permitting Program that will support and enable public works agencies to execute their responsibilities to the public in a timely and cost effective manner.

The foregoing was passed and adopted by the following vote of the Orange County Board of Supervisors, on April 29, 2008, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: BILL CAMPBELL, PATRICIA BATES, CHRIS NORBY
JOHN M. W. MOORLACH
NOES: Supervisor(s):
EXCUSED: Supervisor(s): JANET NGUYEN
ABSTAINED: Supervisor(s):


CHAIRMAN

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)

I, DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Board of Orange County, California, hereby certify that a copy of this document has been delivered to the Chairman of the Board and that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the Orange County Board of Supervisors .

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereto set my hand and seal.




DARLENE J. BLOOM
Clerk of the Board
County of Orange, State of California

Resolution No: 08-047
Agenda Date: 04/29/2008
Item No: 31



I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors , Orange County, State of California

DARLENE J. BLOOM, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: _____
Deputy

Attachment Two
ANR Legislative Report

CSAC Legislative Conference May 2008 Agriculture & Natural Resources Bill Report

AB 2030(Lieu) Energy: building standards.

Introduced: 02/15/2008

Last Amend: 03/25/2008

Status: 04/23/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 04/23/2008-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the commission to adopt, in collaboration with specified parties, building design and construction standards, and energy and water conservation standards to require new nonresidential constructions commenced on or after January 1, 2030, to be zero net energy buildings. This bill contains other related provisions.

Position: Pending

AB 2046(Jones) Water supply assessments: groundwater.

Introduced: 02/19/2008

Last Amend: 04/28/2008

Status: 04/29/2008-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 04/29/2008-A APPR.

Summary: Would require the water supply assessment to include only the amount of groundwater projected to be pumped and the groundwater included in the sufficiency analysis that meets applicable state standards on the date the assessment is prepared . By imposing new duties on cities and counties and local health officers with respect to that determination, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

AB 2153(Krekorian) Water conservation.

Introduced: 02/20/2008

Last Amend: 04/08/2008

Status: 04/17/2008-From committee: Do pass, and re-refer to Com. on APPR. Re-referred. (Ayes 5. Noes 3.) (April 17).

Location: 04/17/2008-A APPR.

Summary: Would require a residential or commercial construction project that is subject to CEQA and required by a lead agency to prepare a mitigated negative declaration or an environmental impact report to implement all feasible and cost-effective water efficiency measures. The project would be required to mitigate its projected annual water consumption, as specified. Affordable housing projects would be exempted from this mitigation requirement. The mitigation measures taken would be subject to review and approval by the lead agency. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

AB 2175(Laird) Water conservation.

Introduced: 02/20/2008

Last Amend: 04/08/2008

Status: 05/07/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 05/07/2008-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the department to establish a statewide target to achieve a 20% reduction in urban per capita water use in California by December 31, 2020. By December 31, 2020, each urban water supplier would be required to reduce its per capita water use by 20%, except as provided. By December 31, 2010, and not less than every 5 years thereafter, the department would be required to establish and make available to the public a list of technically feasible urban water conservation measures available to assist urban water suppliers in meeting this requirement. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

AB 2219(Parra) Subdivisions: water supply.

Introduced: 02/20/2008

Last Amend: 04/10/2008

Status: 04/17/2008-Read second time. To third reading.

Location: 04/17/2008-A THIRD READING

Summary: Would require the legislative body of a city or county or the designated advisory agency to approve or disapprove the subdivider's water savings projections attributable to voluntary demand management measures after being reviewed by the retail water supplier. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

AB 2447(Jones) Subdivision maps: disapproval.

Introduced: 02/21/2008

Last Amend: 05/06/2008

Status: 05/07/2008-Read second time. To third reading.

Location: 05/07/2008-A THIRD READING

Summary: Would require the legislative body of a county to deny approval of a tentative map, or a parcel map for which a tentative map was not required, if the proposed map is in a state responsibility area or a very high fire hazard sensitivity zone unless the legislative body of a county makes specified findings.

Position: Oppose_Unless_Amended

AB 2501(Wolk) Climate change and water resources.

Introduced: 02/21/2008

Last Amend: 04/17/2008

Status: 04/30/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 04/30/2008-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would enact the Climate Change and Water Resource Protection Act of 2008. The bill would require the Department of Water Resources, as part of its statewide water resource management responsibilities, to include an analysis of the potential effects of climate change, to the extent applicable, in reports or plans relating to water management or planning that the department is required to prepare. The bill would prohibit the department from approving a request for a specified grant, submitted after January 1, 2011, unless certain requirements are met. The department would be required, by July 1, 2009, to identify available peer-reviewed

information, or the best available scientific information, regarding climate change and water resources for the state and each of the state's hydrologic regions for specified uses. The bill would require an urban water supplier or an agricultural water supplier that is required to prepare a water management plan to take certain action relating to specified climate change information, as provided. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

AB 2503(Wolk) Delta Protection Commission.

Introduced: 02/21/2008

Last Amend: 04/07/2008

Status: 05/08/2008-Referred to Com. on N.R. & W.

Location: 05/08/2008-S N.R. & W.

Summary: Would authorize specified members of the commission to select a designee. The bill would authorize specified members, subject to the confirmation of the member's appointing power, to appoint an alternate to represent him or her at a commission meeting. The alternate shall have all powers and duties of the member, and shall be subject to all provisions of law relating to conflicts of interest that are applicable to the member. The bill would also permit the Governor to appoint 3 alternates who would be authorized to serve in the absence of a member appointed by the Governor.

Position: Watch

AB 2640(Huffman) Solid waste: compostable organics management.

Introduced: 02/22/2008

Last Amend: 04/07/2008

Status: 04/30/2008-In committee: Set, first hearing. Referred to APPR. suspense file.

Location: 04/30/2008-A APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the board to adopt policies and to develop and implement programs to ensure that , on and after January 1, 2020, the amount of compostable organics subject to landfill disposal or otherwise deposited in landfills is reduced as specified. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

AB 2679(Ruskin) Solid waste: enforcement: local agencies.

Introduced: 02/22/2008

Last Amend: 05/08/2008

Status: 05/12/2008-Re-referred to Com. on APPR.

Location: 05/12/2008-A APPR.

Summary: Would repeal the definition of disposal site owner and would additionally define the terms "closed disposal site," "illegal disposal site," "minor violation," and "owner." The bill would also revise the existing definitions of the terms "disposal," "disposal site," "hazardous waste," "operator," and "solid waste disposal" for purposes of the act. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

AB 2789(Blakeslee) Small wind energy systems.

Introduced: 02/22/2008
Last Amend: 04/28/2008
Status: 05/05/2008-Read second time. To third reading.
Location: 05/05/2008-A THIRD READING

Summary: Would authorize a local agency to provide by ordinance for the installation of small wind energy systems in the jurisdiction outside an urbanized area , as defined , and to establish a process for the issuance of a conditional use permit for this purpose, except as specified . It would also authorize a local agency to impose conditions on the installation of these systems .

Position: Pending

AB 2829(Davis) Recycling: plastic carryout bags.

Introduced: 02/22/2008
Last Amend: 04/07/2008
Status: 04/14/2008-In committee: Set first hearing. Failed passage. Reconsideration granted.
Location: 04/15/2008-A NAT. RES.

Summary: Would delete that repeal date and additionally require each plastic carryout bag provided by the store, on and after July 1, 2009, to have printed or displayed on the bag an environmental awareness message describing the negative impacts on the environment and wildlife caused by littered plastic carryout bags and encouraging the use of reusable bags. The board would be required by July 1, 2009, to develop that environmental awareness message, in consultation with specified stakeholders. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Support

AB 2939(Hancock) Building standards: green buildings: local variances.

Introduced: 02/22/2008
Last Amend: 03/24/2008
Status: 05/05/2008-Read second time. To third reading.
Location: 05/05/2008-A THIRD READING

Summary: Would specifically authorize a city or county to make changes or modifications in the building standards proposed by the department and approved by the commission, to permit the city or county to implement specified green building guidelines and scoring systems, if the change or modification does not permit use of a building standard that is less stringent than those otherwise permitted under existing law. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

SB 1016(Wiggins) Diversion: annual report.

Introduced: 02/23/2007
Last Amend: 04/10/2007
Status: 12/05/2007-Hearing postponed by committee. (Refers to 7/2/2007 hearing)
Location: 05/24/2007-A NAT. RES.

Summary: Would authorize the board, if it determines that a city or county has diverted more than 50% of solid waste from landfill disposal through source reduction, recycling, and composting activities, to instead submit once every 2 years the information required in the report. The bill would provide that if the board authorizes a city or county to submit this information once

every 2 years, and either the city or county subsequently fails to divert 50% of the solid waste, or if the board rescinds the authorization, the city or county would be required to submit the report annually.

Position: Pending

SB 1231(Correa) Fire safety.

Introduced: 02/14/2008

Last Amend: 04/01/2008

Status: 05/05/2008-Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 05/05/2008-S APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the Office of the State Fire Marshal to develop, in cooperation with the Board of Forestry, and in consultation with representatives from local, state, and federal fire services, local government, building officials, the building industry, and the environmental community, a model defensible space program to be made available for use by a city, county, or city and county in the enforcement of the defensible space provisions. The bill would set forth required components of the program. The bill would also authorize the local agency for enforcement of the program to recover the actual cost of abatement and to place it as a special assessment or lien on the property. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Watch

SB 1500(Kehoe) Environment: CEQA: fire hazards: state responsibility areas.

Introduced: 02/21/2008

Last Amend: 04/09/2008

Status: 05/05/2008-Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 05/05/2008-S APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require that on and after July 1, 2009, if the legislative body of a county considers entering into development contracts, approving certain permits or entitlements, or approving a tentative map or parcel map for a subdivision, for a project located within a state responsibility area, the county would be required to notify the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection of the proposed project. The board would then be required to evaluate whether the proposed project should remain in the state responsibility area or be a local responsibility for structural fire protection services. If the board determines that the affected lands should be removed from the state responsibility area the county would be prohibited from acting on the proposed project until it ensures the provision of structural fire protection by complying with any one of 3 requirements to ensure that structural fire protection is provided, including, but not limited to, contracting with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to provide structural fire protection services. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Oppose_Unless_Amended

SB 1595(Kehoe) Public resources: fire protection: fuels management: forest protection.

Introduced: 02/22/2008

Last Amend: 04/29/2008

Status: 05/08/2008-In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk.

Location: 05/08/2008-A DESK

Summary: Would delete certain terrain qualifications thereby applying these provisions to any land within a very high fire severity zone as designated by a local agency without regard to the

type of terrain. The bill would also change the current brush clearance requirements and would instead require the owner or person in control of a qualified property to significantly reduce the risk of ignition of a habitable structure by managing fuel materials, as prescribed, within a certain number of feet from the above-described dwellings, buildings, or structures. The bill would require the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to develop, post, and update a guidance document on vegetation management on its Internet Web site. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Pending

SB 1617(Kehoe) State responsibility areas: fire-related benefit fees.

Introduced: 02/22/2008

Last Amend: 04/24/2008

Status: 05/05/2008-Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 05/05/2008-S APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would require the board to adopt emergency regulations to establish a benefit fee for fire-related services to be charged to an owner of a structure within a state responsibility area. The base benefit fee would be based, among other things, on the fire hazard severity zone in which the structure is located, and include an amount sufficient to cover each county's actual and reasonable costs for levying and collecting the benefit fee. The board would be required to update the base benefit fee every 2 years. The bill would specify the amount of the minimum benefit fee to be imposed and the criteria by which it could be eliminated. This bill contains other related provisions and other existing laws.

Position: Oppose

SB 1764(Kehoe) Disaster assistance: certification.

Introduced: 02/22/2008

Last Amend: 04/29/2008

Status: 05/05/2008-Placed on APPR. suspense file.

Location: 05/05/2008-S APPR. SUSPENSE FILE

Summary: Would additionally require a local agency, on or after January 1, 2010, to obtain an annual certification by the State Fire Marshal to be eligible to receive a percentage for a state share in excess of 75%. This bill would require the State Fire Marshal to specify the possible percentage a local agency may receive in excess of the 75% based upon certain criteria and regulations to be promulgated by the State Fire Marshal on or before July 1, 2009.

Position: Oppose

Attachment Three
CSAC Draft Delta Policy Statements



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RE: DRAFT CSAC Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Policy Principals – Request for Comments

Recent discussions and impending decisions regarding the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta necessitate the inclusion of “Delta-specific” policy direction in CSAC’s policy platform to ensure consideration of county interests. The proposed Delta policies will be relied upon by CSAC staff in conjunction with existing CSAC policy in developing recommendations regarding the State Water Plan, the Delta Vision Task Force Strategic Plan, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan and proposed legislation regarding the Delta.

The proposed Delta policies are consistent with existing CSAC policy direction concerning water, land use, agriculture, forestry, climate change and flood protection to name a few. They are based upon input provided during the March 28 meeting of the CSAC Agriculture and Natural Resources (ANR) Policy Committee in which the Delta was the sole topic of discussion. The proposed policies also build upon CSAC’s existing policy that recognizes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as a critical region of statewide importance encompassing vital water, transportation, energy, agriculture and economic interests.

CSAC staff will provide a brief overview of the policy statements at the May 21 meeting of the ANR committee and the Board of Directors on May 22. A summary of CSAC’s existing water policy is also attached for your reference.

At this point in time we are merely seeking your comments on the attached Delta policy principals. Although we plan to take note of any suggested changes that offered during the committee and board meeting, we also plan to accept written comments until Friday, June 7. A schedule for final adoption will be developed following the Legislative Conference.

Please contact us if you have any questions.

CSAC “DRAFT” Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Policy Statements

As the nation's most populous state, California faces many complicated and compelling water resource issues. The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) recognizes the complexities of water use and distribution throughout the state and has reiterated its position on this issue over the years through various policy statements. Recent discussions and impending decisions regarding the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta necessitate the inclusion of “Delta-specific” policy direction in CSAC’s policy platform to ensure consideration of county interests. The proposed Delta policies will be relied upon by CSAC staff in conjunction with existing CSAC policy in developing recommendations regarding the State Water Plan, the Delta Vision Task Force Strategic Plan, and the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

The proposed Delta policies are consistent with existing CSAC policy direction concerning water, land use, agriculture, forestry, climate change and flood protection to name a few. The proposed policies also build upon CSAC’s existing policy that recognizes the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as a critical region of statewide importance encompassing vital water, transportation, energy, agriculture and economic interests.

CSAC believes that any proposed Delta solutions be implemented in a manner that:

- Respects the affected counties’ land use authority, revenues, public health and safety, economic development, water rights, and agricultural viability.
- Promotes recreation and environmental protection.
- Ensures Delta counties’ status as voting members of any proposed Delta governance structure.
- Improves flood protection for delta residents, property, and infrastructure.
- Improves and protects the Delta ecosystem, water quality, flows and supply.
- Ensures consistency with each county’s adopted policies and plans.
- Secures financial support for flood management, improved emergency response, preservation of agriculture, protection of water resources, and enhancement and restoration of habitat.
- Accords special recognition, and advances the economic vitality of “heritage” or “legacy” communities in the Delta.
- Demonstrates a clearly evidenced public benefit to any proposed changes to the boundaries of the Delta.

Attachment Four
CSAC Water Policy Summary

CSAC Existing Water Policy Statements

The following is a summary of CSAC's existing water policy statements. These statements are located in Chapter 3 of the CSAC Policy Platform or other policy platforms adopted by the CSAC Board of Directors, such as the CSAC legislative priorities, or the Flood Protection and Climate Change Policy Platforms.

- Provide innovative incentives that will encourage agricultural water conservation and retention of lands in agricultural production. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 2 - Agriculture Policy)**
- Ensure water and air quality standards are retained at a level that enables agricultural production to continue without significant lessening in the quantity or quality of production. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 2 - Agriculture Policy)**
- Counties must be compensated for any third party impacts, including, but not limited to, curtailed tax revenues and increases in costs of local services occasioned by an export project. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- Counties support statutory protection of counties of origin and watershed areas. These protections provide that only water that is surplus to the reasonable ultimate human and natural system needs of the area of origin should be made available for beneficial uses in other areas **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- Existing water rights should be recognized and protected. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- CSAC recognizes the need for the development of new and expanded water resources to meet the growing needs of the state. In building any new water projects, the state must take into account and mitigate any negative socio-economic impacts on the affected counties. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- Counties support the continued study and development of alternate methods of meeting water needs such as desalinization, wastewater reclamation, watershed management, the development of additional storage, and other water conservation measures. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- Counties support the incorporation of appropriate recreational facilities into all water conservation and development projects to the extent feasible. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**

- Counties recognize the need for local programs that promote water conservation and water storage. Water conservation may include reuse of domestic and industrial wastewater, reuse of agriculture water, groundwater recharge, or economic incentives to invest in equipment that promotes efficiency. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- It is CSAC's position that ground water management is necessary in California and that the authority for ground water management resides at the county level. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- Ground water management boundaries should recognize natural basins and responsibilities for administration should be vested in organizations of locally elected officials. Private property rights shall be addressed in any ground water management decisions. **(CSAC County Platform – Section 6 – Water Resource Management)**
- CSAC will support the incorporation of projections of climate change into state water planning and flood control efforts. **(CSAC Climate Change Policy and Principles)**
- CSAC recognizes that climate change has the potential to seriously impact California's water supply. CSAC continues to assert that adequate management of water supply cannot be accomplished without effective administration of both surface and ground water resources within counties, including the effective management of forestlands and watershed basins. **(CSAC Climate Change Policy and Principles)**
- CSAC will support a constitutional amendment to exempt fees and charges for storm water and flood control fees and assessments from Proposition 218. **(CSAC 2008 Legislative Priorities)**