DVBA

Bills of Interest

September 2, 2014

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**\*Chromium-6 implementation as trailer to Budget Bill.** Instead of trying to place the accepted standard on the parallel track of a federal rule, the state legislatures are attempting to eliminate the due processes of the water districts to formally inform its constituents that the water being provided is not compliant to state water regulations. This would be required of our local water districts in January 2015, and possibly start one of the largest class action law suits on record. DVBA had submitted letters of support under a previous plan.

**SB 1139 (B. Hueso / V.M. Perez) - Geothermal Energy Development**. This bill would require, no later than December 31, 2024, each retail seller of electricity and local publicly owned electric utility to procure a proportionate share, as determined by the Energy Commission, of a statewide total of 500 megawatts of electricity generated by specified baseload geothermal powerplants. **Letter of support submitted**. ***DEAD.***

**AB 1896 (V.M. Perez) – Non- Potable Water (CVWD Bill)**. Adds the requirement for HOA to attached to non-potable sources when reasonable available. This is CVWD territory specific adding to existing law. **Letter of support submitted**. Passed and signed (Chaptered).

**AB 2312 (Nestande) – Metal Theft Data Base**. **Letter of support submitted**. **Enrolled 8/22**

**AB 2313 (Nestande) – Metal Theft Task Force and Funding.** The bill would impose a fee, to be deposited into the fund, of up to 1% of the purchase price for each junk sale on the seller of junk for the purpose of regulating that seller, thereby making an appropriation. **Letter of support submitted**. **Inactive 8/26**

**AB 2688 (Brown D – San Bernardino) – Employer; Good Faith defense**. In labor disputes, employer sought and received (in writing) procedure in handling employee issue, would retain “good faith defense”, if followed appropriately, when challenged. 5/2 **DEAD**.

**SB 1451 (Hill D – San Mateo) - CEQA Document Dumping**. Currently, an environmental document may be delayed in the 11th hour when the local agency is making its final determination by submitting written challenges. The agency must then delay the public hearing until such time as they are able to review the thousands of pages of “new” material. SB 1451 would require all challenges to be submitted in a timely fashion, with enough time for the local agency to make the determination at the scheduled Public Hearing. 5/9 **DEAD**.

**AB 2280 (Alejo D - Salinas)** - This bill would authorize certain local agencies, to form a community revitalization authority (authority) within a (defined) community revitalization and investment area, for purposes related to, among other things, infrastructure, affordable housing, and economic revitalization. The financing of these activities by the issuance of bonds serviced by tax increment revenues. ***Enrolled 8/27***

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| **AB 2235 (Buchanan D - Alamo) Education facilities: Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2014.**  (Amended: 5/23/2014) This bill would repeal several unnecessary requirements of evaluation by the SAB. This bill primarily authorizes $9 billion in general obligation (G.O.) school facilities bond to be placed on the November 4, 2014, statewide general election and specifies the funds to be allocated specifically. **Enrolled 8/30** |
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**AB 1522 (Gonzalez D – San Diego) Paid Sick Leave**. This bill would qualify an employee who works 7 days in a year for sick leave. **Enrolled 8/30.**

**SB 935 (Leno D – San Francisco) $13 Minimum Wage**. This bill would set a minimum wage of $13/hr. starting in 2017 with automatic increases per CPI. Amended 3/18. 5/29 -In Assembly. Read first time. Held at Desk. 6/25 **DEAD**.

**AB 1634 (Skinner D – Berkeley) OSHA Violations; appeals**. Enacts various provisions of law related to an employer's obligation to abate an alleged hazard pending appeal of a citation. **Enrolled 8/28.**

**HR 29 (Gomez D – Los Angeles) Disallow Public Services Outsourcing**. The Assembly 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 deliver cost-effective, high-quality services. The Assembly urges local officials to become familiar with the provisions of the Taxpayer Empowerment Agenda. The Assembly intends to introduce and advocate for responsible outsourcing legislation. **Chaptered 4/3**.

**AB 52 (Gatto D - Burbank) Native Americans: CEQA. CEQA Consultation with Tribes**. Creates new opportunities for CEQA litigation by requiring lead agencies to engage in “meaningful consultation” with Native American tribes regarding land use projects that could have an adverse impact on a tribal cultural resource. **Enrolled 8/28**

**\*AB 2416 (Stone D - Monterey) Liens: Laborers and employees**. This bill would, with certain exceptions, authorize an employee to record and enforce a wage lien upon real and personal property of an employer, or a property owner, as specified, for wages, other compensation, and related penalties and damages owed the employee. **Suspended 8/30**

**\* AB 1897 (Hernandez, Roger D – West Covina) Labor contracting: client liability**. This bill would require a client employer to share with a labor contractor all civil legal responsibility and civil liability for the payment of wages, the failure to report and pay all required employer contributions, worker contributions, and personal income tax withholdings, and the failure to obtain valid workers' compensation coverage. **Enrolled 8/28**

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