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MEETING DATE: October 9, 2024

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County

FROM: Executive Officer
Assistant Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Legislative Report (October 2024)

BACKGROUND

Much like the activity throughout the 2024 legislative session, the session’s ending for legislation of LAFCO interest, for the most part, was uneventful. By the September 30 deadline, Governor Newsom signed four of the four bills reviewed by the Commission during this session. Additionally, H.R. 7525, the first federal bill, in current staff’s recollection, to receive a position from the Commission, was approved by the United States House of Representatives. The table below highlights more details on H.R. 7525 and others monitored by the Commission over the past year.

Movement in the Capitol is expected to be minimal involving bill activity until after the upcoming November General Election, and discussions are underway involving CALAFCO’s restructured legislative platform which presents many uncertainties of how OC LAFCO facilitates continued engagement on the legislative front.

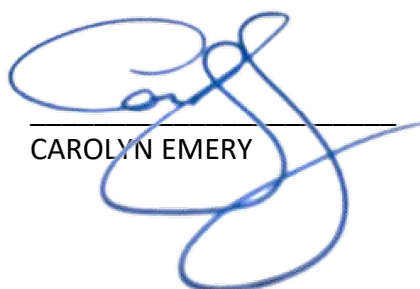
2023-24 Legislative Session – Bill Status			
Bill	Description	Adopted Position	Status
AB 805	Proposes the designation of an “Administrator” by the State Water Resources Control Board involving inadequate and failing sewer systems serving disadvantaged communities.	Watch	Signed by the Governor on September 24, 2024.

2023-24 Legislative Session – Bill Status			
Bill	Description	Adopted Position	Status
AB 3277	Proposes to amend the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (CKH Act) for proposals seeking the formation of a special district to exclude the exchange of property tax revenue when an affected agency is not seeking a share of the property tax revenue.	Support	Signed by the Governor on July 2, 2024.
AB 2661	Proposes to provide the Westlands Water District located in Fresno County with the authority to generate, provide and sell electricity.	Watch	Signed by the Governor on September 25, 2024.
SB 1209	Proposes to amend current State law for explicit authorization by LAFCOs to require indemnification by applicants for litigation involving approvals by the Commission.	Support	Signed by the Governor on September 28, 2024.
H.R. 7525	Proposes to codify a formal definition of special district in federal law and direct federal agencies to recognize special districts as local governments to ensure districts are able to receive federal assistance, including funding and grants.	Support	H.R. 7525 was approved by the US House of Representatives on May 6, 2024. The Senate companion bill, S. 4673 was referred to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs and is expected to be reviewed during the coming weeks.


RECOMMENDED ACTION

This is a receive and file report and requires no action by the Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,



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