
2020 State Legislative Platform

SPONSORED BILLS AND LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Sponsored Bill #2: Legislation, in conjunction with Alameda County and other partners, that establishes statewide hauler permitting requirements and associated penalties as well as increases penalties allowed by State law for illegal dumping.

PRINCIPLES AND POLICY STATEMENTS

Climate Change

• SUPPORT legislative and administrative efforts that: address the impacts of climate change; support climate adaptation and resilience efforts; address the disproportionate impacts that some communities bear because they are located near large industrial facilities (author emphasis); reduce exposure to toxic air pollutants and greenhouse gases; and study and recognize the health impacts of global and regional climate change.

Health Care

• SUPPORT legislative efforts to reduce or eliminate lead and toxic substances in consumer products, particularly those used by infants and children.

Justice Systems

• SUPPORT legislation that provides a practical and efficient solution to addressing the problem of abandoned and trespassing vessels and ground tackle.

Transportation

• SUPPORT regional, coordinated aviation transportation planning efforts to improve service delivery and to provide options to the surface transportation system for people and goods movement.

• SUPPORT efforts to increase waterborne transport of goods, in particular relative to the San Francisco to Stockton Ship Channel.
• SUPPORT measures to enhance rail safety with an emphasis on: increased state oversight of railroad bridges, funding for first responder training, funding to improve rail safety and prevent rail trespass fatalities, improved regulations for tank car safety standards, and data sharing requirements between state emergency managers, local responders, and rail operators.

Waste Management

• MAINTAIN the County’s existing discretionary authority over matters pertaining to waste management, recovery and disposal. ENSURE new or expanded responsibilities are not imposed on the County, either directly or indirectly, without providing statutory authority to guarantee funding to implement actions necessary to adequately enforce or comply.

• SEEK more robust local regulatory and enforcement authority relative to the storage, transport, processing, recovery and disposal of waste within our jurisdictional boundaries.

2020 Federal Legislative Platform

FEDERAL FUNDING NEEDS: PROJECT SPECIFIC

1. Secure funding for the Army Corps’ annual maintenance dredging of the federal channels along the County’s borders that maintain the ship channel to the authorized depth of -35 feet.

2. Advocate for and support the San Francisco to Stockton Navigation Improvement Project that proposes to deepen the ship channel to realize transportation efficiencies.

3. Mount Diablo Mercury Mine. Support legislation in the Water Resources Development Act that would give authority to the Army Corps of Engineers to build remediation projects in the Remediation of Abandoned Mine Sites program.

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION FUNDING NEEDS

✓ North Richmond Community Supportive Transportation Improvements: Alternate truck route/regulations, trail/school access improvements to address community safety, public health and livability needs, and general transportation improvements to support job growth and priority development area access.

FEDERAL FUNDING NEEDS: PROGRAM SPECIFIC

4. Rail Safety: Support initiatives to increase safety by addressing trespass fatalities and relative to rail service to oil refineries.
6. Stormwater Program Funding: Support additional funding through the EPA to enable compliance with the Clean Water Act.

PRIORITY POLICY STATEMENTS

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• SUPPORT the concept of establishing a national price on carbon-based fuels to address the costs to society of emissions from those fuels.