

Attachment A

FINAL C/CAG LEGISLATIVE POLICIES FOR 2015

Policy #1 -

Protect against the diversion of local revenues.

- 1.1 Support League and CSAC Initiatives to protect local revenues.
- 1.2 Provide incentives to local government to promote economic vitality and to alleviate blighted conditions.
- 1.3 Support the reinstatement of state funding for economic development and affordable housing.

Policy #2 -

Protect against increased local costs resulting from State action without 100% State reimbursement for the resulting costs.

- 2.1 Oppose State action to restrict the ability of local jurisdictions to contract for services.
- 2.2 Require all State actions to take into consideration the fiscal impact to local jurisdictions, by ensuring that adequate funding is made available by the State, for delegated re-alignment responsibilities and by ensuring that all State mandates are 100% reimbursed.

Policy #3 -

Support actions that help to meet municipal stormwater permit requirements and secure stable funding to pay for current and future regulatory mandates.

- 3.1 Primary focus on securing additional revenue sources for both C/CAG and its member agencies for funding state and federally mandated stormwater compliance efforts.
 - a. Support additional efforts to exempt storm sewers from the voting requirements imposed by Proposition 218, similar to water, sewer, and refuse services, or efforts to reduce the voter approval threshold for special taxes related to stormwater management.
 - b. Include water quality and stormwater management as a priority for funding in new sources of revenues (e.g. water bonds) and protect against a geographically unbalanced North-South allocation of resources.
 - c. Support efforts to coordinate stormwater quality concerns with other statewide and regional efforts to achieve greenhouse gas reductions and climate change adaptation strategies.
 - d. Track and advocate for resources for stormwater quality in State and Federal grant and loan programs.

- e. Support stormwater fee reform to 1) ensure regulatory permit fees are used to support Regional Water Quality Control Board staff resources, 2) eliminate fee setting under emergency regulations and coordinate process with local budgeting procedures, and 3) ensure fees are consistent with level of service provided by state agencies.
 - f. Support efforts to identify regulatory requirements that are unfunded state mandates and ensure provision of state funding for such requirements.
 - g. Pursue and support efforts that provide additional funding from Federal, State, or local governments outside the San Mateo County to regional or statewide associations of stormwater quality agencies (i.e., BASMAA – regional and CASQA – statewide) for programs and projects that reduce or eliminate the need for C/CAG and its member agencies to fund and implement similar programs and projects locally.
- 3.2 Pursue and support efforts that control pollutants at the source and extend producer responsibility, especially in regard to trash and litter control.
 - 3.3 Support efforts to place the burden/ accountability of reporting, managing, and meeting municipal stormwater requirements on the responsible source rather than the cities or county, such as properties that are known pollutant hot spots and third party utility purveyors.
 - 3.4 Advocate for the development of statewide stormwater policies that establish consistent and practical approaches for stormwater regulatory and management programs that help protect water quality and beneficial uses.
 - 3.5 Pursue and support pesticide regulations that protect water quality and reduce pesticide toxicity.
 - 3.6 Track stormwater-related regulatory initiatives that may impact member agencies, such as the proposed statewide trash policy, Caltrans stormwater permits, special exceptions for Areas of Special Biological Significance, and the Phase II Municipal Stormwater Permit for smaller rural municipalities.

Policy #4 -

Support lowering the 2/3rd super majority vote for local special purpose taxes and fees.

- 4.1 Support bills that reduce the vote requirements for special taxes and fees.
- 4.2 Oppose bills that impose restrictions on the expenditures, thereby reducing flexibility, for special tax category.
- 4.3 Support modification or elimination of the Proposition 26 two-thirds requirements.

Policy #5-

Protect and support transportation funding.

- 5.1 Oppose the transfer of additional State transportation funds to the State General Fund and support the redirection of truck weight fees to the State Highway Account

- 5.2 Support additional revenues for transportation funding.
- 5.3 Protect existing funding and support additional funding for maintenance of streets and roads.
- 5.4 Monitor recommendations of implementing “Road User Charges”.
- 5.5 Protect existing funding and support new funding for the State of California SHOPP program, which provides resources for maintenance of State highways.
- 5.6 Support revisions in the Peninsula Joint Powers Agreement that provide equitable funding among the Caltrain partners.
- 5.7 Support a dedicated funding source for the operation of Caltrain.
- 5.8 Support efforts to secure the appropriation and allocation of “cap and trade” revenues to support San Mateo County needs.

***Policy #6 -
Advocate for revenue solutions to address State budget issues that are also beneficial to Cities/
Counties***

- 6.1 Support measures to ensure that local governments receive appropriate revenues to service local communities.

***Policy #7 -
Support reasonable climate protection action, Greenhouse Gas reduction, and energy conservation
legislation***

- 7.1 Support incentive approaches toward implementing AB32.
- 7.2 Oppose climate legislation that would conflict with or override projects approved by the voters.
- 7.3 Support funding for both transportation and housing investments, which support the implementation of SB 375, so that housing funds are not competing with transportation funds.
- 7.4 Alert the Board on legislation that would require recording of vehicle miles of travel (VMT) as part of vehicle registration.
- 7.5 Support local government partnerships to foster energy conservation, as well as the generation and use of renewable and/ or clean energy sources (wind, solar, etc.)

***Policy #8 -
Protection of water user rights***

- 8.1 Support the Bay Area Water Supply and Conservation Association (BAWSCA) efforts in the protection of water user rights for San Mateo County users.

***Policy #9 –
Other***

- 9.1 Support/sponsor legislation that identifies revenue to fund airport/land use compatibility plans.
- 9.2 Support efforts that will engage the business community in mitigating industry impacts associated with stormwater, transportation congestion, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy consumption.