

MEMORANDUM

To: East Contra Costa Fire Protection District
From: Townsend Public Affairs
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Subject: Monthly Report — April 2018

State Political Update

In the month of April, the Legislature continued to ensure that all fiscal related bills made it out of policy committees before the April 27th deadline. Additionally, bills that faced significant opposition have since taken amendments in order to pass out of their policy committees. The Legislature now has one month to pass bills out of their respective houses. Topics of particular interest in policy committees included affordable housing development, the revival of redevelopment, healthcare, tax reform, and pension reform.

Below is a list of upcoming dates in the Legislature:

- **May 11** – Last day to pass non-fiscal bills out of their policy committees
- **May 25** – Last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the Floor
- **June 1** – Last day for each house to pass bills introduced in that house

TPA continues to work with Chief Helmick to advocate on behalf of D-RiSC, the Disaster Readiness for Safer Communities. The request is a \$100 million augmentation to the FY 2018-19 State Budget to enable the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) to accomplish the following goals:

- Reimburse local governments for the cost of pre-positioning firefighters and equipment in advance of identifiable risks under the California Mutual Aid System
- Upgrade emergency communications and resource dispatching capabilities.

Governor Brown is presenting the May Revise on May 11, 2018. This will include changes to his proposed budget based on economic projections and efforts by the Legislature to advocate on certain items. Now that the May Revise has been released, the Legislature will conduct Budget Subcommittee hearings to gather detailed information on the Governor's proposals, as well as to incorporate legislative priorities in the budget. The subcommittees will meet frequently over the course of the next several weeks in order to finalize their respective portions of the budget. Once the subcommittee work has concluded, a Budget Conference Committee will be convened to reconcile the differences between the budgets approved by the Senate and the Assembly.

The Budget Conference Committee will also work with the Assembly Speaker, the Pro Tem of the Senate, and the Governor to reach an agreement on the final provisions of the budget. The final budget, and related trailer bills, will need to be in print by June 12th so the Legislature can vote on them by the constitutional deadline of June 15th.

Because D-RiSC is requesting funding from Cap and Trade it does not necessarily need to be included in the final budget. While Governor Brown did indicate that he would like to deal with Cap and Trade allocations in the budget that will be passed in June, they have until the end of the legislative year to act, should it take that long.

TPA is setting up meetings on behalf of the District in conjunction with CSDA Legislative Action Days. We are looking to confirm meetings with representatives from the Speaker's office and members of the Assembly and Senator Working Group on Fire Prevention and Safety.

Federal Legislative Update

Ongoing Projects

On April 25, 2018 TPA met with Frank Ferriera to inform him that the District had applied for a Risk Needs Assessment under the FEMA. The purpose of the meeting was to further reiterate the challenges that the district faces and how the grant will be beneficial and meet the goals of the agency.

Zac Commins, with TPA Washington D.C. is in the process of scheduling a meet and greet with Congressman Jerry McNerney. He has also reached out to the Senators Feinstein and Harris and Congressmen McNerney and DeSaulnier for letters in support of the District's FEMA application.

Looking Ahead

Congress returned this month from a two-week recess to begin tackling several pieces of legislation that they hope to pass by the end of the year. While Congress attempts to advance as much of this legislation prior to the ramp-up to the November election, TPA is engaging with Members and staff to advocate for the District's priorities, specifically funding for FEMA.

FY19 Funding

Congressional appropriations committees are currently holding hearings to question administration officials on FY19 funding levels. TPA continues to advocate for critical funding pools to receive equal or increased funding to FY18 levels.