

Office of Government Relations

November 27, 2018 Legislative Update**FEDERAL ADVOCACY EFFORTS***United States Capitol***Chair Santos Leads District Delegation on Washington, DC Advocacy Trip**

On November 13-15, Chair Santos led a District delegation to Washington, DC, to advocate for the District's interests with the administration and Congress. Under the Chair's leadership, the District advocated for several high priority projects and initiatives with elected and appointed officials, agency leadership, and congressional committee staff. That advocacy included Phase II funding for the Shoreline Project, continued support and funding for the Upper Guadalupe Project, Phase II construction funding for the Llagas Creek Project, funding and support for the Pacheco Project, Central Valley Project contract conversion, and funding and support for Title XVI Program projects. Staff is now following up on several action items that resulted from the advocacy efforts and will keep the Board apprised as those efforts advance.

Executive Memorandum on Western Water Challenges

On October 19, the President signed an executive memorandum that directed the Departments of the Interior and Commerce to take several actions to address western water infrastructure and supply issues, including: expediting regulatory processes, including expediting biological opinions for the Central Valley Project and the State Water Project; establishing timelines for completing compliance requirements for major water projects; and expanding use of water desalination and water recycling. On November 21, the Departments of the Interior and Commerce announced that they have signed a Memorandum of Agreement to implement the President's executive memorandum. The new agreement designates Mr. Paul Souza, Regional Director for the Pacific Southwest Region of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, as the lead official in charge of the Central Valley Project components

of the President's memorandum. Mr. Souza is charged with identifying burdensome regulations and developing proposals to suspend, revise, or rescind those regulations. In response to the President's memorandum, staff will offer proposed solutions to the administration that promote District interests.

STATE ADVOCACY EFFORTS*CA State Capitol***Delta Stewardship Council Considers Certification of CA WaterFix Consistency with Delta Plan**

On November 15, the Delta Stewardship Council (DSC) held a public workshop on their staff-issued draft determination which states that the Department of Water Resources (DWR) certification of the CA WaterFix as consistent with the Delta Plan is not supported by the evidence in the record. Director Kremen attended the workshop and urged the DSC to reject the appeals to DWR's certification in order to move forward with secure and affordable water conveyance through the CA WaterFix. During the workshop, DSC Chair Randy Fiorini suggested DWR should withdraw the certification, and DSC member Frank Damrell, Jr. concurred. A final determination is expected at the DSC's December 20-21 public meeting.

State Water Board Considers Unimpaired Flow Requirements

On November 7, the State Water Board again delayed action on the Bay-Delta Plan Update, which includes unimpaired flow requirements for San Joaquin River tributaries. This most recent delay was made at the request of Governor Jerry Brown and Lt. Governor (and Governor-elect) Gavin Newsom. The postponements of this decision are intended to give state regulators and water agencies,

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including the District, more time to develop voluntary settlement agreements. The State Water Board is expected to take up the unimpaired flow requirements again in their December 11 meeting.

LOCAL ADVOCACY AND ENGAGEMENT EFFORTS

Community Events Engage Thousands

During the months of October and November, the events listed below collectively drew in tens of thousands of people and provided the District with the opportunity to educate and engage our diverse community. District issues, initiatives, and programs discussed included water conservation, rebates, the Pacheco Reservoir Expansion Project, the Anderson Dam Seismic Retrofit Project, and more.



October 13: District staff Shilpa Jain and Balbir Bains working a booth at the Diwali Festival of Lights hosted by the Cupertino Chamber of Commerce.



October 27: Community members utilizing the water truck at the Project Hope Program Kick-off Event and Resource Fair.

LIST OF EVENTS WITH DISTRICT BOOTHS/WATER TRUCK

- October 27: Project Hope Program Kick-Off Event and Resource Fair
- November 3: 50th Anniversary of the Chicano Student Movement
- November 10-11: American Indian Heritage Celebration

LOOKING AHEAD

December 1

Los Gatos Holiday Parade

December 8

Santa Visits Alviso

December 12

Joint meeting with City of San Jose

December 13

Joint meeting with Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors

December 17

Joint meeting with City of Sunnyvale

NOVEMBER 6, 2018 ELECTION RESULTS

Federal Contests

Federal Elected Office		
U.S. Senate	Dianne Feinstein (D)	Re-elected incumbent
U.S. Representative District 17	Ro Khanna (D)	Re-elected incumbent
U.S. Representative District 18	Anna Eshoo (D)	Re-elected incumbent
U.S. Representative District 19	Zoe Lofgren (D)	Re-elected incumbent
U.S. Representative District 20	Jimmy Panetta (D)	Re-elected incumbent

State Contests

State Elected Office		
Governor	Gavin Newsom (D)	Takes office January 7, 2019
Senate District 10	Bob Wieckowski (D-Fremont)	Re-elected incumbent
Senate District 12	Anna Caballero (D-Salinas)	Will no longer represent Santa Clara County
Assembly District 24	Marc Berman (D-Palo Alto)	Re-elected incumbent
Assembly District 25	Kansen Chu (D-San Jose)	Re-elected incumbent
Assembly District 27	Ash Kalra (D-San Jose)	Re-elected incumbent
Assembly District 28	Evan Low (D-Campbell)	Re-elected incumbent
Assembly District 29	Mark Stone (D-Scotts Valley)	Re-elected incumbent
Assembly District 30	Robert Rivas (D-Hollister)	Newly elected

State Ballot Measure		
Proposition 3 – Water Supply and Water Quality Act of 2018	Would have authorized \$8.9 billion in general obligation bonds for various water-related programs and projects.	Failed (52% No)

* The above federal and state election results are Semi-Final until the California Secretary of State certifies results on December 14, 2018.

Local Contests

County Elected Office			
County Supervisor, District 4	Susan Ellenberg	County of Santa Clara	Newly elected

County Ballot Measure		
Measure A – Continuation of Santa Clara County Sales Tax	Would continue the existing one-eighth cent sales tax on an ongoing basis, estimated to raise \$50 million annually.	Passed (74% Yes)

Municipal Elected Office			
Councilmember	Elizabeth "Liz" Gibbons	City of Campbell	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Paul Resinkoff	City of Campbell	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Anne Coyne Bybee	City of Campbell	Newly elected
Councilmember	Darcy Paul	City of Cupertino	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Liang-Fang "Liang" Chao	City of Cupertino	Newly elected
Councilmember	Jon Robert Willey	City of Cupertino	Newly elected
Councilmember	Marie Blankley	City of Gilroy	Newly elected
Councilmember	Dion Bracco	City of Gilroy	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Peter Leroe-Munoz	City of Gilroy	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Carol Marques	City of Gilroy	Newly elected, Partial Term

Councilmember	Neysa Fligor	City of Los Altos	Newly elected
Councilmember	Anita Enander	City of Los Altos	Newly elected
Councilmember	Kavita Tankha	City of Los Altos Hills	Newly elected
Councilmember	George K. Tyson	City of Los Altos Hills	Newly elected
Councilmember	Rob Rennie	City of Los Gatos	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Marico Sayoc	City of Los Gatos	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Steven Leonardis	City of Los Gatos	Re-elected incumbent
Mayor	Rich Tran	City of Milpitas	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Carmen Montano	City of Milpitas	Newly elected
Councilmember	Karina Dominguez	City of Milpitas	Newly elected
Councilmember	Liz Lawlor	City of Monte Sereno	Newly elected
Councilmember	Shawn Leuthold	City of Monte Sereno	Newly elected
Councilmember	Javed Ellahie	City of Monte Sereno	Newly elected
Mayor	Rich Constatine	City of Morgan Hill	Newly elected
Councilmember	Yvonne Martinez Beltran	City of Morgan Hill	Newly elected
Councilmember	John K. McKay	City of Morgan Hill	Newly elected
Councilmember	Ellen Kamei	City of Mountain View	Newly elected
Councilmember	Pat Showalter	City of Mountain View	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Lucas Ramirez	City of Mountain View	Newly elected
Councilmember	Alison Cormack	City of Palo Alto	Newly elected
Councilmember	Tom Dubois	City of Palo Alto	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Eric Filseth	City of Palo Alto	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Maya Esparza	City of San José	Newly elected
Councilmember	Pam Foley	City of San José	Newly elected
Mayor	Lisa Gillmor	City of Santa Clara	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Raj Chahal	City of Santa Clara	Newly elected
Councilmember	Karen Hardy	City of Santa Clara	Newly elected
City Clerk	Hosam Haggag	City of Santa Clara	Newly elected, Partial term
Councilmember	Rishi Kumar	City of Saratoga	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Mary-Lynne Bernald	City of Saratoga	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Yan Zhao	City of Saratoga	Newly elected
Councilmember	Gustav Larsson	City of Sunnyvale	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Glenn Hendricks	City of Sunnyvale	Re-elected incumbent
Councilmember	Mason Fong	City of Sunnyvale	Newly elected

Municipal Measures		
San José Measure T – Disaster Preparedness, Public Safety, and Infrastructure Bond	Would raise \$650 million in general obligation bonds to upgrade public safety facilities, repair bridges, repave streets, prevent flooding and repair critical infrastructure.	Passed (71% Yes, 2/3 vote required)
San José Measure V – Affordable Housing Bond	Would raise \$450 million in general obligation bonds to provide affordable housing for working families, veterans, seniors, teachers, nurses and other workers, and help homeless residents off the streets and out of neighborhood parks and creeks.	Failed (63% Yes, 2/3 vote required)

* The above local election results are Semi-Final until the County Registrar of Voters certifies results on December 6, 2018.