



**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER**

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: CEO
Department No.: 012
For Agenda Of: 4/1/2014
Placement: Departmental
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: 20 minutes
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: Majority

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Department Legislative Program Committee, 568-3400
Director(s):
Contact Info: Dennis Bozanich, Assistant to the CEO and Legislative Coordinator, 568-3400

SUBJECT: Potential Advocacy Position on Legislation: Assembly Bill 2455 (Williams) Santa Rita Hills Community Services District

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: NA

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: NA

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors take one of the following options:

Option 1

- a. Take no position on Assembly Bill (AB) 2455 (Williams) on the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District;
- b. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Option 2

- a. Take an advocacy position (support, watch or oppose) on Assembly Bill (AB) 2455 (Williams) on the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District;
- b. Direct staff to forward, and authorize the Chair to sign, a letter stating the Board's decision to the legislative author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the county legislative delegation, appropriate committee chairs and the Governor; AND
- c. Find that the proposed actions do not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to 14 CCR 15378(b)(2), as it consists of general policy and procedure making.

Summary Text:

On March 10, 2014, the Legislative Program Committee considered taking an advocacy position itself or referring to the Board for consideration on Assembly Bill (AB) 2455 which would allow the Santa Rita Hills Community Services District (CSD) to reduce the size of their Board from five members to three members. The Legislative Program Committee is not recommending a position on this legislation and has requested that the Board of Supervisors consider taking an advocacy position or take no position and communicate that position to the bill's author, members of the legislature including, but not limited to, the county legislative delegation, appropriate committee chairs and the Governor.

Background: Assembly Bill (AB) 2455 introduced by Assemblymember Das Williams would amend California Government Code Section 61040 and add Section 61040.1 (Attachment 1) which would allow the Santa Rita Community Services District (CSD) board of directors to consist of three members rather than five members. AB 2455 also finds that unique circumstances exist with respect to the composition of the Santa Rita Hills CSD making this law necessary through January 1, 2035. The AB 2455 Fact Sheet, provided by Assemblymember Williams, provides an explanation of the need for the legislation.

AB 2455 is scheduled to be heard by the Assembly's Local Government Committee on April 9, 2014.

Performance Measure: NA

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: NA

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund		\$0.00	
State			
Federal			
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Narrative: NA

Key Contract Risks (if applicable):

None

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions: 0

FTEs: 0

Special Instructions: NA

Attachments:

Attachment A - AB 2455 Legislative Language

Attachment B - AB 2455 Fact Sheet

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