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TO: Members, County of Santa Barbara Legislative Committee

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RE: 2015 State Update

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The legislature has adjourned the first year of their two-year session Saturday morning, September 12, 2015 at around 3 am. Since this is the first year of the two-year session any unresolved issues may be taken up next year, which is not ideal but an option if it was needed.

The Governor had until October 11, 2015 to sign or veto any bills that landed on his desk. Unless otherwise stated the measures become law on January 1, 2016, that are in the regular session. Any of the special session bills become law 90 days after they adjourn the special session.

Special Sessions

Transportation:

Caltrans, the state's Transportation Department, maintains 50,000 lane-miles of highway and nearly 13,000 state-owned bridges. While the repair, maintenance and efficient operation of the state's highway system are vital to the state's continued economic growth, current funding fails to adequately fund this necessary work. The state's current fuel excise tax is sufficient to fund only \$2.3 billion of work—leaving \$5.7 billion in unfunded repairs each year.

The Governor proposed that the Legislature enact permanent and sustainable funding to maintain and repair the state's transportation and critical infrastructure, improve the state's key trade corridors and complement local infrastructure efforts.

Medi-Cal/Health Care:

The Governor also called a special session to address the financing of the state's core health program – Medi-Cal. The state's recent expansion of health care coverage under the Affordable Care Act has resulted in more than four million additional Californians receiving coverage through Medi-Cal.

Since 2005, the state has levied a tax on Medi-Cal managed care plans. The revenues are matched by the federal government and used to both increase payments to Medi-Cal providers and offset health care costs that would otherwise be paid from the General Fund. This funding mechanism has helped the state pay for the increased number of Californians receiving coverage under federal health care reform.

Unfortunately, the state's current managed care organization (MCO) tax structure fails to comply with new federal requirements that such a tax be broad-based and not limited narrowly to Medi-Cal plans. The current structure, which expires at the end of fiscal year 2015-16, generates \$1.1 billion. The Governor's January budget proposed a modified MCO tax that would be levied on a per-enrollee basis and cover most health care plans regulated by the Department of Managed Health Care.

In the special session, the Governor proposes that the Legislature enact permanent and sustainable funding to provide at least \$1.1 billion annually to stabilize the state's General Fund costs for Medi-Cal, sufficient funding to continue the restoration of the 7 percent of In-Home Supportive Services hours and funding for additional rate increases for providers of Medi-Cal and developmental disability services. The funding could come from the proposed MCO tax and/or alternative sources and is necessary to prevent over \$1 billion in program cuts next year.

Unfortunately, they have still not been able to reach a deal on either of the special sessions, so those will continue into the 2016; this could create some potential problems due to the \$1.1 billion short fall from the lack of an MCO tax fix. We anticipate that this will play out in the Governor's budget which is expected to be released on January 8, 2016. There are conference committees that have been convened to continue on-going discussions both related to the transportation fixes and the Medi-Cal issues related to the Managed Care Organizations (MCO) tax, but time is of the essence.

Bills of Interest to the County

AB 3 (Williams) This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to clarify and establish the necessary authority for the creation of the Isla Vista Community Services District within the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County. The substance of the bill has been amended into the measure and we understand that the county is reviewing the language currently in order to provide additional input and potentially take a position. The County is in support of the bill. The bill was signed into law on October 7, 2015.

AB 35 (Chiu) This bill increases the amount of low-income housing tax credits (LIHTCs) the California Tax Credit Allocation Commission (CTCAC) can allocate for low-income housing; revises percentages; and establishes new categories. The County is in support of this bill. Unfortunately, the bill was vetoed by the Governor on October 10, 2015. We believe that the legislature will attempt to address these issues again in 2016.

AB 45 (Mullin) This bill is opposed by the County. The bill would mandate cities and counties that provide residential collection and disposal of solid waste to create a household hazardous waste (HHW) baseline and to meet an unspecified diversion requirement for HHW collection. The bill was opposed by many cities and counties. The bill is now a two-year bill, it will be taken up again in January, 2016.

AB 514 (Williams) This bill is the County sponsored bill which was introduced by Assembly Member Das Williams. This measure is an attempt to address the inadequacy of the current fines and penalties system for local governments. Under current law the violations are rather insignificant therefore people are not discouraging from violated them, we are hopeful that this will provide

additional incentives to work with the locals to provide the best outcomes for our local communities. Unfortunately, the bill was vetoed by the Governor, he stated that the bill was too broad and he had concerns about local governments being too heavy handed with constituents.

AB 806 (Dodd) This bill was held in the Senate Governance and Finance Committee. The sponsor found another vehicle, AB 57 by Assembly Member Bill Quirk. This bill provides that a collocation or siting application for a wireless telecommunications facility is deemed approved if the city or county fails to approve or disapprove the application within the reasonable time periods specified in applicable decisions of the Federal Communications Commission, all required public notices have been provided regarding application, and the applicant has provided a notice to the city or county that the reasonable time period has lapsed. The County is opposed to this issue; the measure (AB 57) was signed by the Governor on October 9, 2015.

AB 864 (Williams) The bill provides that pipelines in interstate service are under the jurisdiction of the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. It provides for the protection of the waters of the United States from contamination through the Clean Water Act. Additionally, it addresses oil spills in the navigable waters of the United States through the creation of a comprehensive prevention, response, liability and compensation program through the Oil Pollution Act of 1990. The bill was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2015.

AB 1335 (Atkins) This bill would enact the Building Homes and Jobs Act. The bill would make legislative findings and declarations related to the need for establishing permanent, on-going sources of funding dedicated to affordable housing development. The bill would impose a fee of \$75 to be paid at the time of the recording of every real estate instrument, paper, or notice required or permitted by law to be recorded,. Per each single transaction per single parcel of real property, not to exceed \$225. The bill is still sitting on the Assembly floor but we are told they expect to move it this year, however that did not happen. The bill is supported by the County.

AB 2x15 (Eggman) please see SB 128 for more details.

SB 13 (Pavley) This bill would provide a local agency or groundwater sustainability agency 90 or 180 days, as prescribed, to remedy certain deficiencies that caused the board to designate the basin as a probationary basin. This bill would authorize the board to develop an interim plan for certain probationary basins one year after the designation of the basin as a probationary basin. The bill also state that if the department determines that all or part of a basin or subbasin is not being monitored, would require the department to determine whether there is sufficient interest in establishing a groundwater sustainability plan. The bill will also serve as a vehicle for any necessary clean-up to the major ground water bill package passed and signed into law in 2014. The County does not have a position on this bill, but we are watching it as it moves through the process. This bill was signed on September 3, 2015 by the Governor.

SB 122 (Jackson, Hill and Roth) This bill is a vehicle for potential CEQA reform. The bill would require the lead agency, at the request of a project applicant and consent of the lead agency, to prepare a record of proceedings concurrently with the preparation of a negative declaration, mitigated negative declaration, EIR, or other environmental document for projects. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation establishing an electronic database clearinghouse of notices and environmental document prepared pursuant to CEQA, establishing a public review period for a final environmental impact report, and relating to the record of proceedings for a project for

which an environmental impact report is prepared pursuant to CEQA. This County is supporting the bill. The bill passed the Assembly Natural Resources Committee where it passed 7-1; it is now sitting on the Assembly Appropriations Suspense file, and will be taken up in 2016.

SB 128 (Wolk and Monning) The bill is the End of Options Act. It is modeled after a law in Oregon that allows a person who has received a life ending diagnosis to work with their physician to determine if they would like to option to end their life in their own manner. The bill is scheduled to be heard in the Assembly Health Committee, however was pulled and put over due to the lack of votes; the author's continue to work with the Committee in an effort to obtain those necessary votes. The bill is now a two-year bill, it will be taken up next year by the authors. The County is supporting the bill. However, SB 2x15 was introduced in the special session to address the court ruling stating that the Legislature must decide. SB 2x15 was signed by the Governor but will not go into effect until 90 days after the close of the special session related to the MCO tax and other Medi-Cal budget issues.

SB 233 (Hertzberg) AB 2503 (Perez) Chapter 687, 2010, established the "rigs to reefs" program when it passed. The current law passed with much consideration across the state and included relevant stakeholders and agencies to address the issues surrounding oil platforms remaining in the ocean off the coast of California. The County is opposed to SB 233 because we believe it is unnecessary. The measure is a two-year bill, sitting in the Assembly Appropriations Committee and will come up in 2016.

SB 295 (Jackson) This bill would increase inspections from biannual to annul for all intrastate pipeline operators, it allows for the inspection of federally regulated intrastate pipelines, and increases the frequency of hydrostatic pipeline inspections. The bill is supported by the County; it was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2015.

SB 350 (DeLeon) This bill is one of the biggest issues that the Legislature plans to deal with this year. The bill has been negotiated with stakeholders since its introduction. The measure is supported by the County if the author does not take proposed amendments that would impact how the County utilizes its Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs. We are awaiting additional amendments and will keep staff updated. The bill was significantly amended in the last days of session; it was signed by the Governor on October 7, 2015.

SB 414 (Jackson) This bill will increase oil response times and make them more effective and more environmentally friendly. It will require pipeline operators to contract with the local fishing vessels and crews for immediate oil spill response. It also requires the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) to report to the Legislature on the best available technology for oil spill prevention and response and implement those standards. Finally, the bill will incentivize faster cleanup by only allowing penalty offsets for oil recovered within the first two weeks of a spill while also placing a ban on the use of chemical dispersants in state waters. The County is in support of this bill. It was signed by the Governor on October 8, 2015.

SB 658 (Hill) The County is supporting this measure. This bill revises the maintenance and training requirements for placement of automated external defibrillators (AEDs) in commercial buildings and K-12 schools that are conditions for obtaining qualified immunity from civil liability for the selection, installation, placement, and use of AEDs in those facilities. This bill was signed by the Governor on September 3, 2015.

SB 788 (McGuire) The County is supporting this measure. This bill eliminates the exception in the California Coastal Sanctuary Act of 1994 (AB 2444, O'Connell) (CCSA) that allows the State Lands Commission (Commission) to issue an offshore oil lease if state oil or gas deposits are being drained by wells on federal lands and the lease is in the best interests of the state. The bill is a two-year bill; it is sitting in the Assembly Appropriations Committee where it will be heard in 2016.

Legislation/Issues that we worked on in the past legislative sessions

In 2013-14 legislative session we introduced one bill and worked on a few budget issues on behalf of the Board.

- AB 65 by Assembly Member Katcho Achajian which would allow the penal code to catch up with modern day life.
- Funding for Lake Cachuma to provide a sustainable water resource
- Funding for our Low Income Health Program

We successfully moved AB 65 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which was a reintroduction of AB 765 from the last session. This bill was introduced at our request by the Assembly Member on behalf of our DA, Joyce Dudley and is part of the Board of Supervisor's platform. The bill had bi-partisan support in both houses. AB 765 was held in the Senate Public Safety Committee on June 28, 2011 due to concerns that the bill would create a new crime. This measure will allow the penal code to catch up with modern day life related to sexually violent crimes and allow for DA's to properly prosecute offenders. There has been some significant media around the issue that AB 65 intends to fix; the bill was signed into law on September 9, 2013.

We also worked very closely with the Legislature and the Administration to secure funding for Lake Cachuma; throughout the summer we worked closely with the Governor's staff and our delegation to achieve a fix. Our delegation was briefed regularly by the Department of Water Resources, the Department of Finance, and the Department of Public Health. While we understood that were not eligible for the current emergency drought legislation, we hoped to find a path to success. We were successful at reaching an agreement to obtain funding through various departments to ensure that Lake Cachuma could get the money needed to complete the necessary projects to ensure reliable water supply for the County.

In 2013 we worked on the implementation of the Medi-Cal Optional Expansion that was agreed to in AB 85 as part of the budget discussions. While the bill moved through we were successful at getting an audience with decision makers to discuss our specific concerns. Once they understood our problem, they cleared the way for language to go into the clean-up bill to address our issues. However, there was a local agreement reached that will address our concerns so we were no longer in need of a clean-up fix. Fortunately for us this was addressed, once other counties had time to review the ramifications of AB 85 they realized how detrimental it was

locally and now the clean-up bill has been halted, so the local fix worked out to be the best for Santa Barbara. This saved the County more than \$5 million annually.

In 2011-12 Legislative Session we have introduced five sponsored bills per the request of the Board. Those bills were:

- AB 412 by Assembly Member Das Williams which is the Maddy Fund bill
- AB 537 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which is the Highway 154 bill
- AB 765 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which is the sexual crimes bill
- AB 1141 by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian which is the elections bill (this one is a spot bill, your elections officials are still working out the details of the best approach to saving the county money)
- AB 1356 by Assembly Member Mike Eng (D-LA) which is the Wine Tasting Room bill

One of our sponsored bills is AB 765 introduced by Assembly Member Katcho Achadjian on behalf of our DA, Joyce Dudley. This measure will allow the penal code to catch up with modern day life related to sexually violent crimes and properly prosecute offenders. This bill is currently pending action in the Senate Public Safety Committee expected this spring.

On behalf of the County we also introduced AB 537 authored by Assembly Member Das Williams and co-sponsored with SBCAG; this is related to the highway 154 issue. The bill was parked for this year while we continued to work with CHP and others to gather the necessary data to substantiate our claims. The current status is that we are working on a resolution in an attempt to get some necessary information to be able to move this issue at a later date.

Another bill introduced by the County is AB 1356 by Assembly Member Mike Eng (D-LA); this bill is an attempt to address the local issues related to wine tasting rooms and better regulation of them in our local communities. In an effort to get the best outcomes we have decided to park this bill for now to allow further discussion on this issue to ensure we have a strong and successful bill to move forward.

We have also successfully moved AB 412 by Assembly Member Das Williams through the Legislative process; the bill did become law in 2011. The bill received bi-partisan support and will bring the county \$600,000 per year to help keep our trauma system successfully in place.

We have been working with Senator Sam Blakeslee's office to get SB 106 introduced; this bill seeks to reimburse counties for the cost of special elections. The bill was successful in the policy committee, however it was held on the Senate Suspense file this year.

Quagga Mussels/Zebra Mussels –In 2012 we successfully ran a bill, AB 2443 by Assembly Member Das Williams, which had bi-partisan support and was signed by the Governor. To date \$2,400,000.00 grants have been awarded for the 2014-15 cycle, they brought in \$2,500,000.00 for that same time frame as well. For the 2015-16 fiscal years, they expect to have \$5,000,000.00 available, grant applications went out in August of 2015, they were due December 1, 2015 and awards will be announced in March of 2016. There were 21 applicants awarded for the 2014-15 fiscal year. We are pleased with this outcome and know that this measure has made

a significant difference in both those counties but the state as a whole in an effort to contain this crisis.

Over the years, we have been successful at obtaining millions of dollars for county specific programs at the same time we have successfully saved millions of dollars on behalf of the county. Over the past several years we have worked closely with your delegation, committee staff, the various Administrations and State Agencies in an effort to move your legislative program forward.

We have worked closely for an over seven year period in an effort to maintain your trauma system. We worked closely with your public health department in an effort to pass SB 635 (2004) by then Senator Dunn which allowed the county to include an additional fine and penalty on driving offenses to off-set your trauma system. We then worked on extending the sunset in SB 635 through the passage of AB 2265 (2006) and continued to work on AB 1900 (2008), both by Assembly Member Pedro Nava, to keep that funding intact while the Board of Supervisors worked towards supplanting that funding locally. We had also successfully worked to get AB 412 (2011) by Assembly Member Das Williams passed. The bill received bi-partisan support in both policy committees and while it was not signed by the Governor, he allowed it to become law by not signing it understanding that it was important to the county.

Additionally, we worked on trial court funding, as the Governor proposed to reduce the amount of state support for trial courts when he submitted his budget for fiscal year 1999-2000. The Governor's plan cut that amount in half, or by \$375,000. These funds were restored as part of the final budget agreement. We successfully worked on additional measures to ensure the State's share of costs are met with regard to trial court funding.

SB 1187 (Maddy) (1996) This bill was introduced by us on behalf of the County. The bill provided revenues to coastal cities and counties from any new oil or gas development that is located under the cities or county's jurisdiction. SB 1187 provided 20% from new wells in existing leases for specific purposes, including mitigation of adverse environmental impacts. The bill was signed by the Governor and remained in effect until the sunset in 2002.

AB 838 (Longville) (1999) This bill resolved for the County, two state controller audit findings, related to the allocation of property tax revenues for the period of 7/1/95 – 6/30/98. As a result of our getting AB 838 signed into law, the County would not be required to repay approximately \$3.2 million in property tax funds. We worked closely with Bob Geis' office in an effort fix an issue brought up by the State Controller in an audit which resulted in AB 838. The measure fixes two issues raised by the State Controller on the allocation of property tax revenues for the period 7-1-95 through 6-30-98. The State Controller made two findings, that Santa Barbara County overstated the Teeter Credit and recommended that the County General Fund should refund that amount. AB 838 provides for two clarifications relating to "The Cut-Off-Date" and "The School Credit." The two clarifications resolve fiscal questions of \$2,074,889 and \$1,119,244 for the County.

AB 612 (Jackson) (1999) The bill augmented funding approved in the State Budget for the use of State National Guard Armories as a temporary winter homeless shelters. The bill expands the

dates of the armory winter shelter program to October 15 through April 15, and provides for 100 days within that time period. This bill specifically includes a special provision for Santa Barbara County to receive fund, for the winter of FY 1999-2000, to pay for an alternative cold weather shelter if the armory remains unavailable due to the reconstruction of the facility.

AB 236 (Honda) (1999) This bill deemed as correct allocated property taxes for fiscal years through 1997-98 for: a) Carpinteria-Summerland Fire Protection District; b) Montecito Fire Protection District; and c) the Orcutt Fire Protection District. As a resulted of this correction, the Fire Districts were not required to repay approximately \$2.3 million in property tax previously allocated to them.

AB 1431 (Firestone) Coastal Resource Grant Program was created with this bill. The bill initially allocated over a million dollars each year. In 2000, the Department of Finance decided to reduce the grant cycle form five to four, however after we met with the Director of the Department of Finance, they reversed their decision. Again, in 2004, these grants were ready to sunset, we worked closely with budget staff and the budget chairs to get language inserted into the budget bill for another 2 year period, which provided the County with an additional \$1.3 million over those two years.

SB 241 (Alpert) (2000) Rigs to Reefs. The bill was strongly opposed by the County. While opposing the bill throughout the process the County worked successfully with the author's office to secure a variety of amendments to improve the bill, including capping the amount of money available for research, providing the county with a share of the funds to mitigate the impact of legislation, and providing enhanced environmental findings and protections. We were successful at killing to bill on the Senate floor. The next year, the author introduced SB 1 (Alpert) which did make it through the process; however we worked closely with then Governor Gray Davis to secure a veto on the bill.

AB 24 (Maldonado) (2001) Health facilities construction and licensing requirements Santa Barbara supported this bill. AB 24 allowed Marian Medical center to use Valley Community Hospital as their facility to accommodate the patient population. Valley Community Hospital had already begun the process of fulfilling the seismic safety standards; therefore reopening it will allow the process to move quickly.

AB 1573 (2001), by then Assembly Member Able Maldonado, which would have extended the sunset date in existing law that provides local coastal cities and counties with environmental mitigation funding from tideland and submerged lands leases for any new oil or gas development in state tidelands within the city or county boundary. This bill was unfortunately not successful. We then were able to get the extension into a budget trailer bill by working with the budget chairs and the sub-committee chairs in each house. Given this was Governor Schwarzenegger's first budget; he specifically requested that the language come out. We worked over the next

several years to get this language extended, however now there is a different position on the board on this issue.

AB 1886 (Jackson) (2002) Vehicles: school zones fines. This bill was supported by the County. The bill initiated a pilot program for the counties of Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Alameda that imposes a double fine when a violation is committed in a specified school zone. The bill is similar to the “cone zone” bill that was implanted a few years ago and has been very successful. The bill was signed into law on September 16, 2002.

AB 2777 (Nation) (2002) County Employees’ retirement: death benefits. This was a Santa Barbara-sponsored bill that allows Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Marin County Board of Supervisors to amend 1937 Act Retirement Systems to provide domestic partners with various benefits available to spouses. The bill is identical to the Santa Barbara supported SB 1049 from last year by Senator Jackie Speier, which was signed into law last fall. The Governor signed AB 2777 into law on September 5, 2002. The Governor did requests that domestic partners be required to register with the Secretary of State in order to be eligible once the Board of Supervisors votes to offer these benefits.

We have also been successful in defeating Housing Elements Compliance legislation - SB 910/SB 498 in 2002 and SB 1609 (Dunn) in 2004. SB 910/SB 498 would have severely penalized local governments if their housing elements were out of compliance. SB 1609 (Dunn) was introduced in the last days of the legislative session of 2004, this bill was a last minute attempt to try to get additional concessions after the HCD working group had achieved consensus on the housing elements issue in the form of AB 2158 (Lowenthal) and AB 2348 (Mullin). These measures would have penalized local governments if their housing elements were deemed out of conformity with the Department of Housing and Community Development’s guidelines.

Another sponsored bill that we successfully moved through the process in 2007 was AB 1019 by then Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee. The bill created a process for reallocating a county's share of the regional housing need to a city in the event that unincorporated land is annexed to the city.

After AB 1019 reached the Governor’s office the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) called our office to express concerns with the bill. We worked closely with them and the author to ensure the Governor would not veto the bill, as such Assembly Member Blakeslee worked with us to amend his AB 242 to fulfill a commitment made in those meetings to address their technical concerns. The bill was signed into law in April 29, 2008.

SB 1453 (Maldonado) This bill was sponsored by the County. The bill would have authorized a member of the board of supervisors of the principal county to propose a resolution to increase or decrease the number of members of the board of trustees of cemetery districts. However, after much discussion locally, it was agreed to drop this bill for now.

In 2009 we successfully ran AB 359 by then Assembly Member Pedro Nava. This will requires the Department of Public Health (DPH) Every Woman Counts (EWC) Program, until January 1,

2014, to reimburse for digital mammography screening at the Medi-Cal reimbursement rate for analog mammography, and allows a EWC provider to provide digital mammography when analog mammography services are not available.

We introduced SB 326 (Strickland) in 2009; this bill was sponsored by the County in an effort to address the foreclosure crisis in the region while attempting to meet our RHNA needs for HCD. The measure received bi-partisan support while it moved through the process, however there were concerns expressed about HCD getting involved with the bill while our housing element was being reviewed by HCD; therefore we decided not to move the bill this year.

Another bill we introduced was SB 619 (Strickland) in 2009, this bill was introduced in an effort to allow the county to be eligible for flood subvention funding by the state. Your Public Works Department has worked for over 15 years with the Federal Government (Army Corp of Engineers) to allow the Lower Mission Creek to be eligible for federal funding, once this happened we had to run a state measure to allow for the state piece to kick in. The measure received unanimous support and moved to the Governor late in the session. We are happy to report that the measure was signed by the Governor on October 11, 2009. Essentially, this put the County and Lower Mission Creek in the cue to be eligible for the funding; this program is generally funded by bond measures and both Props. 1E and 84 still have funding available so we anticipate we should receive funding relatively soon.

We also worked on AB 46 by Assembly Member Bill Monning from Santa Cruz. We discussed this bill as the possible vehicle, however at that time Assembly Member Sam Blakeslee had planned to introduce it for us. In any event, the measure would have allowed the affected counties of the SD 15 special election to do a manual count, should they chose to do so. Monterey County is the only county that opted out; there is a timing issue so the manual count does not work for them at this time. The bill was heard in Senate Elections Committee on June 17 and then was immediately heard on the Senate floor, the bill had no opposition and received unanimous support, AB 46 will now go to the Assembly for concurrence, where we anticipate the same outcome. The bill was signed by the Governor on June 22, 2010.

Some Examples of Budget Augmentations:

1999

- We have also been successful in obtaining ERAF funding for the County of Santa Barbara. In 1999, after years of combined efforts by local governments and with a healthy budget surplus, the Legislature and the Governor agreed to return \$150 million to local government in recognition of the inequity of taking local government revenues to balance the state budget in the 1992-93 and the 1993-94 budget years. This funding was split between two pots, allowing our client to receive funds in the amount of \$385,000 on a per capita basis and \$654,813 based on the amount of the ERAF shift.
- Goleta Pier Restoration - \$110,000
- Lompoc Air Monitoring and additional Environmental Studies - \$484,000

2000

In 2000, we were successful at obtaining \$17 million for the County of Santa Barbara.

- Gaviota Coast conservation easement acquisitions - \$5 million
- Elwood Bluffs Acquisitions - \$5 million
- J.J. Hollister property acquisitions of watershed - \$4 million
- Bridle Ridge conservation easement - \$3 million

2001

In 2001, we successfully obtained \$3,130,800 on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara.

- Goleta Youth Baseball Fields - \$500,000.00.
- Santa Barbara also received funding for the Clean Beach Research Project; Rincon Beach was funded at \$500,000 and Arroyo Beach, et al at \$2 million.
- The Santa Barbara County Junior League received \$195,000 for their Clinic on Wheels
- Santa Barbara Community College District which received funds for the Gymnasium Remodel at the City College in the amount of \$163,000.
- The Youth Performing Arts Center at the Santa Barbara Junior High School Theater - \$95,000

2004

In 2004 we were successful in saving/funding **\$3,756,630.00** for the county of Santa Barbara through budget trailer bill language or bill amendments.

- The resources department at the state level did not have the authority to continue to fund the 16 Coastal Grants that the county received under AB 1431; this would have been a loss of **\$1,331,630** for the County. We worked with Assembly Member Jackson's office and the budget staff to ensure that these grants were extended, therefore continuing for the next three years.

- The county wanted to be able offset the costs of the County Formation Committee we were able to secure **\$400,000** in the May Revise to offset the costs of the county formation.

- We were successful at passing SB 635 by Senator Dunn which would allow Santa Barbara to raise potentially **\$1.4** million annually for Santa Barbara Cottage Hospital based on data from prior years.

- When SB 438 was introduced to offset the fires, floods and earthquakes in southern California, Santa Barbara was not included. We worked with the author to get you included and then we were successful at bringing Assembly Member Maldonado and Senator McPherson on as co-authors of the bill. It is estimated that this bill will bring the County **\$625,000** in relief.

Conclusion

At the end of session we saw many leadership changes; Senator Jean Fuller (R-Bakersfield) is the new Republican leader in the Senate, replacing Senator Bob Huff (R-Diamond Bar). Assembly Member Chad Mayes (R-Yucca Valley) will come in as the Assembly Republican leader in January of 2016, replacing Assembly Member Kristin Olsen (R-Modesto). Finally, Assembly Member Anthony Rendon (D- Lakewood) will take over as the Speaker of the Assembly in January/March of 2016 replacing Speaker Toni Atkins (D-San Diego). While many of these leaders were placeholders, the replacements were surprises, however we look forward to working with the new leadership in the coming years ahead, keep in mind that the Assembly leaders are part of the 12-year class so they have the potential to have a big impact on the State. With the Legislature having shut down late on September 11, 2015, the Governor had until October 11, 2015 to sign or veto any bills that landed on his desk, which he has now completed.

They will return January 4, 2016 and will be very busy attempting to move any two-year bills out of their house of origin. Once that January deadline passes, they will begin to focus on the Governor's budget which will be released on January 8, 2016, as well as the bill introduction deadline of February 19, 2016. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.