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October 19, 2021

Adam Eliason
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Re: Request for Proposals for State Legislative Advocacy Services.

Dear Mr. Eliason:

On behalf of Best Best & Krieger LLP (BB&K), I am pleased to submit this proposal to provide state legislative advocacy services to the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT). BB&K would welcome the opportunity to assist OCHFT in developing and successfully pursuing its legislative priorities. I have been honored to serve OCHFT in the recent past and is eager to continue to serve.

BB&K's proposed team has a proven track record of effectively assisting in advocacy and lobbying at the state level. We understand that advocacy before the state legislature is the end product of a comprehensive strategic plan that includes long-term relationship building with key decision makers, including legislative and agency staff, and strategic alliance-building with third parties. As a result, our services will include:

Strategic planning: BB&K will work with OCHFT to write an annual strategic plan designed to raise the profile of OCHFT in the state legislature and guide its member agencies on all matters related to state government.

Advocacy: BB&K will represent OCHFT before the legislature and state agencies. We will support and oppose legislation according to the interests of OCHFT.

Bill tracking and monitoring: BB&K will monitor, analyze, track, and make recommendation on legislation of interest to OCHFT.

Relationship and coalition building: BB&K will set meetings with key decision makers and build coalitions as called for in the strategic plan.

Identifying and assisting with grant funding opportunities: BB&K will utilize its unique relationships to monitor state grant programs and pursue budget appropriations.

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Advice and consultation: BB&K will keep OCHFT informed of current events in Sacramento and ensure that OCHFT has the information it needs to achieve its goals.

I, Syrus Devers, will serve as BB&K's primary contact and authorized officer for OCHFT. My contact information is:

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I will be the key personnel to service the contract and will be available as needed for the duration of the contract, and I will not be replaced without OCHFT consent.

BB&K has reviewed OCHFT's Model Contract. If selected to provide state legislative advocacy services, we will execute the agreement; fulfill its insurance requirements; and provide required insurance documents as well as additional insured endorsements. This proposal shall be valid until February 20th, 2022.

Sincerely,



Syrus Devers
for BEST BEST & KRIEGER LLP

ATTACHMENT C
STAFFING PLAN

I. Primary Staff/Key Personnel to perform Contract duties

Name	Classification

(Additional lines may be added if necessary)

II. Alternate Staff/Key Personnel (for use only if primary is not available)

Name	Classification

(Additional lines may be added if necessary)

Contractor understands that those individuals represented as assigned to the project must remain working on the project throughout the duration of the project unless otherwise requested or approved by the Trust. Substitution or addition of Contractor’s Key Personnel in any given classification/title shall be allowed only with prior written approval of the Trust Project Manager. During the Term of this Contract, Contractor shall maintain a business office in Southern California.

The Contractor may reserve the right to involve other Contractor personnel, as their services are required. The specific individuals will be assigned based on the need and timing of the service/classification required. Assignment of additional key personnel shall be subject to Trust written approval. Trust reserves the right to have any of Contractor personnel removed from providing Services/Deliverables to Trust under this Contract. Trust is not required to provide any reason for the request for removal of any Contractor personnel.

III. SUB-CONTRACTOR(S)

In accordance with Article I, Assignment, listed below are sub-contractor(s) anticipated by Contractor to perform services specified in Attachment A. Substitution or addition of Contractor's sub-contractors in any given project function shall be allowed only with prior written approval of the Trust Project Manager.

Company Name & Address	Contact Name and Telephone Number	Project Function

(Additional lines may be added if necessary)

Attachment 3

Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement

Disclosure Policy

It is the policy of the Trust to ensure that firms and individuals providing services to the Trust are not subject to organizational conflicts affecting their objectivity or their ability to provide impartial assistance or advice to the Trust. This form requires certain relationships to be disclosed to the Trust so that it may determine whether a potential organizational conflict exists and whether mitigation measures may be implemented so as to allow the firm or individual to perform services notwithstanding such potential conflict. Relationships with the following entities must be disclosed:

- 1) Any firm, individual, partnership, corporation, association, or other legal entity currently retained for services by a developer of affordable housing or service provider for families and individuals at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
- 2) Any firm currently retained or which may be retained for services by the County of Orange or any member city of the Trust or other public entity within Orange County, California (see list of member agencies below).

Disclosure

- 1) _____ Consultant **IS NOT** currently retained for services as defined in the Disclosure Policy above.
- 2) _____ Consultant **IS** currently retained for services as defined in the Disclosure Policy above.

a) Consultant is retained for services by the following member agencies of the Trust

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| _____ County of Orange | _____ City of Lake Forest |
| _____ City of Aliso Viejo | _____ City of Laguna Beach |
| _____ City of Anaheim | _____ City of Laguna Hills |
| _____ City of Buena Park | _____ City of Laguna Niguel |
| _____ City of Costa Mesa | _____ City of La Habra |
| _____ City of Dana Point | _____ City of Mission Viejo |
| _____ City of Fountain Valley | _____ City of Newport Beach |
| _____ City of Fullerton | _____ City of Orange |
| _____ City of Garden Grove | _____ City of Placentia |
| _____ City of Huntington Beach | _____ City of San Juan Capistrano |

_____ City of Santa Ana
_____ City of Stanton

_____ City of Tustin
_____ City of Westminster

- b) Consultant is retained for services by the following other public agencies and public or private entities within Orange County, California. (List individually.)

- c) Please describe briefly those services potentially affected by this Disclosure:

Consultant is required to disclose to the Trust, in writing, any services relationship which may be entered into during the term of the Contract, which violates or appears to violate the intent of this Disclosure:

Consultant

Date

Authorized Representative

Title

Attachment 4

Compensation Proposal

Enter below the proposed price for full compensation to proposer for full and complete performance of the Services identified in the RFP Scope of Services. Prices shall include direct costs, indirect costs, profit, and any other costs associated with providing the services as described in this RFP.

Monthly Fee, including expenses: \$ _____

Proposer Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Signature:  _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

Attachment 5

Disclosures of Contributions

To be completed with the submission of any proposal.

Prime Firm's Name: _____

Party's Name: _____

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Phone Number

Board Member(s) to whom you and/or your agent made campaign contributions and dates of contribution(s) in the 12 months preceding August 25, 2021 (see attached lists): None.

Name of Member: _____

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Amounts(s): _____

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Name of Contributor (if other than Party): _____

Date(s): _____

Amounts(s): _____

If no contributions are noted above, I hereby certify that no contributions have been made by the Party identified above to any of the Trust's Board of Directors.

Date: _____

 Syrus Devers

Signature of Party and/or Agent



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A. FIRM PROFILE

Principal Office and Office Contact Information

BB&K's principal office is located in Riverside, California:

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Background

In the 130 years since Best Best & Krieger (BB&K) opened its doors it has become one of the top municipal law firms in California. With 10 offices strategically located throughout California and Washington D.C., BB&K's attorneys cover every aspect of municipal law and represent over 800 cities and special districts.

In 2015 BB&K decided to expand its existing federal Governmental Affairs practice to cover both federal and state government. In doing so it sought to combine the benefits of a small "boutique" lobbying practice with the resources of a major law firm and capture the best of both worlds. One experienced lobbyist, who is also an attorney, manages the state government affairs practice, but he has hundreds of the top municipal law attorneys in California to rely on as a resources, as well as a full-time librarian and research department. The difference this makes is significant.

Authorized Officer/Employee Contact Information

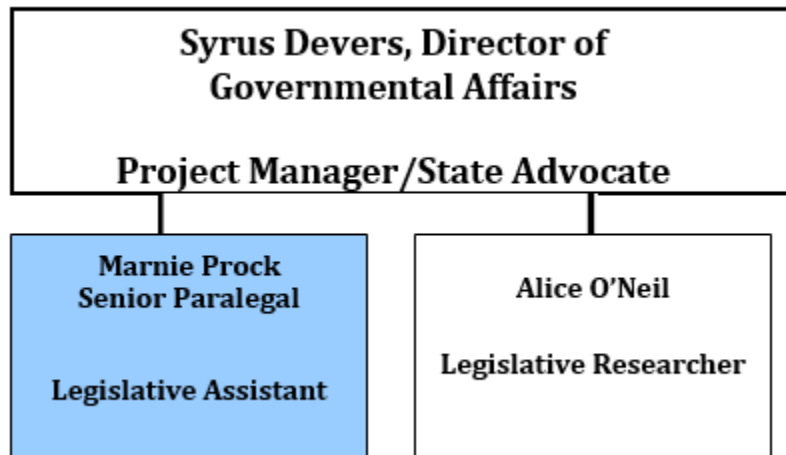
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B. ORGANIZATION

Organizational Chart

The requested services will be provided by a state advocacy team composed of Syrus Devers, Marnie Prock, and Alice O'Neil. Our team will leverage the experience of the entire firm.



Syrus Devers will be responsible for managing and leading the proposed team. Syrus will utilize a network of contacts developed over 26 years of working in and around the legislature to deliver OCHFT's message to decisions makers. He will collaborate with attorneys at BB&K, national leaders in municipal law, to craft persuasive messaging for OCHFT. Syrus's ability to draw upon the knowledge of one of the most respected municipal law practices in the state sets BB&K and its team apart.

Marnie Prock will support Syrus by focusing on building and nurturing relationships with state agencies. Marnie will track legislative bills, aid research projects, draft bill language, and edit legislative presentations and writings. Alice O'Neil will direct research. Together, Syrus, Marnie, and Alice will ensure that OCHFT's needs are recognized and funding opportunities are pursued.

C. LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY EXPERIENCE AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Few lobbyists in Sacramento have Syrus's experience. Between 1995 and 2004 he held nearly every top legislative staff position in both the Assembly and the Senate, and was directly responsible for several pieces of landmark legislation. In his final position he was the principal consultant (the equivalent committee title to Chief of Staff) for a senate policy committee, which required him to write or review every bill analysis the committee produced, and revise the committee's standing rules. This unique background gives him a significant advantage when dealing with policy committee consultants and making the legislative procedure work to the advantage his clients.

In 2004 Syrus left the legislature to become a lobbyist for the California Medical Association, one of the largest political associations in California. After learning the ropes he went to work for Verizon Communications in 2006, another political powerhouse, where he worked his way up to Executive Director of Verizon's state government affairs. During his eight years at Verizon he amassed a record of success that few can match. While at Verizon he successfully oversaw the passage of six bills, and not one Verizon-opposed bill was signed into law. Syrus was then recruited by BB&K in 2015 to build a lobbying practice focused on meeting the needs of public agencies. Since then approximately 90% of Syrus's clients have been municipalities, municipal associations, special districts, and JPA's of public agencies.

Of course, OCHFT is already familiar with Syrus's work in housing policy thanks to his work for the Association of California Cities – Orange County (ACC-OC) in the passage of AB 448. Here are a few more examples of his work for public agencies:

Took on the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD) for the Las Virgenes – Triunfo JPA. (A JPA of two public agencies in Los Angeles County.) SCAQMD is the proverbial 800-pound gorilla of regulatory agencies. In 2019 SCAQMD denied a request by Las Virgenes for relief from a restrictive regulation and they asked Syrus to get legislation passed to overturn SCAQMD's decision. Syrus's plan included building a coalition well before getting legislation introduced. He successfully introduced and moved legislation over SCAQMD's opposition, despite SCAQMD being represented by two large lobbying firms, which motivated SCAQMD to reconsidered its opposition and agreed to voluntarily enact the regulatory change.

Handed Verizon and AT&T their first political loss in over a decade. In 2017, soon after being recruited by BB&K, Syrus had to oppose legislation sponsored by his former employer Verizon on behalf of a coalition of ten cities and municipal agencies. It should be noted that no piece of legislation co-sponsored by AT&T and Verizon had ever been defeated. Syrus formed and registered a lobbying coalition and successfully stopped the bill.

Secured \$10 million housing grant funds for the City of Palm Springs. In 2019 Syrus was hired on a project basis to help the City of Palm Springs jump through all the state agency hoops necessary to secure \$10 million in funding to reduce homelessness, which he successfully did.

D. LEGISLATIVE RELATIONSHIPS

In addition to the aforementioned work for ACC-OC, Syrus has represented the Municipal Water District of Orange County (MWDOC) since 2016. MWDOC is the wholesale water provider for the entire county. As a result Syrus's legislative contacts in Orange County run deep. Below is a list of Orange County legislative representatives ranked by the quality of the relationship:

Members with whom Syrus is on a first-name basis:

- Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva
- Assembly Member Steven Choi (This relationship may call for further clarification.)
- Assembly Member Tom Daly
- Assembly Member Janet Nguyen
- Assembly Cottie Petrie-Norris
- Senator Josh Newman
- Senator Tom Umberg
- Senator Pat Bates (This is a long-term relationship, but the more significant relationship is with her Chief of Staff Kevin Basset.)

Members with whom Syrus has met, but would reintroduce himself to remind them:

- Assembly Member Phillip Chen (Before the pandemic he would have been listed above.)
- Assembly Member Laurie Davies
- Senator Bob Arculeta
- Senator Dave Min (This relationship is difficult to classify. Syrus had a 30 minute meet/greet Zoom call with Senator Min two weeks before this proposal was prepared. He and Syrus are on a first-name basis at this time, but the relationship needs development.)

Members with whom Syrus has not met:

- None

Given that Syrus has worked in and around the Capitol for 26 years, listing all of his relationships is beyond the scope of this proposal, and Syrus's personal relationships are only the beginning. BB&K has a large presence in the counties of Orange, Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego, and there are relationships with the attorneys that Syrus can leverage with most of the state and local representatives. All Syrus has to do is send out an email to all 200+ attorneys in BB&K and ask about relationships with a particular elected representative and the odds are very good that Syrus can get a warm introduction.

E. SCOPE OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO BB&K CLIENTS

There are not set limits to the services BB&K provides to its governmental advocacy clients. Obviously we provide all the traditional advocacy services listed in the introduction to this proposal. But BB&K does not have a “cookie-cutter” approach to advocacy common to many larger firms. BB&K’s approach is better described as “tell us what you need and we’ll figure out how to get it.”

In 2015, BB&K set out fill a unique niche in legislative advocacy by operating as a hybrid between large and boutique lobbying firms. On the one hand we are a large firm with specialized resources that Syrus can draw on that no other lobbying firm can match. An example would be legislation to modify JPA authorizing statutes. Syrus can consult with the state’s top subject-matter experts on JPA’s, at no additional cost to OCHFT, in crafting his advocacy messaging and materials. Few, if any, other lobbyists can match that kind of background and expertise. On the other hand, Syrus operates as a sole practitioner in a boutique-style firm. OCHFT would have Syrus cell phone number, after-hours and weekend access, weekly contact via email or text, and live communication or in-person contact whenever needed.

The theme of boutique-style services extends to how we approach every client. BB&K has clients who want public relations help as well as legislative advocacy, and want to generally increase their name I.D. and political influence. That calls for a strategic plan with activities all twelve months of the year. The legislative recess in the fall is the time for generalized relationship building with legislators and staff, and for laying any foundation necessary to support the follow year’s legislative agenda, if any. That is followed by nine months of continuous activity working on legislation and budget items.

BB&K, however, also has clients who only want assistance with pursuing grant opportunities. These clients may have little interest in the legislature and are entirely focused on state agencies. We also have clients who are interested in legislative advocacy but only on narrowly defined issues. This type of client focuses intently on relationships with a small group of legislators and staff, and when they choose to engage they bring all of their resources to bear on affecting the outcome of only one or two critical bills a year. This type of service calls for an entirely different type of strategic plan from either type of client previously described.

The point is that BB&K does not focus on a list of services or a defined approach to serving our client’s needs. We bring the resources of hundreds of attorneys with subject-matter expertise, and relationships with state and local representatives that is a part of being legal counsel to cities and public agencies, and Syrus’s 26 years of legislative experience and network of contacts in Sacramento, and we use these resources to figure out how to meet each individual client’s needs. Therefore, the answer to the question, “What services does BB&K provide?” is, “Whatever services it takes to help our clients.” We would never hide behind the terms of a contract and fail to take action that would benefit our clients. Of course there are reasonable limits, and this proposal does not cover legal services, but if writing a press release, to give one small example, is not a requested service but would be helpful to the advocacy goals of a client, we will do it and not ask for additional fees

F. REFERENCES

Please do not hesitate to contact any of the following references for a more in-depth discussion of our ability to provide legal services for OCHFT.

BB&K References	
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G. WORK SAMPLES

Samples of work for current or past clients including a monthly legislative report, an advocacy letter, and a matrix of tracked legislation are included for review under **Appendix A**.

H. CONFLICTS STATEMENT

BB&K maintains a detailed database of client information. Before proposing to represent a new client, the database is accessed to determine whether any conflicts of interest exist. Additionally, each attorney is emailed a description of the proposed representation and asked to comment on any potential conflicts. This database is overseen and managed by our firm's Billing and Client Information Department. We have checked for potential conflicts on the basis that this proposal is to represent the OCHFT as an entity, but not any of its members including the County of Orange or any member City (except to the extent we already represent several member cities as City Attorney or Special Counsel separate from the OCHFT). After checking the database and consulting our attorneys, we have concluded that BB&K has no conflicts with OCHFT for purposes of legislative advocacy. Although we have numerous client relationships in Orange County, none of those relationships include legislative advocacy. We have included the relationships to show the depth of our firm's connection to Orange County.

All partners and their secretaries have coded access to the conflicts database that includes and indexes the names of all clients, matters, opposing parties and other parties, as well as other information, for all matters on which the firm is working or has worked. When new parties are associated with a client matter, the names of those parties are added to the conflicts database. This database is overseen and managed by our firm's Billing and Client Information Department as well as the responsible attorney.

APPENDIX A

WORK SAMPLES



BEST BEST & KRIEGER 
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To:	Municipal Water District of Orange County
From:	Syrus Devers, Best Best & Krieger
Date:	August 4th, 2021
Re:	State Legislative Report

The Legislature began its Summer Recess on July 16th and focused primarily on the budget in the final week but left significant parts unfinished. As discussed in last month’s report, appropriating money in the state budget is just the first step in the process. Budget Trailer Bills must then be passed to state how the money allocated in the budget will be spent. If this seems unnecessarily complicated, it may help to recall that the Governor can strike out anything in the Budget Bill (a.k.a., “blue pencil”) but he cannot strike language in a Budget Trailer Bill.

One Budget Trailer Bill of interest to the water community, AB 148, has already been signed. That bill was something of a disappointment because of the lack of funding for recycling projects, and because it made relief for unpaid wastewater treatment bills second in line following unpaid drinking water bills. It took significant effort by the California Municipal Utilities Association just to get wastewater covered at all. Under AB 148, unpaid bills for wastewater due to impacts from COVID-19 will only get relief if there is sufficient funds left over after all arrearages for drinking water have been satisfied. The State Water Resources Control Board shall survey water service providers to determine statewide arrearages and then adopt a resolution stating how applications for relief will be processed. A major win in AB 148 was moving the Newsom administration off its position of limiting relief to qualifying low-income rate payers. Had that not happened, water agencies would have been tasked with determining which ratepayers qualified for relief based on income.

As mentioned, much work is left to do on the budget which leaves the door open for additional funding for recycling. BB&K staff is in the process of arranging member meetings to highlight the need for additional funds for recycling for all of its clients. The meetings have so far been productive and key members have agreed to sign onto a joint letter asking for additional funds for recycling. Assembly leadership staff told CMUA that the final amount for recycling projects will likely be the number first proposed by the Senate, which was \$300 million.

The Legislature returns on August 16th for a month-long end of session marathon where the budget will likely be the center of attention the first week.

Note: This work is the narrative section for a grant application package. This section was the written part of the application and was included with letterhead and coversheets, as well as other requirements met by the applicant.

City of Palm Springs HHAP Application Narrative

1. SUMMARY OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE CoC, LARGE CITY, OR COUNTY

- A. The Riverside CoC LSA is attached herein as "Attachment A".
- B. The following data is derived from the LSA:

1. Total number of households served in:
 - a. (1) Emergency Shelter, Safe Haven and Transitional Housing: **3790**
 - b. (2) Rapid Rehousing: **447**
 - c. (3) Permanent Supportive Housing: **1190**
2. Total number of disabled households served across all interventions: **3028**
3. Total number of households experiencing chronic homelessness served across all interventions: **578**
4. Total number of 55+ households served across all interventions: **1388**
5. Total number of unaccompanied youth served across all interventions: **845**
6. Total number of veteran households served across all interventions: **1193**
7. Number of individuals served across all interventions who were:
 - a. (1) Female: **2281**
 - b. (2) Male: **3551**
 - c. (3) Transgender: **23**
 - d. (4) Gender Non-Conforming: **3**
8. Total number individuals served across all interventions who were:
 - a. (1) White, Non-Hispanic/Non-Latino (only): **2218**
 - b. (2) White, Hispanic/Latino (only): **1899**
 - c. (3) Black or African American (only): **1351**
 - d. (4) Asian (only): **55**
 - e. (5) American Indian or Alaska Native (only): **120**
 - f. (5) Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander (only): **54**
 - g. (6) Multiple races: **133**

Homelessness in the greater Palm Springs region:

This application is to address homelessness in Palm Springs, however, Palm Springs chairs the Homeless Committee of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) that coordinates efforts in the region. The HHAP funds align with the regional goals being pursued by the committee and the Palm Springs projects have regional impact. The Coachella Valley typically refers to the nine

cities of Palm Springs, Palm Desert, Cathedral City, Rancho Mirage, Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, and the City of Coachella. In addition to the cities, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians and the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians are members of CVAG. According to the 2019 Point in Time Count (PIT Count), homelessness increased in this region to 612 individuals, up from 528 in 2017, and 434 in 2015. Of the 612 from the 2017 PIT Count, 196 were in the City of Palm Springs. The City, however, has good reason to believe the PIT Count is very low based on the following unduplicated services provided solely by Palm Springs:

- Coachella Valley Rescue Mission Overnight Shelter: 510
- Crisis Team: 1,347
- Martha’s Village & Kitchen: 546
- Coachella Valley Association of Governments/Path of life: 269

Only one child was included in the PIT Count, but there is no solid count of homeless youths. The Palm Springs Unified School District estimates the population of children (over age 12) who lack access to stable housing countywide to be almost 900.

By subgroup the homeless population set forth in the PIT Count in the Coachella Valley is primarily adult (543) and mostly male (433, vs. 154 women). Young adults aged 18-24 accounted for approximately 6% of the homeless in the PIT Count. Of this regional number, the highest count (196, or 32%) was within the City of Palm Springs. The numbers the PIT Count is lower than the numbers cited above because Palm Springs is the only provider of services in the western Coachella Valley and, therefore, receives clients from cities throughout the surrounding areas.

2. DEMONSTRATION OF REGIONAL COORDINATION

A. Coordinated Entry System (CES) Information

1. How does Palm Springs coordinate with the CoC's CES?

The Coordinated Entry System is embedded in the work that our direct service providers offer at contact and access points throughout the community. This includes “Mental Health and Housing Crisis Teams” which reach out to homeless individuals to provide them with information on available resources (housing, shelter, identification

documents, and other benefits) and “wrap-around” services helping individuals obtain health, disability, social security and other benefits, and employment training. Palm Springs also provides an overnight heating/cooling center with shower and restroom facilities to provide shelter during inclement weather. Our service providers enter client information into the CoC’s Homeless Management Information System (HMIS) at the contact and access points mentioned above.

2. What, if any, are your jurisdiction’s current challenges related to CES, and how do you plan to address these challenges?

The primary challenge is that data is collected from multiple sources in different formats and it is difficult to compare unduplicated numbers across service providers. As such, duplications must be identified and eliminated before being used for analysis and reporting and to obtain accurate data about the total homeless population. The solution that the City will implement going forward is to require that all grantees to use the CoC’s CES in order to streamline reporting and ensure all data is contained in consistent formats and accessible by the City of Palm Springs and other regional partners.

3. How do you promote the utilization of your CES?

The lead CES agency for Riverside County, Riverside University Healthcare System-Behavioral Health (RUHS-BH), coordinates marketing and training for CES access point organizations and navigators in the CES system.

Palm Springs’ homeless service providers (Mental Health and Housing Crisis Teams, wrap-around services, and the overnight heating/cooling center) staff includes Behavioral Health Specialists, Mental Health Peer Specialists, and case managers trained in the various needs of homeless individuals and how best to address those needs. Our service providers are trained by RUHS-BH and experienced in explaining the coordinated entry system to clients and how it is the path to benefits.

B. Prioritization Criteria

1. What are the criteria used to prioritize assistance for people experiencing homelessness in your jurisdiction?

In general, Palm Springs follows the same prioritization guidelines as the County and the CoC, which aligns with HUD Prioritization Notice CRD-16-11.

Prioritization for the HHAP funds are based on stakeholder and community input derived from focus groups and interviews with service providers, people currently experiencing homelessness, and people who have successfully used city-funded and regional homelessness and housing services . Palm Springs commissioned a report that conducted focus groups of individuals recruited through three service providers in the region that had received assistance during periods of homelessness. Palm Springs retained Barbara Poppe to conduct focus groups, conduct a public meeting for community input, and produce a comprehensive report about homelessness in Palm Springs and the region. Ms. Poppe is a nationally recognized expert on homelessness. Ms. Poppe is well versed in the requirements of HUD requirements and her recommendations align with HUD prioritization guidelines.

In addition, key leaders from twelve organizations providing services to the homeless population were interviewed to identify best practices and the highest priority unmet needs in the region. Each was asked for their highest unmet needs to reduce homelessness. Palm Springs also held a special session of the City Council to solicit public input on the report and recommendations, with over 200 people attending, including the county supervisor and elected officials from neighboring cities, as well as people currently experiencing homelessness, 40 public comments, and dozens of written comments. The feedback from the focus groups, interviews with key leaders, and public input formed the prioritization reflected in the annual budget submitted with this application.

To the extent that the prioritization differs between the County and the City, the difference is due to the differing roles they assume through the CVAG Homelessness Committee and the unique populations and needs present in different jurisdictions.

2. How is CES, pursuant to 24 CFR 578.8(a)(8) used for this process?

CES Lead Agency is accessible via both verbal and written communication in order to accommodate individual need. As an example, CES regularly use interpretation services and TTY to accommodate consumers of differing verbal and auditory abilities. All CoC funded agencies are expected to comply with Section 504 and Title II regulations.

C. Coordination of Regional Needs

1. How have you coordinated with your partnering CoC and county to identify your share of the regional need to address homelessness?

Palm Springs is coordinating with the County of Riverside in its planning for use of the HHAP funds. Specifically, the Riverside County Executive Office, and the Riverside Housing Authority, were consulted in the preparation of the report that is the basis for this application in order to avoid duplication of efforts. In addition, the County coordinates directly with Palm Springs and the other cities through the CVAG Homelessness Committee described above.

The Coachella Valley is a leader in Riverside County and the State of California on the issue of homelessness and the provision of services to our homeless populations. We have a strong network of service providers such as Martha's Village and Kitchen, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM), Shelter From the Storm, Operation Safe House, Path of Life Ministries, Jewish Family Services, and Well in the Desert working 24/7 providing prevention services, shelter services, transitional and permanent housing, workforce training, substance use assistance and behavioral health services just to name a few. In addition to these larger organizations, the Coachella Valley has a number of faith-based and community organizations providing food and essentials to our homeless residents.

The CVAG Homelessness Committee established the CV Housing First program and contracted with Path of Life Ministries to provide intake offices, crisis stabilization units, preventative services, linkages to other homelessness services, and transitional and permanent supportive housing programs. The Desert Healthcare District (DHCD) incentivized participation by offering a \$100,000 match for each city that contributed. As a result, eight of the nine Coachella Valley cities contribute \$100,000, resulting in an \$800,000 match from DHCD. Additional program funding comes from Riverside County, the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, and the Cabazon Band of Mission Indians. Over the past two years the CV Housing First program housed 401 clients throughout the Coachella Valley.

The City of Palm Springs has coordinated with CVAG's Homelessness Committee, the County of Riverside, Cathedral City and the City of Desert Hot Springs to establish an overnight cooling and warming shelter in the city and to transition the shelter to a navigation center and access point to connect homeless clients to service providers and housing.

Together with Palm Springs, CVAG is also spearheading efforts across all nine cities, including a call for each city to identify crisis stabilization units and commit permanent units to the CV Housing First Program.

With Palm Springs' leadership, CVAG has also developed a regional collaboration for collective impact named the Coachella Valley Homelessness Engagement, Action & Response Teams (CV HEART) in order to align services and strategies across the region for greater impact. Palm Springs' representative serves on the planning subcommittee for CV HEART. The staff member for CV HEART and members serve on the CoC and also work for Riverside County and County Supervisor V. Manuel Perez to ensure coordination across the region. There are excellent organizations and agencies addressing homelessness in the valley, but there is also the potential to do much more working together. The collaborative can help to identify what agencies and programs do what best and help to support those efforts further. At the same time, the collaborative can identify gaps that can be filled by capacity building or other service providers. CV HEART will also work to expand the sphere of collaboration outside of just the current governmental agencies and a few non-profit service providers.

2. What is your identified share of this need, and how will the requested funds help your jurisdiction meet it?

Although difficult to extrapolate accurately, PIT Counts indicate that the cities referenced in this application account for at least 22% of the homeless population in the county. With the County and the CoC focusing on countywide needs and wraparound services, Palm Springs seeks to use its HHAP funds in a targeted manner to meet the highest unmet needs identified in the stakeholder process it undertook to prepare for this application. The highest needs, by far, relate to increasing the available

inventory for reducing homelessness (70% of funds directed towards housing), followed by prevention and crisis response (12% and 18% of funds respectively).

Service providers and homeless individuals report that while emergency shelters exist in the Coachella Valley and in Riverside County, there is a significant lack of crisis stabilization or transitional housing, and a dire need of permanent supportive housing, such that people encountering outreach or referral services currently have few options to secure housing out of homelessness.

D. Creating Sustainable, Long Term Housing Solutions

1. How is your jurisdiction involved in the efforts to create sustainable, long-term housing solutions for people experiencing homelessness across your region?

One of the primary objectives of the planning process Palm Springs undertook to plan for the HHAP funds was to identify which services were already being provided to a significant degree by other cooperating entities in the region, specifically Riverside County and the CoC. In addition, Palm Spring is an active participant in the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) that has a homeless committee tasked with coordinating efforts in the region. CVAG is separately implementing some of the recommendations of the aforementioned report, "The Path Forward: recommendations to advance an end to homelessness in the Coachella Valley." The budget allocations in this application are aligned with the recommendations of that report and CVAG's ongoing efforts.

3. RESOURCES ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

A. Existing Programs and Resources

1. Provide an exhaustive list of all funds (including the program and dollar amount) that your jurisdiction currently uses to provide housing and homeless services for homeless populations.

CV Housing First Program (Palm Springs Annual Contribution: \$103,000- CVAG Homelessness Committee established the CV Housing First program and contracted with Path of Life Ministries to provide intake offices, crisis stabilization units, preventative services and linkages to other homelessness services and housing programs. This program is jointly funded by eight of the nine Coachella Valley cities contributing \$100,000 each. Contributions by cities are matched by DHCD. Additional program funding comes from Riverside County and the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians.

Well in the Desert (Palm Springs Annual Contribution: \$75,000)– The Well in the Desert provides clothing, showers and a cooling center in Palm Springs 7 days a week, plus nutritious hot meals 5 days a week. They also offer emergency food assistance, weekly supplemental food distribution and a wide array of services through advocacy to those affected by poverty, including the working poor, the homeless, seniors, veterans, the handicapped and others in the western Coachella Valley.

CVRM Overnight Shelter (Palm Springs Contribution: \$100,000 to date– Palm Springs converted a former Boxing Club building for use as an Overnight Shelter for the Summer of 2019. CVAG provided the initial funding for the Overnight Shelter. Today, Palm Springs and the DHCD provide funding to continue operating the Cooling Center at a rate of \$25,000 per month.

Palm Springs Mental Health Housing Crisis Response Outreach Team (Total Annual cost: \$330,000) – The City provides two Mental Health Housing Crisis Teams. Each team has a Behavioral Health Specialist II, and a Mental Health Peer Specialist to engage and refer individuals to resources for housing, mental health, and substance abuse.

Palm Springs Mental Health Housing Crisis Response Public Safety Team (Total Annual cost: \$810,000, - Each of the Mental Health Housing Crisis Teams also includes a Palm Springs Community Service Officer and Sworn Police Officer. There are two Community Service Officers and two Sworn Police Officers. Each of the Mental Health Housing Crisis Team includes a Palm Springs Community Service Officer and Sworn Police Officer.

Wrap Around Employment and Referral Services (Total Annual cost: \$146,000 – Under a contract with Martha’s Village and Kitchen, Palm Springs offers Wrap Around services for homeless individuals. Examples of wrap around services include assisting individuals to obtain

permanent housing and supportive housing, assisting individuals with securing health, disability, social security and other benefits, training for computer skills, internet searches for employment, completing on-line employment applications, and interview techniques, employment assessment of an individual's employment strengths and weaknesses, and basic first aid training and assistance with securing food handlers certificates.

Jewish Family Services of the Desert (Palm Springs Contribution: \$25,500 CDBG funds) – Jewish Family Services of the Desert provides emergency assistance to low-income seniors and individuals who are experiencing a severe financial crisis and are at-risk of losing their housing.

Senior Advocates of the Desert (Palm Springs Contribution: \$15,700 CDBG funds) - Emergency financial aid to low income seniors to prevent eviction, utilities being disconnected, and to provide home repairs.

2. How are these resources integrated or coordinated with applicants from overlapping jurisdictions?

The County coordinates directly with Palm Springs and the other Coachella Valley cities through the aforementioned CVAG Homelessness Committee. A Palm Springs city council member chairs the committee, and all nine cities and the County are members. All project funding is coordinated through this committee.

3. What gaps currently exist in housing and homeless services for homeless populations in your jurisdiction?

Based on the demographics of the homeless population detailed in the PIT Count and feedback from regional service providers, the highest unmet need in the region is for new housing and new housing options, followed by prevention and crisis services. While the outreach and services provided in the Coachella Valley are growing, there are very few permanent housing solutions available to unsheltered individuals. The CV Housing First Program, for example, provides just 12 crisis stabilization units to help individuals exit homelessness in a region of nine cities with 500,000 permanent residents.

B. HHAP Funding Plans

1. Explain, in detail, how your jurisdiction plans to use the full amount of HHAP funds (including the youth set-aside) and how it will complement existing funds to close the identified gaps in housing and homeless services for the homeless population in your jurisdiction.

Youth set-aside (\$800,000--\$450,000 for rental assistance and rapid rehousing, \$50,000 for landlord incentives, and \$300,000 for prevention and shelter diversion to permanent housing): As indicated above, solid numbers are not available for homeless children 12 and up. Information from the Palm Springs Unified School District (PSUSD) indicates a significant and growing and serious problem. Best practices identified through the planning process indicate that (1) flexible financial assistance for prevention and rehousing, and (2) rapid rehousing and/or host homes are the most effective measures to reduce youth homelessness. Delivery of these services shall be through an RFP process with the PSUSD and the Coachella Valley Coalition on Youth Homelessness acting as resources.

New housing and services (\$8,500,000): the highest unmet need in the region by a wide margin is new housing options and services. Given the low vacancy rate in the region and number of available housing units, three priorities have been identified through the planning described above: (1) landlord engagement and incentives, (2) one shot and rapid rehousing financial assistance, and (3) new Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) and bridge housing.

Landlord engagement includes: incentives for landlords to reduce screening criteria, and financial assistance with initial move in costs.

One shot financial assistance: financial assistance for individuals facing homelessness who do not require assistance with housing location or need home-based services in order to help them more quickly exit homelessness.

PSH and Bridge Housing: PSH is needed to address chronic homelessness, particularly for individuals with medical needs

and/or disabilities. Bridge housing, or crisis stabilization housing, is necessary for individuals who are not well served by existing congregation services. This population includes families with children, seniors, and transgendered individuals.

Administration, Leadership, and Accountability (\$700,000): much of the HHAP funds are intended to be distributed as grants through an RFP process. This will require the development of contract and grant standards, as well as oversight of grantees and monitoring to ensure the funds are properly utilized. In addition, extensive civic engagement is necessary to ensure transparency, community acceptance, and to raise private funding and capital investment needed to fully utilize the HHAP funds.

The majority of the permanent housing project funds will be directed at the City of Palm Springs, which estimates that they will house 250 individuals, or approximately 40% of the homeless population. We estimate that approximately 100 people per year in total will be served with the HHAP funds during the 5-year grant period, or 500. (Of which 250 which be permanently housed.) These number do not coincide with the PIT count because Palm Springs has an usually large transient and/or seasonal population of homelessness.

2. How will you ensure that HHAP funded projects will align and comply with the core components of Housing First as defined in Welfare and Institutions Code § 8255(b)?

The funds allocated to administration include training on all eleven core components of Housing First for city staff and ad hoc groups who will administer HHAP grants, and Housing First requirements will be a required part of grant criteria. This will require little change to the City's existing practices.

4. PARTNERS ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS

A. Collaborating Partner Efforts

Palm Springs has undertaken significant effort to collaborate with homeless service providers in the region. The following twelve

organizations were involved in preparing the report that forms the basis of this application. Those organizations are as follows:

Coachella Valley Rescue Mission
CV HEART collaborative
CVAG
Desert AIDS Project
Martha's Village and Kitchen
Palm Springs Police Department HOT team
Path of Life Ministries
Riverside County Executive Office
Riverside Housing Authority
Riverside University Health System - Behavioral Health
Transgender Health and Wellness Center
Well in the Desert
Desert Healthcare Foundation

The HHAP funds will be spent on the unmet needs identified by these key leaders. By way of example, no funds are planned for services currently provided by the County of Riverside, such as Coordinated Entry Services. Palm Springs will continue to rely on Riverside County and the CoC for such administrative support and will direct the HHAP funds to fill unmet needs.

5. SOLUTIONS TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

The City has developed outreach, wrap around, counseling, and temporary assistance, but there is little to no housing for individuals once they are ready to exit homelessness. The HHAP funds are intended to directly increase the available inventory of housing available to permanently reduce homelessness. Palm Springs does have specific properties identified across the various categories, such as conversion, rehabilitation, lease agreements with landlords, and construction on city land, but all of these are contingent on future contract negotiations. Taking into account this uncertainty, and assuming no major unanticipated changes in the housing market over the next several years, it is not unreasonable to achieve an overall 30% reduction in homelessness in the region.

Note: This draft budget request was prepared for Platinum Advisors who then delivered it to OCHFT to be put on letterhead. (And was then delivered to legislators by BB&K.)

The Honorable Phil Ting
Chair, Assembly Budget Committee
State Capitol
Sacramento, AC 95814

RE: Budget Request for the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (\$35 million)

Dear Assembly Member Ting:

On behalf of the entire Orange County delegation, I am pleased to submit this Budget Request (Request) for \$35 million for the Orange County Housing Finance Trust (OCHFT). OCHFT was created when the Legislature unanimously passed AB 448 (Daly) in 2018 as the means to coordinate funding for critically needed housing in Orange County. Since then, 23 cities and the county have joined OCHFT. This membership covers 80% of the population in Orange County.

Although affordable housing is a challenge throughout California, the homelessness problem in Orange County is acute. Orange County is one of the ten least affordable metropolitan areas in the United States. Only 21% of households can afford the monthly housing payment for a median-priced home, and average rents are \$2,176 a month and projected to go even higher.

Getting a person off the street and into a shelter is a necessary first step, but if there are no resources to follow up with once that person is stable, the failure rate and return to homelessness is extremely high. Orange County has embarked on a program to create a complete pathway out of homelessness. It begins with a shelter and stabilization, but that is a short-term solution. Addressing chronic homelessness typically requires follow up treatment for mental health and/or substance abuse to lay the foundation of long-term stability. Orange County has begun implementing this second step through "Be Well OC," a coordinated program to bring mental health, clinical services, addiction counseling, and interim housing under one coordinated system. The first Be Well clinic is already under construction with plans for two more to service all of Orange County. But there's still a necessary third step.

Once a formerly homeless person has regained sustainable stability, they still need time, and perhaps continued services, to adapt to a new and radically different life than their former one. This is where affordable and supportive housing come in. It is the final transition phase that allows reintegration into a community, which is required to break the cycle of homelessness. Unfortunately, this last critical phase is also the highest unmet need. The tragedy without this last step is that the resources and the gains made in the earlier steps can be lost. OCHFT was created specifically to address the need for affordable and supportive housing so that people can leave homelessness behind permanently. The cities and the county have worked together on the

Orange County Housing Funding Strategy that calls for 5,400 affordable housing, of which 2,700 units need to be supportive housing.

The response to the OCHFT from the affordable housing builders within Orange County has been exceptional. This Request is to close the final funding gap on 18 affordable and supportive housing projects that are ready to go. These projects are not “planned for”: they are projects throughout the county where builders have obtained entitlements, or the city has signaled support for the project and fast-tracked the process for it, and most of the funding has already been arranged for. All that is needed is the “last mile” funding gap for these projects to move forward. If this Request is approved, 1,118 units will be built.

Attached to this Request is a list of all 18 projects along with a description of each one, and a map showing where the projects are located throughout the county. Orange County has had more than its share of challenges with addressing homelessness, and has at times been criticized for its efforts. But as this Request demonstrates, the entire county has come together to reduce homelessness in a comprehensive and thoughtful manner. For these reasons, and on behalf of every member of our delegation, I respectfully ask that the Assembly Budget Committee approve this Request.

Sincerely,

End of Session Bill Marix

Prepared by Best Best & Krieger, September 15, 2020

A. Priority Support/Oppose

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority
AB 2178	Levine D	Emergency services.	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was S. G.O. on 6/23/2020)	Current law defines the terms “state of emergency” and “local emergency” to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a deenergization, defined as a planned public safety power shutoff, as specified, within those conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.	Support	A. Priority Support/Oppose
AB 2560	Quirk D	Water quality: notification levels and response levels: procedures.	9/11/2020-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.	The California Safe Drinking Water Act requires the State Water Resources Control Board to adopt drinking water standards for contaminants in drinking water based upon specified criteria and requires any person who owns a public water system to ensure that the system, among other things, complies with those drinking water standards. This bill would require the state board to comply with specified public notice and comment procedures when establishing or revising a notification level or response level, except as specified for a contaminant that the Division of Drinking Water of the state board finds presents the potential for imminent harm to public health and safety.	Watch	A. Priority Support/Oppose
AB 3030	Kalra D	Resource conservation: land and ocean conservation goals.	8/21/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(15). (Last location was S. APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 8/19/2020)	Would declare it to be the goals of the state by 2030 to protect at least 30% of the state’s land areas and waters; to help advance the protection of 30% of the nation’s oceans; and to support regional, national, and international efforts to protect at least 30% of the world’s land areas and waters and 30% of the world’s ocean.	Opposition	A. Priority Support/Oppose
AB 3256	Garcia, Eduardo D	Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was A. RLS. on 6/3/2020)	Would enact the Economic Recovery, Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$6,980,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for an economic recovery, wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.	Watch	A. Priority Support/Oppose
SB 45	Allen D	Wildfire	8/31/2020-Failed	Would enact the Wildfire Prevention, Safe	Watch	A. Priority

		Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.	Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was A. DESK on 1/29/2020)	Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$5,510,000,000 pursuant to the State General Obligation Bond Law to finance projects for a wildfire prevention, safe drinking water, drought preparation, and flood protection program.		Support/Oppose
SB 1099	Dodd D	Emergency backup generators: critical facilities: exemptions.	8/14/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was A. NAT. RES. on 6/29/2020)	Current law imposes various limitations on emissions of air contaminants for the control of air pollution from vehicular and nonvehicular sources. Current law generally designates air pollution control and air quality management districts with the primary responsibility for the control of air pollution from all sources other than vehicular sources. Current law requires the State Air Resources Board to identify toxic air contaminants that are emitted into the ambient air of the state and to establish airborne toxic control measures to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants from nonvehicular sources. This bill would require an air district without a specified rule on emergency backup generators, as defined, as of January 1, 2021, that adopts such a rule to include in the rule provisions that allow the operator of a critical facility, as defined, to use a permitted emergency backup generator in exceedance of the applicable runtime and testing and maintenance limits if specified conditions are met.	Support	A. Priority Support/Oppose
SB 1386	Moorlach R	Local government: assessments, fees, and charges: water: hydrants.	9/10/2020-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.	Current law, known as the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act, prescribes specific procedures and parameters for local jurisdictions to comply with these requirements and, among other things, authorizes an agency providing water, wastewater, sewer, or refuse collection services to adopt a schedule of fees or charges authorizing automatic adjustments that pass through increases in wholesale charges for water, sewage treatment, or wastewater treatment or adjustments for inflation under certain circumstances. Current law defines, among other terms, the term “water” for these purposes to mean any system of public improvements intended to provide for the production, storage, supply, treatment, or distribution of water from any source. This bill would specify that hydrants, as defined, are part of the system of public improvements included in the definition of “water” for purposes of the Proposition 218 Omnibus Implementation Act.	Support	A. Priority Support/Oppose

B. Watch

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AB 291	Chu D	Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund.	8/18/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was S. G.O. on 6/23/2020)	Would establish a Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund to, upon appropriation by the Legislature, support staffing, planning, and other emergency mitigation priorities to help local governments meet emergency management, preparedness, readiness, and resilience goals. The bill would require the Office of Emergency Services to establish the Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund Committee under the Standardized Emergency Management System Advisory Board.	Watch	B. Watch
AB 1659	Bloom D	Large electrical corporations: wildfire mitigation: securitization .	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was S. THIRD READING on 8/30/2020)	Would enact the Wildfire Prevention and Community Resilience Act of 2020 and would require the Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Public Utilities Commission, to adopt an interim expenditure plan and an expenditure plan that are focused on reducing wildfire risk on the ground and in communities through activities such as defensible space implementation, home hardening, improved public safety, including expenditures to add trained emergency medical technicians to the workforce, and other authorized activities, as well as to prepare residents for wildfires through public education and outreach, as provided. The bill would establish the Wildfire Prevention and Community Resilience Fund and, upon appropriation by the Legislature, would require moneys in the fund be used for the implementation of those plans.	Watch	B. Watch
AB 2296	Quirk D	State Water Resources Control Board: local primacy delegation: funding stabilization program.	9/4/2020-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 2 p.m.	Would authorize the State Water Resources Control Board to delegate partial responsibility for the California Safe Drinking Water Act's administration and enforcement by means of a local primacy delegation agreement. The bill would authorize the state board, for counties that have not been delegated primary responsibility as of January 1, 2021, to offer an opportunity for the county to apply for partial or primary responsibility if the state board determines that it needs assistance in performing administrative and enforcement activities, as specified. The bill would authorize the state board to approve the application for delegation if the state board determines that the local health officer is able to sufficiently perform the administrative and enforcement activities and would specify that a local primacy agency has all of the authority over designated public water systems as is granted to the state board by the act.		B. Watch
SB 378	Wiener D	Probation: eligibility: crimes relating to controlled	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was A.	Current law prohibits granting probation or suspending a sentence for persons convicted of specified crimes relating to controlled substances, including possessing or agreeing to sell or transport opiates or	Watch	B. Watch

		substances.	RLS. on 7/27/2020)	opium derivatives, possessing or transporting cannabis, planting or cultivating peyote, and various crimes relating to forging or altering prescriptions, among other crimes, if the person has previously been convicted of any one of specified felony offenses relating to controlled substances. Current law also prohibits granting probation or suspending a sentence for persons convicted of specified crimes relating to controlled substances, including possessing for sale or selling 14.25 grams or more of a substance containing heroin and possessing for sale 14.25 grams or more of any salt or solution of phencyclidine or its analogs, among other crimes. This bill would delete various crimes relating to controlled substances, including, but not limited to, the crimes described above, from those prohibitions against granting probation or a suspended sentence.		
SB 862	Dodd D	Planned power outage: public safety.	8/14/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(13). (Last location was A. U. & E. on 6/29/2020)	Current law defines the terms “state of emergency” and “local emergency” to mean a duly proclaimed existence of conditions of disaster or of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state caused by, among other things, fire, storm, or riot. This bill would additionally include a deenergization event, as defined, within a sudden and severe energy shortage constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency.	Watch	B. Watch
SB 952	Nielsen R	Sales and use taxes: exemption: backup electrical generators: deenergization events.	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was A. REV. & TAX on 6/29/2020)	Current state sales and use tax laws impose a tax on retailers measured by the gross receipts from the sale of tangible personal property sold at retail in this state or on the storage, use, or other consumption in this state of tangible personal property purchased from a retailer for storage, use, or other consumption in this state. This bill, on and after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, would provide an exemption from those taxes with respect to the sale of, or the storage, use, or consumption of, a backup electrical resource, generator as defined, if that backup electrical generator is purchased for use exclusively in powering a critical facility, as defined, by a city, county, city and county, special district, or other political subdivision during deenergization events, as defined, and the purchaser provides to the seller a written statement with regard to these facts.	Watch	B. Watch
SB 1011	Dahle R	Water quality: waste discharge requirements : management agency	8/31/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(18). (Last location was S. RLS. on 2/14/2020)	Would provide that implementation of a management agency agreement entered into between the State Water Resources Control Board and the United States Forest Service or the state board and the United States Bureau of Land Management constitutes compliance by the United States Forest Service or the United States Bureau	Watch	B. Watch

		agreements.		of Land Management, as applicable, with specified waste discharge requirements for nonpoint source discharges. The bill would prohibit a provision of such a management agency agreement from being construed in any way as limiting the authority of the state board or a regional board in carrying out its legal responsibilities for the management or regulation of water quality.		
SB 1044	Allen D	Firefighting equipment and foam: PFAS chemicals.	9/10/2020-Enrolled and presented to the Governor at 3 p.m.	Would, commencing January 1, 2022, require any person, as defined, including a manufacturer, as defined, that sells firefighter personal protective equipment to any person to provide a written notice to the purchaser at the time of sale if the firefighter personal protective equipment contains intentionally added perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS). The bill would require the seller and the purchaser to retain a copy of the written notice on file for at least 3 years and to furnish the notice and associated sales documentation the Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney within 60 days upon request, as provided. The bill would authorize the Attorney General, a city attorney, a county counsel, or a district attorney to request from a manufacturer, and the bill would require the manufacturer to provide, a certificate of compliance that certifies that the manufacturer is in compliance with these provisions.	Watch	B. Watch

Dead Bill

Measure	Author	Topic	Status	Brief Summary	Position	Priority
AB 1839	Bonta D	Economic, environmental, and social recovery: California COVID-19 Recovery Deal.	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 4/24/2020)	Would enact the California COVID-19 Recovery Deal. The bill would make a series of legislative findings and declarations pertaining to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and various economic, environmental, and social conditions in the state. The bill would state the intent of the Legislature that the state adopt a policy framework with principles and goals committed to accomplish specified economic, environmental, and social objectives and priorities as part of the state's COVID-19 recovery spending. The bill would state that the Legislature establishes various spending rules for the COVID-19 recovery, including adopting spending measures that prohibit businesses, organizations, or agencies from accepting public funds for any long-term projects that prolong the emission of greenhouses gases or lead to the expansion of fossil fuel projects and ensuring that recovery spending includes specific measures for California populations and communities most negatively impacted by COVID-19.	Watch	Dead Bill
AB 1957	Gallagher	Paradise	6/5/2020-Failed	Current law authorizes, until January 1,	Watch	Dead Bill

	R	Irrigation District: water pipeline: design-build process.	Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was A. L. GOV. on 1/30/2020)	2025, local agencies, as defined, to use the design-build project delivery process, as specified, for specified public works. This bill would authorize the Paradise Irrigation District to utilize the design-build project delivery process to assign contracts for the construction of a water conveyance pipeline from the Town of Paradise to the City of Chico.		
AB 2093	Gloria D	Public records: writing transmitted by electronic mail: retention.	6/5/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(8). (Last location was A. APPR. on 3/10/2020)	Would, unless a longer retention period is required by statute or regulation, or established by the Secretary of State pursuant to the State Records Management Act, require a public agency, for purposes of the California Public Records Act, to retain and preserve for at least 2 years every public record, as defined, that is transmitted by electronic mail.	Opposition	Dead Bill
AB 2095	Cooper D	Public water systems: reduction of water charges: customers impacted by COVID-19.	6/5/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was A. L. GOV. on 2/20/2020)	Would authorize a public water system to reduce the water charges imposed on a customer impacted by COVID-19 during the duration of the impact provided that the reduction does not increase the water charges imposed on another ratepayer.	Watch	Dead Bill
AB 2148	Quirk D	Climate change: adaptation: regional climate adaptation planning groups: regional climate adaptation plans.	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was NAT. RES. on 3/5/2020)	Current law establishes the Integrated Climate Adaptation and Resiliency Program, administered by the Office of Planning and Research, to coordinate regional and local efforts with state climate adaptation strategies to adapt to the impacts of climate change, as specified. This bill would require the Strategic Growth Council, by July 1, 2021, to establish guidelines for the formation of regional climate adaptation planning groups. The bill would require the council, by July 1, 2022, to develop criteria for the development of regional climate adaptation plans.	Watch	Dead Bill
AB 2182	Rubio, Blanca D	Emergency backup generators: water and wastewater facilities: exemption.	6/5/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was A. U. & E. on 3/2/2020)	Would exempt the operation of an alternative power source, as defined, to provide power to a critical facility, as defined, from any local, regional, or state regulation regarding the operation of that source. The bill would authorize providers of essential public services, in lieu of compliance with applicable legal requirements, to comply with the maintenance and testing procedure set forth in the National Fire Protection Association Standard for Emergency and Standby Power System, NFPA 110, for alternative power sources designated by the providers for the support of critical facilities.	Support	Dead Bill
AB 2322	Friedman D	Small water suppliers and rural communities : drought and water	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was PRINT on	Current law makes legislative findings and declarations regarding drought planning for small water suppliers and rural communities, and requires the Department of Water Resources, in consultation with the State Water Resources Control Board	Watch	Dead Bill

		shortage planning: repeal.	2/14/2020)	and other relevant state and local agencies and stakeholders, to use available data to identify, no later than January 1, 2020, small water suppliers and rural communities that may be at risk of drought and water shortage vulnerability and notify counties and groundwater sustainability agencies of those suppliers or communities. Current law requires the department, in consultation with the state board, to propose to the Governor and the Legislature, by January 1, 2020, recommendations and guidance relating to the development and implementation of countywide drought and water shortage contingency plans to address the planning needs of small water suppliers and rural communities, as provided. This bill would repeal these provisions.		
AB 2324	Friedman D	Accessory dwelling units: prohibition of rent or lease.	6/5/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(6). (Last location was A. H. & C.D. on 4/24/2020)	The Planning and Zoning Law authorizes a local agency to provide, by ordinance, for the creation of accessory dwelling units in single-family and multifamily dwelling residential zones and requires a local agency that has not adopted an ordinance to ministerially approve an application for an accessory dwelling unit. Current law also authorizes a local agency to allow, by ordinance, for the sale or conveyance of an accessory dwelling unit separate from the primary residence to a qualified buyer, as defined, upon meeting specified conditions. This bill would prohibit a person, as defined, from renting or leasing more than 15 of the person's accessory dwelling units, as defined, in the state.	Watch	Dead Bill
SB 797	Wilk R	Water resources: permit to appropriate: application procedure.	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 1/15/2020)	Current law requires the State Water Resources Control Board to issue and deliver a notice of an application as soon as practicable after the receipt of an application for a permit to appropriate water that conforms to the law. Current law allows interested persons to file a written protest with regard to an application to appropriate water and requires the protestant to set forth the objections to the application. Current law declares that no hearing is necessary to issue a permit in connection with an unprotested application, or if the undisputed facts support the issuance of the permit and there is no disputed issue of material fact, unless the board elects to hold a hearing. This bill, if the board has not rendered a final determination on an application for a permit to appropriate water within 30 years from the date the application was filed, would require the board to issue a new notice and provide an opportunity for protests before rendering a final determination, with specified exceptions.	Watch	Dead Bill
SB 931	Wieckowski D	Local government	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline	The Ralph M. Brown Act requires meetings of the legislative body of a local	Watch	Dead Bill

		meetings: agenda and documents.	pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was GOV. & F. on 2/12/2020)	agency to be open and public and also requires regular and special meetings of the legislative body to be held within the boundaries of the territory over which the local agency exercises jurisdiction, with specified exceptions. Current law authorizes a person to request that a copy of an agenda, or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet, of any meeting of a legislative body be mailed to that person. This bill would require, if the local agency has an internet website, a legislative body or its designee to email a copy of, or website link to, the agenda or a copy of all the documents constituting the agenda packet if the person requests that the items be delivered by email. The bill would require, where the local agency determines it is technologically infeasible to send a copy of all documents constituting the agenda packet or a website link containing the documents by electronic mail or by other electronic means, the legislative body or its designee to send by electronic mail a copy of the agenda or a website link to the agenda and mail a copy of all other documents constituting the agenda packet in accordance with the mailing requirements.		
SB 971	Hertzberg D	Small water supplier and countywide water shortage contingency planning.	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was N.R. & W. on 5/12/2020)	Would require a small water supplier, as defined, with 1,000 to 2,999 service connections, inclusive, to prepare and adopt a small water supplier water shortage contingency plan that consists of specified elements. The bill would require a small water supplier with 15 to 999 service connections, inclusive, to take specified actions related to water shortage planning and response. The bill would require small water suppliers to provide to the public, and to report, the plan and specified water shortage planning information, as prescribed.	Watch	Dead Bill
SB 996	Portantino D	State Water Resources Control Board: Constituents of Emerging Concern Program.	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was E.Q. on 3/5/2020)	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board to establish, maintain, and direct an ongoing, dedicated program called the Constituents of Emerging Concern Program to assess the state of information and recommend areas for further study on constituents of emerging concern in drinking water that may pose risks to public health. The bill would require the state board to establish the Stakeholder Advisory Group and, by an unspecified date, the Science Advisory Panel, both as prescribed, to assist in the gathering and development of information for the program, among other functions. The bill would require the program to provide opportunities for public participation, including conducting stakeholder meetings and workshops to solicit relevant information and feedback	Support	Dead Bill

				for development and implementation of the program.		
SB 1056	Portantino D	Drinking water: testing: perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances.	5/29/2020-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(b)(5). (Last location was E.Q. on 2/27/2020)	Would require the State Water Resources Control Board, on or before January 1, 2022, to certify a methodology or methodologies for testing drinking water, groundwater, and surface water for perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances, as provided, and to accredit qualified laboratories in California to analyze perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances pursuant to the adopted methodology or methodologies.	Watch	Dead Bill