



SOLANO COUNTY

Legislative Committee Meeting

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October 18, 2021
1:30 p.m.

Meeting Location:
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AGENDA

- i. **Introductions** (*Attendees*) – Supervisor Hannigan
- ii. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**
- iii. **Public Comment** (*Items not on the agenda*)
- iv. **Federal Legislative update** (*Paragon Government Relations*)
 - Fiscal Year 2022 Appropriations
 - Update on Biden Economic Agenda – Infrastructure Investment & Jobs Act and the Build Back Better Act
 - Debt Ceiling
 - Update on Scotts Valley Band of Pomo Indians v. U.S. Department of the Interior
- v. **Update from Solano County Legislative Delegation** (*Representative and/or staff*)
- vi. **State Legislative Update** (*Karen Lange, SYASL*)
 - Recap on signed and vetoed bills for 2021 legislative year
- vii. **Action Items:** (*Michelle Heppner*)
 - Review Proposed 2022 Federal and State Legislative Platform Documents (*Attached*)
- viii. **Future Scheduled Meetings:**
 - None at this point.
- ix. **Adjourn**

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SOLANO COUNTY ~~2021-2022~~ FEDERAL LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

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PRIORITY ISSUES

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Priority issues are those that have a significant impact on County business and on which County staff, including the County's federal legislative advocates, will concentrate their legislative efforts during the ~~2021-2022~~ congressional session. The County's top priorities (Listed Alphabetically) include:

1. **Funding for Key Water Infrastructure Projects** - Support efforts to authorize and fund key water infrastructure projects and protections in Solano County, including small water system consolidation; water reuse and recycling; stormwater capture and groundwater recharge; water storage; dredging; ; and invasive aquatic species control; ~~water reuse and recycling, Support funding for projects aimed at building resilience to climate change and extreme weather events, including and climate resilient/~~ flood control and levee stability projects.
(RM/PGA)
2. **Health and Human Services** - Support increased federal funding for services and income support needed by parents seeking to reunify with children who are in foster care or at risk of having their children removed. Support increased financial support for programs that assist foster youth in the transition to adulthood, including post-emancipation assistance such as secondary education, job training, and access to health care. ~~Support retaining the entitlement nature of the Title IV-E Foster Care and Adoption Assistance programs and elimination of outdated rules that base the child's eligibility for funds on parental income and circumstances.~~ (H&SS) Support federal funding to address the service needs of youth who are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. Support reauthorization of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program with a particular emphasis on restoring state and county flexibility to tailor work and family stabilization activities to families' individual needs. Support ongoing Social Security benefits. Support federal Medicaid funding to be enhanced for individuals placed in Institutions for Mental Disease (IMDs). Support increased federal funding for the Older Americans Act and for programs and initiatives that enhance independent living for disabled and senior adults. Support continuation of current eligibility requirements for families to obtain Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits.
3. **Housing, Economic Development, and Transportation Programs** - Support the highest possible funding level for key federal housing and economic development programs. Support efforts to restore and revitalize

property impacted by prior realignment or closure of military installations. In the area of transportation, support efforts to protect the Highway Trust Fund and support programs that provide funding for local roads, bridges, transit initiatives, and aviation. Support enhanced federal funding to address issues of homelessness, including homelessness and imminent homelessness among disabled and senior adults.

4. **Military Presence** - Support efforts to protect Travis Air Force Base from budget reductions, downsizing, as well as advocate for new and/or alternative missions to be directed to the base. Support additional assets/missions such as C-17, KC-46 squadrons, modernization of existing aircraft, and gaining other aviation and non-aviation missions. Support infrastructure investments, including military construction projects and housing upgrades and enhance use of underutilized property on base. Support efforts to implement and maintain public-public/public-private partnerships with Travis Air Force Base and other community organizations/agencies. Support funding for the maintenance, operations, and upkeep of federal facilities and infrastructure following the close of a military installation.
5. **Public Safety, ~~and~~ Emergency Preparedness and Resilience** - Support funding for programs that assist Solano County with efforts aimed at reducing crime and enhancing public safety through community partnerships and multi-jurisdictional efforts. In addition, support funding for programs that assist the County with building resilience to the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events, including wildfires and floods. Finally, support funding for programs that address disaster response and preparedness and homeland security-related needs, including efforts aimed at achieving communications interoperability. (PGA)
6. **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh** - Support legislative and administrative efforts to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and the County's interests relative to land use; agricultural stability, resiliency; economic development; police or emergency response mandates; cultural, historical and-environmental preservation; flood risk reduction and protection; levee stability; habitat conservation; recreation; water supply; water quality; water rights and efforts to combat against climate change impacts; and dredging activities. Support governance structures that give local government a strong and equal voice with other stakeholders in setting Delta policy. Oppose efforts to provide federal funding – either through direct appropriations or indirect federal financing mechanisms – for the Delta Conveyance Project or similar water diversion projects. (RM)

Furthermore, the Board of Supervisors adopts the following principles (Listed Alphabetically by Policy Area):

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the County's significant agricultural, water, and natural resources. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important federal resource programs. Specific principles include:

- ~~1. Support efforts to strengthen inspections at borders and ports of entry to safeguard against invasive pests and diseases.~~
- ~~2. Support funding for USDA's Plant Pest and Disease Management and Disaster Prevention Program and similar efforts to eradicate invasive pests; support increases for specialty crop support.~~
- ~~3. Support efforts to facilitate/expedite inspection of US Postal packages profiled by detector dogs to contain fruit or plant material.~~
- ~~4. Support legislation to indemnify growers for losses due to Plant Quarantine.~~
1. Support efforts to fund and strengthen invasive pest and disease prevention and eradication programs and inspections that safeguard agricultural resources including actions to provide crop insurance and indemnification to growers who experience losses due to pest quarantines and regulatory restrictions.
- ~~5.2.~~ Support legislation reducing redundant enforcement of aquatic herbicide/pesticide use under the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the Clean Water Act.
- ~~6.3.~~ Support an more-equitable distribution of cost-share for County-USDA funds for Wildlife Services cooperative agreements provided to California counties.
- ~~7.4.~~ Support efforts to protect the County's Farm Gate, including, but not limited to, full mitigation of agricultural and other economic impacts associated with habitat restoration efforts.

- ~~8.5. Support funding for local mapping of flood hazard [and sea level rise impact](#) areas and advocate for the US Army Corps of Engineers and other federal agencies to protect the County from these hazards. (RM)~~
- ~~9. Support legislation to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, provide funding for the Delta National Heritage Area, and protect and promote the economic vitality and cultural, historical, and natural assets of the region. (RM)~~
- ~~10. Oppose efforts to provide federal funding—either through direct appropriations or indirect federal financing mechanisms—for the Delta Conveyance Project or similar water diversion project. (RM)~~
- ~~11. Support ongoing extensions to US Department of Agriculture Coronavirus Food Assistance Program (CFAP) as long as COVID-19 continues to negatively impact local farm and ranch marketing channels and commodity prices. Specifically advocate for continued inclusion of specialty crops grown in Solano like almonds, walnuts, tomatoes and grapes. (Ag – covered in Public Safety Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Section below)~~
- ~~12. Support funding allocations to the USDA Farm Services Agency and Natural Resources Conservation Service to provide technical and financial disaster assistance for wildfire recovery efforts including extension of the Wildfire and Hurricane Indemnity Program Plus (WHIP+) which provides direct payments to producers to offset losses. (Ag – covered in Public Safety Emergency Preparedness and Resilience Section below)~~
- 13.6. Support funding and incentives for water conservation and smart growth including sustainable development and green infrastructure, stormwater capture, groundwater recharge, recycled water reuse, and other conservation measures. (RM)

General Government

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the general welfare and quality of life of the County's residents. The County opposes unfunded federal mandates and federal actions that would preempt local decision-making authority. Specific principles include:

1. Support efforts to realign government services with necessary funding in order to improve the delivery of services, including technology acquisitions, training, and upgrades.
2. Support efforts that protect and enhance local governments' revenues, maximize the County's access to federal funding sources, and increase local funding flexibility.
3. Support legislation/regulations that provide tax and funding formulas that promote the equitable distribution of federal monies and oppose attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources.
4. Support funding for domestic infrastructure, public safety, community development, and environmental programs.
5. Support any expansion, continuation, and/or increased flexibility in the bidding/procurement, delivery, and management of construction projects.
6. Support legislation that provides grants and funding programs for the preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of historically and/or architecturally significant buildings and structures.
7. Support full funding for the Payments-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) program.
8. Support legislative efforts led by the California State Association of Counties (CSAC) that are designed to reform the U. S. Department of the Interior's fee-to-trust process.
9. Require the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide public notice to tribal, city and county governments whenever a tribe requests a restored lands determination or submits a fee-to-trust application.
10. Support funding and regulatory efforts to expand broadband services to all County residents.

Health and Human Services

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote the health and welfare of the County's most vulnerable residents, including children, the disabled and seniors. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important health and human services-related programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and the State Supplementary Program for the Aged, Blind and Disabled (SSP), and opposes efforts to reduce local flexibility in the implementation of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support reauthorization of TANF with a primary focus on restoring state and county administrative flexibility.
2. Support increased funding for the Prevention and Public Health Fund (PPHF), the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the Community Mental Health Services (CMHS), the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grants, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program—Education (SNAP-Ed), and the Title IV-D Child Support program. Emphasis should be placed on the need to provide funding for streamlined and coordinated operations.
3. Support eliminating the federal health benefits "inmate exception" with the Medicaid program for persons in County jails and detention centers who are in custody pending disposition of charges. (H&SS)
4. Support efforts to ensure competitive equity for suburban areas (on par with urban and rural areas) for federal grant opportunities.
5. Support funding for subsidized childcare services and child development programs, including school readiness for all children.
6. Support funding for programs and activities that support the special needs of elderly and persons with disabilities, including increases to Supplemental Security Income (SSI); support reauthorization of, and increased funding for, the Older Americans Act, with considerations given to caseload growth, cost-of-living adjustments and equitable distribution of funds to those areas with larger senior populations. Support legislation that would provide a comprehensive response to elder abuse, neglect and exploitation, ~~including fully funded, mandated investigations of reports of elder abuse and neglect in facilities by Long-Term Care Ombudsmen.~~ (H&SS)
7. Support efforts to allow for ~~utilizing billing codes for brief intervention services for alcohol and drugs and for~~ two different services on the same day in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). (H&SS)
8. Support legislation that increases taxes on combustible tobacco products, tobacco-based inhalation devices, and electronic cigarettes: support directing these tax revenues to children and family programs, including smoking cessation programs.
9. Support legislation that requires specific bills to undergo a health impact assessment of current and predicted effects, possibly completed by a nonpartisan body.
10. Support all health outcomes and health equity efforts at various institutional and sectorial levels, and ensuring a broader equity strategy within institutions and sectors. Applying metrics to identify equity gaps and measuring gains in intervention areas is a key priority.
11. Expand the current list of billable medical expenses to include valuable services (Promotoras, chronic disease self-management programs, healthy food purchasing, etc.) which are part of a broader menu of efforts to combat chronic disease.
12. Support efforts to reduce intake of high fat, sugar, sodium foods and beverages which may contribute to higher risk for developing specific chronic diseases, and to regulate the distribution and sale of powdered alcohol.
13. Support policy for evidenced-based home visiting services as a preventive service, therefore eligible for Medi-Cal reimbursement ~~such as California's Medicaid 1115 Waiver.~~ (H&SS)
14. Support legislation and regulatory efforts that promote and implement "whole person care" and that address social determinants of health.
15. ~~Support legislation and efforts to solidify and expand healthcare coverage and insurance implemented with the Affordable Care Act (ACA).~~ Support federal funding to increase access to health care to address issues of worker shortage within the healthcare field. Support federal funding for administration of the Medi-Cal program. (H&SS)
- ~~16. If repealed, support a comprehensive ACA replacement that ensures market and delivery system stability and continued coverage for more than 14 million Californians.~~ (H&SS)
- ~~17.~~16. Support legislative efforts aimed at establishing and retaining grocery stores, farmers' markets and other healthy food providers in impoverished communities and require these merchants to accept electronic benefit transfer (EBT).
- ~~18.~~17. Support additional federal resources to establish and maintain robust outreach and enrollment programs

for seniors eligible for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP/CalFresh). Additionally, support programs to supplement the food and nutrition needs of seniors who may not have the resources to access or prepare food due to lack of transportation, functional limitations, or health problems.

19-18. Support legislation to add e-cigarettes, menthol and smokeless tobacco products containing nicotine to the list of tobacco related products to be regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

19. Support legislation that federal and state governments must work with counties and provide funding to ensure adequate planning, medical supplies, access to laboratory testing services, workforce and alternative care capacity to appropriately respond to any local, state, or global health emergency.

20. Support legislation and funding for prevention and case management services and maternal infant and early childhood home visitation programs. (H&SS)

Housing, Community and Economic Development, and Workforce Investment

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote local housing and community development programs and activities, workforce development programs, and programs aimed at encouraging local job and business growth. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for these critically important programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support increased funding for existing housing programs, including the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG); the HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME); the Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP); Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Section 8, permanent, transitional housing, and Rental Assistance Programs, and HUD Section 202 funding for supportive housing for the elderly.
2. Support legislation that enhances a public/private, performance-driven block grant program that provides investments in the nation's workforce, including the unemployed and those in need of skills training.
3. Support or seek federal grant funding opportunities that advance and improve housing, community and economic development, and workforce investment opportunities and legislative principles for disadvantaged individuals and families including the homeless, disabled and seniors. Support efforts to connect health care and housing options for elderly and persons with disabilities to ensure ACA home and community-based services are effective.
4. Support efforts that establish funding mechanisms such as emergency homeless assistance grants; aid for tenants and landlords; eviction moratoria; and funding for affordable housing which can be instrumental in delivering immediate relief and longer-term recovery. (RM)
5. Support incorporation of housing into transportation programs. Transportation reauthorization provides a platform for improving the integration of housing into federal infrastructure investments. New legislation should increase planning for transit-oriented development and encourage coordination and prioritize access to housing and economic opportunity. (RM)
- 3-6. Support the creation of incentives for code and zoning reform. Federal programs can assist by supporting analysis, offering technical assistance and establishing incentives for action. (RM)
- 4-7. Oppose efforts to reduce U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) funds and support expanded eligibility and access to these funds.

Public Safety, ~~and Emergency Disaster Preparedness~~ and Resilience (PGA)

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote funding for key justice, public safety, and emergency preparedness programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

1. Support funding for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program, the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program, the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP), the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG), and Title IV-E Juvenile Probation Services funding.
2. Support funding for climate resiliency and emergency disaster preparedness and response programs, such as FEMA FEMA's Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program; (PGA) Emergency Management Performance Grants (EMPG); the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI); and emergency disaster preparedness and infrastructure damage recovery programs, particularly as it pertains to areas where

governmental and municipal buildings play a role in local emergency response. Oppose FEMA proposals that require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties. (RM)

3. Support funding for prevention, intervention, victim support and services for families experiencing domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking.
4. Support funding for the prevention and enforcement of financial exploitation of vulnerable populations.
5. Support legislation to provide Federal offset to recover outstanding restitution ordered to the victims of crimes and other delinquent court ordered fines, penalty assessments, and fees associated with criminal or juvenile justice proceedings. Support legislation that would increase the collection term from three years to between 10 and 20 years, thereby avoiding having to seek civil judgments against clients.
6. Support funding to implement supervision strategies and evidence-based practices that consider the treatment and service needs of targeted probationers such as sexual offenders, domestic violence offenders, and/or those with mental illness.
- ~~7. Support funding for flood protection and flood response, particularly as it pertains to areas where governmental and municipal buildings play a role in local emergency response. (RM)~~
- ~~8.7.~~ Support efforts to extend high urban threat areas delineation to include rural locations and sensitive areas adjacent to rail.
- ~~9.8.~~ Support legislation that improves the availability, affordability and coverage of natural disaster for wildfire, earthquake, flood and fire insurance. (RM)
- ~~10.9.~~ Support efforts to enhance capacity of local emergency responders to respond to potential emergency events resulting from hazardous materials releases from rail cars. (RM)
- ~~10.~~ Support continued funding of staff, supply and resource costs to address the COVID-19 pandemic and other natural disasters. (RM)
- ~~11.~~ Support legislation and policy that streamlines local agency's recovery to disasters within the FEMA reimbursement process to allow rapid recovery efforts, sometimes while a large multi-county event is on-going. (RM)

Resource Management, Environmental Health, and Sustainability

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote the environmental health and sustainability of the County, including funding for key programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

- ~~1. Support federal funding for green road maintenance and other enhancements to the transportation network that reduce greenhouse gas emissions. (RM)~~
- ~~2. Support funding and incentives for smart growth and sustainable development. (RM)~~
- ~~3.1.~~ Support measures that further the goals of the County's climate protection and sustainability efforts as referenced in the Board-adopted Climate Action Plan.
- ~~2.~~ Support funding and incentives for smart growth and sustainable development, including emerging clean technologies and green infrastructure. (RM)
- ~~1.~~ Support making climate change an integral part of transportation and infrastructure legislation and exploring manners to implement in rural areas. (RM)
- ~~2.~~ Support legislation and funding to develop and implement federal, State and local resiliency plans and projects. Congress should fully fund resiliency and mitigation programs. Infrastructure resiliency standards should be established, and support provided for the data tools needed for effective climate planning. (RM)
- ~~1.3.~~ Support legislation, actions and funding that improve Environmental Health regulatory program implementation, which improves the County's ability to provide a responsive, efficient and effective County Environmental Health program.
- ~~2.4.~~ Support funding for County programs and projects that address sustainability issues, such as air quality improvement, energy efficiency, water conservation, renewable energy, fuel efficiency, energy adequacy, and security while balancing the reduction of emissions with impacts on business.
- ~~3.5.~~ Support legislation that reduces or simplifies reporting requirements for local Environmental Health programs to ~~the state~~ and federal agencies. (RM)

- ~~4. Oppose FEMA proposals to require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties. (RM)~~
- ~~5.6. Support funding that improves land use planning for major economic drivers and infrastructure projects for climate resiliency and flood risk reduction in the County. (RM)~~
- ~~6.7. Support legislation that fosters, establishes and expands regional purchasing capabilities and inter-jurisdictional infrastructure development to achieve local environmental and sustainability goals/requirements.~~
- ~~7.8. Support legislative efforts to keep National Conservation Lands, monuments, wildlife refuges, and other recreation lands open in the County and provide stationed and perpetual funding for operations, maintenance and management of such public lands. (RM)~~
- ~~8.9. Support legislation and funding to assist in abatement costs for removal of inoperative or abandoned boats and large vehicles, such as motor homes and travel trailers, from private and public property, including roads. (RM)~~
- ~~9. Support legislation and funding for the abatement of inoperative/abandoned boats on private and public property, including roads. (RM)~~

Transportation

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the transportation needs of our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key transportation programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support efforts to protect and increase funding for transportation programs and projects within the County.
- ~~2. Support funding to allow incorporation of broadband planning and implementation within infrastructure legislation. (RM)~~
- ~~2.3. Support a robust federal transportation reauthorization measure that provides the highest possible funding level for key local transportation programs and projects and transit priorities with particular consideration of enhanced funding for, including local roads, bridges, and transit priorities. (RM)~~
- ~~3.4. Support consideration of an increase or the indexing of the federal gasoline tax and alternative sources of funding.~~
- ~~4.5. Support continued funding of the FAA Airport Improvement Program (AIP) for airport capital improvement projects.~~
- ~~5.6. Support efforts to improve rail and rail car safety, including positive train control (PTC) technologies, for transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil.~~
- ~~6.7. Support implementation of Federal Highway Administration program allowing reciprocity between the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).~~
- ~~7.8. Support funding to continually update airport land use compatibility plans.~~

Veterans and Veterans Affairs

Solano County supports federal legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the health and general welfare of veterans in our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key veterans' programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

- 1. Support efforts that provide enhanced benefits for veterans and active duty, reserve and National Guard members that are cost-neutral to counties, including expanded mental health services.
- 2. Support efforts that would provide increased access for County Veterans Service Offices (CVSO) to VA information systems for use in developing and monitoring claims submitted on behalf of veterans, including but not limited to the federal Public Assistance and Reporting Information System (PARIS).
- 3. Support efforts to create a federal/state/local government partnership to reduce the VA veteran's claims backlog and expand outreach services to veterans.
- 4. Support legislation that would make it a criminal offense to intentionally misdirect or mislead a veteran, or anyone acting on the veteran's behalf, concerning benefits or entitlements.
- 5. Support efforts to expand/increase VA responsibility to educate veterans on their entitlements.

6. Support legislation that would establish priority enrollment and registration for veterans in community colleges, state colleges, and universities.
7. Support legislation and funding to improve existing and construct new local veteran's facilities.
8. Oppose legislative efforts to reduce, cap or otherwise negatively impact veterans, active duty, reserve and National Guard members' pay and compensation packages.
9. Support legislation that would eliminate the means test (Income limits) for veterans to qualify for VA medical care.
10. Support legislation that would authorize VA pharmacies to honor prescriptions written by non-VA physicians.
11. Support legislation that would expand the eligibility criteria for VA Dental Services for veterans eligible for VA Healthcare.
12. Support legislation that would provide CVSO's to send veteran claims electronically to the Veteran's Administration using D to D technology and the County's Vet Pro platform.

Other Agency Legislative Priorities

1. Delta Counties Coalition - Support the principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
2. Solano Transportation Authority – Support the ~~2021~~2022 federal legislative priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano Transportation Authority.
3. Travis Community Consortium – Support the mission of all military organizations located within the County. Support the ~~2021~~2022 federal legislative priorities adopted by the Travis Community Consortium.

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1. **Continuation of Expanded Medical for Uninsured** – Support healthcare policy implementation efforts that do not have an adverse financial impact to the County. Examples of impacts may include unfunded or under-funded mandates, or reallocation of existing County funding that result in an increased General Fund obligation. Support ongoing and new efforts related to increasing the number of insured persons and to providing and expanding primary care services and public health prevention services and activities.
2. **Children, Youth, and Families** - Support legislation and budget efforts that support children, youth, and families, including restoring and expanding quality childcare and preschool opportunities, increasing funding for homeless youth, promoting safety for all children, and supporting mental and developmental health prevention and early intervention activities. Advocate for dedicated funding streams for child abuse and youth violence prevention efforts. Collaborate with state regional offices, schools and health care systems to expand resources for parents with special needs children. Support increased funding for full implementation of the Continuum of Care initiative with the state and other state federal child welfare initiatives. (H&SS)
3. **County Revenue Sources and Authority** - Oppose efforts to decrease, restrict, eliminate, seize, divert, supplant or otherwise restrict local autonomy, including local revenues. Oppose any efforts at the state level to eliminate, restrict, or redirect revenues currently dedicated to local government for state purposes to other agencies and/or districts. Advocate for timely, full state funding for state programs operated by the County, which include appropriate cost of living increases, as well as costs associated with increases in population and caseload growth.
4. **County Strategic Plan** - Support efforts that further the goals outlined in the County's Strategic Plan as follows: (a) improve the health and well-being of those who live and work here; (b) ensure responsible and sustainable land use; (c) maintain a safe community; and (d) invest in and for the future.
5. **Environmental and Open Space** – Encourage and seek legislation that protects the County's quality of life,

its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County. Support funding and regulatory efforts to conserve energy, and to preserve open space and agricultural viability and water conservation. (RM) Oppose any usurpation of local land use authority with respect to citing renewable energy. (SYASL)

6. **Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and Suisun Marsh** - Support legislative and administrative efforts to protect the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta, including the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough area, and County's interests relative to land use, agricultural resiliencyviability, economic development, police or emergency response mandates, environmental preservation, flood risk reduction and protection, levee stability, habitat conservation, recreation, water supply, water quality, and water rights and efforts to combat against sea level rise and impacts from climatic changes. Support governance structures that give local government a strong and equal voice with other stakeholders in setting Delta policy, and in project development and implementation. Support actions and legislation that furthers collaborative and comprehensive planning in the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Region, which promotes continued agricultural health and flood risk reduction measures with other state priorities including programs to eradicate invasive aquatic weeds and harmful algae blooms throughout the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta and adjoining waterways. (RM)
7. **Seniors and the Disabled** – Support legislative, administrative and budgetary efforts that seek to maintain active and healthy independence for seniors and the disabled, including housing, funding and other support for those who are homeless or at imminent risk of homelessness. Support services that focus on comprehensive, integrated assistance for the disabled and seniors, including personal in-home care services, food assistance, prevention and investigation of abuse and neglect, and assistance accessing relevant programs such as Medi-Cal, Medicare, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Cal-Fresh and cash assistance programs.
8. **State Realignment & Cost-Shifts** - Oppose proposals to restructure, realign, or otherwise shift the cost of state programs to local government, without commensurate compensation and a legislative ability for counties to draw down available federal funding. Support efforts to distribute public safety realignment funds using an equitable formula based on population. Support efforts to improve the stability of current County revenue sources. Oppose any realignment initiatives, which fail to fully fund services shifted to the County.
9. **Voting and Election Efficiencies** - Support efforts to modernize election administration to increase voter turnout, reduce the local cost of elections, reduce waiting time at polling places, increase convenience for voters, and improve voting opportunity for overseas and military voters.

Furthermore, the Solano Board of Supervisors adopts the following legislative principles (Listed Alphabetically by Policy Area):

Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Water

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the County's significant agricultural, water, and natural resources. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important state resource programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support funding via the regulatory authority of the Agricultural Commissioner/ Sealer of Weights and Measures, and extend sunsets where applicable.
2. Support legislation that would improve funding for USDA Wildlife Services management and education programs that aid the agricultural industry and the public in safely addressing interactions with wildlife such as coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions, nutria and feral pigs, which impact agriculture, public safety, the environment.
3. Support legislation or rulemaking to allow growers to take feral hogs without a depredation permit or hunting license when the hogs are damaging crops or agricultural infrastructure.
- ~~4. Support funding for an alternate intake to the North Bay Aqueduct.~~ (RM)

- ~~5-4.~~ Support efforts to protect the County's Farm Gate, including, but not limited to, full mitigation of agricultural and other economic impacts associated with habitat restoration efforts.
- ~~6-5.~~ Support efforts to maintain local control/involvement in allocation of water resources, including optimizing efforts for water reuse, groundwater recharge, stormwater capture, and green infrastructure. Promote aligning State programs, improving local agency coordination, and strategies and programs that address data gaps to help promote climate resiliency. Support funding for an alternate intake to the North Bay Aqueduct. (RM)
- ~~7-6.~~ Support legislation that would achieve the optimal level of funding for required regulatory activities, such as pest exclusion, detection and eradication, and improve coordination between federal, state and county programs.
- ~~8-7.~~ Support legislation that would allow growers of specialty crops to participate in crop insurance programs, including legislation that would treat plant pest quarantines as disasters and provide eligibility for economic relief to growers of specialty crops in declared disaster areas.
- ~~9-8.~~ Support legislation that would improve the funding and effectiveness of pesticide regulation activities to protect the safety of workers, the public and the environment. In addition, support legislation that promotes statewide consistency in the enforcement of pesticide laws and regulations and County Agricultural Commissioners and California Department of Pesticide Regulation primacy for pesticide use enforcement.
- ~~10-9.~~ Support legislation that would provide grants to increase local producers' competitiveness in specialty crops, including fresh fruits and vegetables.
- ~~11-10.~~ Support legislation that would promote funded regulatory activities for biologically sound beekeeping, improve the safety of people and animals, and improve the protection of pollinators and native honeybee health.
- ~~12-11.~~ Support legislation that ~~would encourage~~ conservation of agricultural land by providing through funding or other economic incentive programs, for conservation easements or the transfer/purchase of development rights, or promotion of landowner safe harbor agreements/incidental take permits that allow continued farm operations and economic incentives for farmers to conserve wetland and grassland habitats on ~~their farms. Also support legislation that promotes the establishment of landowner safe harbor agreements.~~ (RM)
- ~~13-12.~~ Support legislation that would improve customer protection during business transactions involving commercial weighing or measuring devices (scales, meters and scanners).
- ~~14-13.~~ Support legislation that would assure the clear labeling and accuracy of the net quantity of packaged products to promote value comparison and consumer confidence.
- ~~15-14.~~ Support legislation that would authorize the Environmental Protection Agency to provide funding to state and local agencies for projects aimed at advancing the goals and objectives of the comprehensive conservation and management plan for the San Francisco estuary.
- ~~15.~~ Support changes to the California Constitution to expand the exemption from the majority property owner 2/3rds electorate vote requirement to include stormwater, flood protection/drainage fees, and permit "lifeline rates" for water and stormwater projects to benefit low-income residents. Promote programs to incentivize new developments to incorporate green infrastructure and water reuse conservation measures. (RM)
16. Closely monitor updates to Stormwater rules that may have adverse effects on local communities.
17. Support legislation that requires a single person or entity purchasing more than 5,000 acres of agricultural land within a single county to disclose information on ownership and intended long-term purpose of land use to the County's planning agency~~Support actions and legislation that furthers collaborative and comprehensive planning in the Yolo Bypass/Cache Slough Region, which promotes continued agricultural health and flood risk reduction measures with other state priorities.~~ (RM)

General Government

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that protect and enhance the general welfare and quality of life of the County's residents. The County opposes unfunded State mandates and State actions

that would preempt local decision-making authority. Specific principles include:

1. Support funding for new technology to increase accountability and efficiency of local governments.
2. Support funding formulas for the equitable distribution of state funds while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict, or eliminate County revenue sources.
3. Support funding (based on objective criteria) for the preservation, rehabilitation, and maintenance of historically and/or architecturally significant buildings and structures.
4. Support the ongoing recognition of PACE bonds as assessments.
5. Support cost recovery for the County regarding services provided to other governmental entities.
6. Support legislation that encourages mutually respectful relationships between tribal and local governments including reform to both fee-to-trust process and off-reservation gaming provisions that ensure local government is reimbursed for potential social impacts and/or infrastructure changes and/or upgrades.
7. Support legislation or regulatory reform that allows flexibility in the County's pension plan formula to ensure the County remains a competitive employer in the current market.
8. Support equitable tax sharing agreements for annexation, incorporation, and development projects.
9. Support budgetary efforts for outstanding Payment-in-Lieu-of-Taxes (PILT) funding that is owed to the County and support legislative and budgetary efforts to reinstate ongoing future PILT funding.
10. Support funding and regulatory efforts to expand broadband services to all County residents.
11. Support legislation that equally allocates grant funding to District Attorneys and Public Defenders for attorneys to staff their offices.

Health and Human Services

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote the health and welfare of the County's most vulnerable residents, including children, the disabled and seniors. The County opposes any efforts to cut funding streams for critically important health and human services-related programs, such as Medi-Cal, and opposes efforts to reduce local flexibility in the implementation of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation that focuses on the prevention and early intervention of injuries, chronic illnesses and diseases, especially issues addressing health inequities that lead to greater hospitalizations and death. (H&SS)
- ~~1. Support legislation relative to the client intake process and case maintenance process, to improve system performance and outcomes. (H&SS)~~
2. Support legislation for prevention, education, intervention, and treatment services for youth and adults, including the disabled and seniors, with substance use issues, including cannabis, powder alcohol, alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- ~~3. Support sufficient funding for local CalWORKS programs and support services. (H&SS)~~
3. Support legislation that promotes streamlined and efficient enrollment processes for clients enrolling into government run programs, including free/reduced-cost school lunch program, WIC, Meals on Wheels, and CalFresh.
4. Support legislation that focuses on improving oral health through prevention and education, especially toothbrushing, flossing, school-based and school-linked fluoride varnish and dental sealant services and increasing the rates of Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments. (H&SS)
- 4.5. Support legislation that provides tap water fluoridation to non-fluoridated communities. (H&SS)
- 5-6. Support enhanced funding for quality childcare services (that also provide employment and education opportunities for County residents), and for early learning opportunities.
- ~~6-7. Support efforts that assist foster youth in the transition to adulthood.~~
- 7-8. Support new or increased funding for mental health programs. Specifically support efforts to allow for flexibility for all appropriately licensed individuals to bill for provided mental health services.
- 8-9. Support efforts that assist seniors and the disabled to maintain active and healthy independence. Support legislation that would promote the psychological, social, and physical wellbeing of seniors and the disabled

through expansion of mental health services and health-related programs including nutrition, education, physical fitness, disease prevention and rehabilitation.

~~9-10.~~ Support legislation that would provide a comprehensive response to disabled and elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

~~10-11.~~ Support legislative and budgetary efforts to address risk factors for chronic diseases and to optimize preparedness to respond to communicable diseases (including public health lab services).

~~11-12.~~ Support legislation to add e-cigarettes, menthol and smokeless tobacco products containing nicotine to the list of tobacco related products to be regulated by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

~~12.~~ Support funding to develop climate change, health, and equity training curriculum and educational materials for local health department staff and the general public. Support legislation that integrates climate change impacts and actions into public health curricula and programs. Support efforts to improve health and promote safety, economic well-being, and aging-in-place initiatives for seniors. (H&SS)

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~~13.~~ Support independent living services for foster youth and those transitioning out of foster care, including housing and educational support. (H&SS)

14. Support grants and funding for programs to address homelessness, imminent homelessness, and related issues. Work with cities and other community partners to assess and expand affordable housing for low income populations including seniors and the disabled, including those with mental illness and those recovering from substance abuse.

~~15.~~ Support legislation that promotes prevention-focused policies and interventions for illness and injuries. (H&SS)

~~16-15.~~ Support full state funding and cost-of-living increases for state programs operated by the County.

~~17-16.~~ Support legislation, budget or administrative action to fully fund the child support program.

~~18-17.~~ Support legislation that provides adequate funding for local child support agencies to ensure a consistent level of service throughout the state.

~~19-18.~~ Support legislation that would enable greater efficiency in the child support program.

~~20.~~ Support legislation that enacts the Federal requirements of the 2016 Final Rule: Flexibility, Efficiency and Modernization in Child Support Enforcement Programs. (DCSS)

~~21-19.~~ Support expansion and funding of Medi-Cal services to increase reimbursement to providers and to fund dental, vision and other services for older adults. Support additional state and federal funding related to the administration of the Medi-Cal program including a realistic methodology to determine administrative burden to counties.

~~22-20.~~ Support legislation and efforts to allow for billing two different services on the same day in a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), and for implementation of prospective payment called alternative payment methodology systems based on a capitation model (per-member, per-month) rather than an encounter-based financing model. Support funding and programs that address issues of shortages within the health care workforce to assure access to quality healthcare. (H&SS)

~~23-21.~~ Support legislation and efforts to promote and implement “whole person care” and to address social determinants of health. Support flexibility in the funding of Health and Social Services to assure collaboration between programs and better overall interventions.

~~24.~~ Support adequate funding for implementation of ABAWD regulations. (H&SS)

~~25-22.~~ Advocate for legislation and budget action that would support and enable data integration and sharing between the State, counties, and local government agencies for the purpose of supporting seamless delivery of critical health and safety services to the public.

~~26-23.~~ Support legislation and funding to address and promote health equity, including health in all policies initiatives.

~~27-24.~~ Support adequate realigned funding for realignment programs.

~~28.~~ Support legislation to continue to partner with community based organizations to provide health and social services to high-risk populations. (H&SS)

~~29-25.~~ Support legislation to recruit and retain health care professionals to serve targeted high-risk populations.

- ~~30-26.~~ Support the provision of resources for respite care for children and adults when needed.
- ~~31.~~ Support adequate state funding for behavioral health services, including state assistance to insure network adequacy of behavioral health providers. (H&SS)
- ~~32.~~ Support legislation which limits access to e-cigarettes and vaping, particularly with the younger population.
- ~~33.~~ Support legislation that simplifies the MediCal transfer process for foster youth and simplifies the resource family approval process for foster families. (H&SS)
- ~~34-27.~~ Support changes in legislation that facilitate treatment and provision of services to foster youth both in and transitioning out of placement.
- ~~35-28.~~ Support changes in legislation to facilitate sharing of medical and/or treatment records of minors in the child welfare system.
- ~~29.~~ Support legislation that federal and state governments must work with counties and provide funding to ensure adequate planning, medical supplies, access to laboratory testing services, workforce and alternative care capacity to appropriately respond to any local, state, or global health emergency.
- ~~36-30.~~ Support legislation and funding for prevention and case management services for maternal, child, and adolescent populations. (H&SS)

Housing, Community & Economic Development, & Workforce Development

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote local housing and community development programs and activities, workforce development programs, and programs aimed at encouraging local job and business growth. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for these critically important programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support Housing Element reform that provides a streamlined certification process, and encourage flexibility in Housing Element consistency review by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), for jurisdictions that have small housing allocation, limited urban services and city centered development policies.
- ~~2.~~ Support housing opportunities for low income individuals and families, including seniors and the disabled, such as permanent and transitional housing, and Rental Assistance Programs. (RM)
- ~~3.~~ Support funding opportunities to assist cities in providing affordable housing for low-income and homeless individuals.
- ~~4.~~ Support efforts that establish funding mechanisms such as emergency homeless assistance grants; aid for tenants and landlords; eviction moratoria; and funding for affordable housing which can be instrumental in delivering immediate relief and longer-term recovery. (RM)
- ~~3-5.~~ Support funding opportunities and legislation to build upon efforts started in SB 280, Jackson, for: 1) new construction to be built for fails prevention and to meet or exceed safe aging in place design standards; and/or 2) home modifications to allow safe aging in place and senior fails prevention. (H&SS)
- ~~4-6.~~ Encourage and seek legislation to facilitate orderly economic expansion and growth, and increase the opportunity for discretionary revenues, programmatic and financial flexibility for the County.
- ~~5-7.~~ Support the federal/State/local delivery system for workforce development programs with State-level initiatives that complement local delivery efforts and add value for these business-led efforts.
- ~~6-8.~~ Support efforts to increase employment opportunities and link training programs to local available employment, including efforts to increase summer employment opportunities for youth.
- ~~9.~~ Support appropriate resources to support safe, accessible and affordable housing to targeted low-income seniors and disabled persons, including permanent and transitional housing and Rental Assistance Programs. (RM)
- ~~10.~~ Support County's rights to determine land use and zoning regulations to maintain and preserve the agricultural and rural character as supported in the General Plan. (RM)
- ~~7-11.~~ Support legislation and policies that create incentives for code and zoning reform funding or programs to provide analysis, technical assistance and incentives for action. (RM)

Public Safety and Emergency Disaster Preparedness and Response

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote funding for key justice, public safety, and emergency preparedness programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

1. Support continued and protected funding for all 2011 Public Safety Realignment programs.
2. Preserve Title IVE funding and obtain fiscal support from the State to implement the requirements imposed by the California Department of Social Services (CDSS).
3. Support actions to mitigate liabilities of longer-term inmates as a result of realignment in areas such as health, mental health, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other areas of concern; also efforts to mitigate the impacts of long-term confinement in county jails and redirects inmates with sentences in excess of three years to state prisons.
4. Support legislation that provides funding to comply with the additional financial burden of the Prison Rape Elimination Act.
5. Support maximizing reimbursement for inmate medical care from federal Affordable Care Act (ACA).
6. Protect funding for local public safety programs, including COPS, Juvenile Justice Programs, Cal-MMET, Rural Sheriffs, Booking Fees, Vertical Prosecution, and other critical programs.
7. Support efforts to secure appropriate funding for gang-related issues.
8. Support legislation that establishes a presumptive limit for driving under the influence of marijuana.
9. Support continued and protected funding for adult probation services, to include but not limited to drug testing, reports, and supervision fees.
10. Support a state offset to recover outstanding restitution ordered to the victims of crimes and other delinquent court ordered fines, penalty assessments, and fees associated with criminal or juvenile justice proceedings; specifically allow the collection term from 3 years to between 10 and 20 years.
11. Support increased funding for prevention, intervention, and victim services for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, dating violence, stalking, elder abuse and human trafficking.
12. Support funding for flood protection of buildings that play a role in local emergency response and to combat against sea level rise and provide climate resiliency. (RM)
13. Support efforts to improve safety of hazardous materials transported by rail, including crude by rail and enhance capacity of local emergency responders to appropriately respond to potential emergency events resulting from derailment or releases.
14. Support legislation and administrative actions to expand (SYASL) for the availability and affordability of natural disaster coverage including earthquake, wildfire, and flood insurance. (RM)
- ~~15. Support funding and legislation to assess and mitigate potential impacts on local communities due to climate change and sea level rise.~~ (RM)
- ~~16. Support funding to recoup costs incurred by the District Attorney and Public Defender in the implementation of SB 1437 (Skinner), an act to amend the penal code relating to murder, which was approved by the Governor and filed with the Secretary of State in 2018.~~ (SYASL - The test claim went through the Commission on State Mandates and was rejected)
- ~~17-15.~~ Support legislation or budget to provide funding offset of County staff time and supply/resource costs to respond to on-going COVID-19 pandemic.
- ~~18-16.~~ Support legislation and funding to evaluate delivery of fire protection services in unincorporated areas prone to wildfire.

Resource Management, Environmental Health, and Sustainability

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote the environmental health and sustainability of the County, including funding for key programs. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for such programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in program administration. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation and administrative action that further the goals of the County's climate protection resiliency efforts, including the ability for a local agency to obtain greenhouse gas reduction credits and

- funding for energy conservation/alternative energy projects. (RM)
- ~~2.~~ Support legislation that provides funding for emerging clean technologies and green infrastructure. (RM)
- ~~1-3.~~ Support advancing State and local resiliency plans and projects for effective climate planning and forecasting. (RM)
- ~~2-4.~~ Support funding to sustain operations, maintenance and repair of dated infrastructure in County and local park agencies. Support legislative efforts and funding to keep State Parks open in the County and to evaluate the development and long-term implementation of a regional park system. (RM)
- ~~3-5.~~ Minimize proposed changes to Building Codes made by the legislative process. Focus code changes on established procedures through the Building Standards Commission.
- ~~4.~~ Support repeal of the \$150 per building fee applicable to rural State Responsibility areas and/or return of some of fee revenues to local fire districts. (SYASL – Fee is currently suspended)
- ~~5-6.~~ Oppose CalEMA’s proposals to require local jurisdictions to purchase repetitive loss properties.
- ~~6-7.~~ Support reinstatement of the Williamson Act program, which was defunded in FY2011/12.
- ~~7-8.~~ Oppose legislation and other ecosystem enhancing actions that diminish the County’s ability to require mitigation of the conversion of agricultural lands, including mitigation to enhance existing agricultural lands.
- ~~8-9.~~ Support sensible and meaningful CEQA reform that both streamlines processes and serves to reduce meaningless litigation, while maintaining strong analytic and mitigation requirements for large projects that clearly have significant environmental consequences at a regional or statewide level.
- ~~9.~~ Support actions for a responsive, efficient, and effective County environmental health program. (RM)
10. Support any legislation and actions that provides responsive, efficient and effective environmental health programs, including those that simplifies-simplify reporting to state agencies for local environmental health programs to the state, including revisions to Chapter 6.95 to streamline hazardous materials program reporting. (RM)
11. Support legislation allowing local water agencies to determine how to achieve water conservation mandates and promotes green infrastructure including stormwater capture, groundwater recharge and recycled water use. (RM)
12. Support legislation to improve access to healthy foods via community gardens, school gardens, etc.
- ~~13.~~ Support legislation that provides funding opportunities to sustain and expand a countywide parks system. (RM)
- ~~13.~~ Support legislation that fosters regional purchasing capabilities and inter-jurisdictional infrastructure development to achieve local environmental and sustainability goals/requirements.
14. Support actions for source reduction, recycling and composting, including legislation and grants to support extended producer responsibility and liability for manufactured goods including problematic household waste items like appliances and furniture. (RM)
15. Oppose legislation and rule-making that would diminish local authority to regulate cannabis activities.
16. Support legislation and actions that streamlines the permitting of organic waste processing, composting and recycling infrastructure to achieve State mandated recycling mandates, while preserving local requirements that allow such use with reasonable public health and the environmental protections, such as wet weather restrictions, setbacks to residences, and other specific requirements, such as those based on the type of biosolids and location for biosolids land applications, for example. (RM)
17. Support legislation and actions that allows collaboration between the groundwater sustainability agencies and the local Environmental Health Departments in regarding to monitoring and permitting of wells and administrative actions that provide funding for local agencies and property owners to destroy abandoned water wells that pose risks to public safety or water quality impacts. (RM)
- ~~18.~~ Support legislation that consolidates and streamlines rules and requirements to enhance groundwater recharge through reuse and recycling. (RM)
- ~~19-18.~~ Support legislation and funding to assess—evaluate and encourage innovation and streamlining/consolidation of rules toward water conservation and reuse, especially treated wastewater, and enhancement of groundwater recharge in unincorporated communities through stormwater capture, water reuse and recycling. (RM)
- ~~20-19.~~ Support legislation that promotes regional consolidation of water systems in local communities and

secures funding for local community and state small water systems that are at risk of failure due to infrastructure age or that pose health and safety risks to customers.

~~21. Support legislation and administrative actions that provide funding for local agencies and property owners to destroy abandoned water wells that pose safety or water quality impact risks. (RM)~~

~~22-20.~~ Support legislation, administrative actions and funding for local agencies to modernize light and heavy equipment fleet vehicles, including transition from diesel-fueled vehicles to cleaner-fueled vehicles.

~~23-21.~~ Support legislation ~~that promotes extended producer liability on household items such as appliances and furniture items, and~~ that allows local programs ~~for to establish~~ registration of local waste haulers to prevent illegal dumping ~~and seek funding opportunities to prevent and enforce illegal dumping activities.~~ (RM)

~~24. Support funding opportunities to support illegal dumping prevention and enforcement activities. (RM)~~

~~22.~~ Support funding to provide for removal of inoperative or abandoned boats and large vehicles, such as motor homes and travel trailers, from private and public property. (RM)

~~25-23.~~ Support ~~perpetual~~permanent (SYASL) funding and programs to promote stationed public access to conservation lands in the County. (RM)

~~26. Support legislation and funding for removal of abandoned or inoperative boats from private and public property. (RM)~~

~~27-24.~~ Support legislation or administrative actions that place mandatory inspection frequencies for regulated businesses in abeyance during declared emergencies that impact business operations or government staffing.

Transportation

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the transportation needs of our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key transportation programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support legislation and budget actions which provide additional and continuing funding for local infrastructure, including local roads, bridges, and transit priorities, as well as continued funding of the California Aid to Airports Program (CAAP) for capital projects. Ensure that existing transportation funding streams are retained. Seek to reverse the diversion of Off Highway vehicle funding.

2. Seek funding from the Cap and Trade measure to pay for road maintenance including green roads and other enhancements to the transportation network that reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

~~3. Oppose legislation and measures that seek to diminish or rescind the Road Repair and Accountability Act of 2017. Seek enhanced funding and regulatory efficiencies for bridges and bridge projects. (RM)~~

~~3-4.~~ Support the incorporation of broadband planning and implementation within infrastructure legislation. (RM)

~~4-5.~~ Oppose legislation that restricts the County's ability to deliver construction projects using specialized consultant, non-profit, or other contract services.

~~5-6.~~ Support efforts to improve rail and rail car safety, including positive train control (PTC) technologies, for transportation of hazardous materials including crude oil.

~~6-7.~~ Encourage the replenishment of State funding of the Aeronautics Program for Capital Improvement Grant Funding through the California Transportation Commission (CTC); and restore State Aeronautics funding reliability for future project planning.

~~7-8.~~ Support Funding and increased access to transportation for those who are low income and lack access to reliable transportation.

~~8-9.~~ Support legislation that facilitates funding and improvements to the Highway 37 corridor.

~~10.~~ Support funding that provides the opportunity for continued review and updates to Airport Land Use Compatibility Plans. Support amending the existing list of "Alternative Fuel(s)" to include renewable fuel sources (e.g. renewable gasoline, renewable diesel, and renewable jet fuel) and add these fuels to the alternative refueling infrastructure strategy.

~~11. Support legislation and actions to protect Travis Air Force Base by establishing a wind turbine exclusion zone~~

or 100' height limitation within 10 miles of the base. (RM)

9.12. Support funding to study impacts to local airports from proposed habitat conservation or improvement projects located within 5 miles of a public airport or 10 miles from a military airport and that have a potential to increase bird populations that may increase bird strikes. (RM)

Veterans and Veterans Affairs

Solano County supports state legislative and regulatory actions that promote and protect the health and general welfare of veterans in our community. The County opposes efforts to cut funding for key veterans' programs, as well as efforts to restrict local flexibility in the administration of such programs. Specific principles include:

1. Support efforts that provide enhanced benefits for veterans and active duty, reserve and National Guard members that are cost-neutral to counties, including expanded mental health services.
2. Support legislative, regulatory or policy changes that would create a federal/state/local government partnership to reduce the VA veteran's claims backlog and expand outreach services to veterans.
3. Support legislation and funding to improve existing and construct new local veteran's facilities.
4. Support state legislation to permit the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) to collect data on incarcerated veterans and to give that data to the Department of Veterans Affairs (CDVA) for purposes of connecting those incarcerated veterans and their families with the benefits they are still entitled to while incarcerated, as well as upon release from incarceration.
5. Support legislation that would make it a criminal offense to intentionally misdirect or mislead a veteran, or anyone acting on the veteran's behalf, concerning benefits or entitlements.
6. Support legislation that would establish priority enrollment and registration for veterans in community colleges, state colleges, and universities.
7. Support legislation that would provide state income tax relief to retirement pay of military retirees. Support making permanent the recent increase in funding to California Veteran Service Officers.

Other Agency Legislative Priorities

1. Delta County-Cities Coalition - Support the principles developed collectively by the Delta Counties Coalition.
2. Solano LAFCo – Support the 2021-2022 legislative priorities and programs outlined and adopted by Solano LAFCo.
3. Solano Transportation Authority – Support the 2021-2022 legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by the Solano Transportation Authority.
4. Travis Community Consortium – Support the mission of all military organizations located within the County. Support the 2021-2022 state legislative priorities adopted by the Travis Community Consortium. Furthermore, encourage the State to adopt proactive measures regarding the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) and convene an office at the State level to work with each community that has a military installation or defense contractors to protect California's interest with the decline in defense spending and the probable realignment of missions and closure of bases.
5. California State Association of Counties (CSAC). Support the 2021-2022 legislative state priorities and programs as outlined and adopted by CSAC.