

# Environmental Quality Policy Committee

April 3, 2020

# Policy Committee Agenda

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- General Briefing Overview
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# Housekeeping Items

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# Welcomes and Introductions

Chair Allan Bernstein, Mayor, City of Tustin

Vice Chair Chris Rodgers, Council Member, City of  
Santa Rosa

# Public Comment

# General Briefing Overview

Derek Dolfie, Legislative Representative,  
League of California Cities

# COVID-19 Update

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# Overview

- COVID-19 League Resources
- Legislative Deadlines and Priorities
- 2020 California State Budget Outlook
- Federal Relief and Stimulus Bills

# COVID-19 League Resources and Advocacy

## League Efforts and Resources for Cities:

- COVID-19 dedicated webpage and email
  - [www.cacities.org/coronavirus](http://www.cacities.org/coronavirus)
  - [covid-19@cacities.org](mailto:covid-19@cacities.org)
- Daily COVID-19 updates via email
- Webinar series on the impacts of COVID-19
  - [www.cacities.org/Education-Events/Webinars](http://www.cacities.org/Education-Events/Webinars)

## Statewide and Federal Partnerships:

- Collaborating with Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) and Governor's Office
  - Statutory and regulatory waivers and relief
  - Funding needs
- Working with National League of Cities and League's federal lobbying team on federal legislation and resource needs

# Legislative Deadline and Priorities

- California State Legislature on recess from March 20 until April 13
  - Likely to extend through April or longer
- Legislative Deadlines:
  - June 15 – State Budget must be passed by Legislature at midnight
  - July 1 – Governor must sign or veto the State Budget
  - August 31 – End of regular session
  - Sept 30 – Legislation must be signed or vetoed by Governor
  - Nov 30 – Regular session sine die
- Potential Legislative Priorities:
  - COVID-19 response and recovery
  - Homelessness and housing
  - Wildfires/PG&E bankruptcy

# 2020 California State Budget Outlook

State budget process will be significantly altered:

- Asm. Budget Chair told legislators to lower their expectations on budget outlook to reflect the new reality.
- Budget committee hearings are on hold; most likely have a streamlined budget process this year.
- Budget likely to be barebones - maintaining current levels of State funding, but with little to no additional spending.
- \$1.1 billion in [SB 89](#) funds to support the State's COVID-19 response.
- \$1.3 billion from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties for COVID-19 response.

# Federal Relief and Stimulus Bills

## Federal Bills:

- Bill #1 - [Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2020](#)
  - \$7.8 billion package, plus a \$500 million authorization to enhance telehealth services, will give resources to prepare, prevent and respond to the crisis, including vaccine development, support for state and local governments' prevention and response efforts, and the purchase of critical medical supplies to protect public health and safety.
- Bill #2 – [H.R. 6201 Families First Coronavirus Response Act](#)
  - Guarantees free coronavirus testing, establishes paid leave, enhances Unemployment Insurance, expands food security initiatives, and increases federal Medicaid funding.
- Bill #3 - [The CARES Act](#)
  - \$2 trillion emergency package intended to stave off total economic collapse in the wake of the coronavirus crisis.
  - \$139 billion is reserved to be distributed between states and units of local government.
- Potential 4<sup>th</sup> Stimulus Bill
  - Talked about in the House of Representatives.
  - League working with federal team on potential requests.
  - Details forthcoming.



# Questions?

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Email: [covid-19@cacities.org](mailto:covid-19@cacities.org)

# Legislative Update

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League of California Cities

# Legislative Update – Climate Change

- **[AB 3256](#) (E. Garcia) Climate Risks: Bond Measure.**
  - **League Position:** Watch
- **[SB 45](#) (Allen) Wildfire Prevention, Safe Drinking Water, Drought Preparation, and Flood Protection Bond Act of 2020.**
  - **League Position:** Pending



# Legislative Update – Coastal

- **[SB 1100](#) (Atkins) Coastal Resources: Sea Level Rise.**
  - **League Position:** Pending
- **[SB 1293](#) (Allen) California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank: Sea Level Rise Revolving Loan Program.**
  - **League Position:** Watch

# Legislative Update – Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Response, Part 1

- **[AB 291](#) (Chu) Local Emergency Preparedness and Hazard Mitigation Fund.**
  - League Position: Support
- **[AB 1915](#) (Chu) Electrical Corporations: Deenergization Events.**
  - League Position: Pending
- **[SB 378](#) (Wiener) Electrical Corporations: Deenergization Events: Procedures: Allocation of Costs: Reports.**
  - League Position: Support
- **[SB 431](#) (McGuire) Mobile Telephony Service Base Transceiver Station Towers: Communications Infrastructure: Performance Reliability Standards.**
  - League Position: Watch

## Legislative Update – Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Response, Part 2

- **[SB 925](#) (Glazer) Mobile Telephony Service Base Transceiver Station Towers: Performance Reliability Standards.**
  - League Position: Watch
- **[SB 1160](#) (Stern) Public Utilities: Electrical and Communication Infrastructure: Undergrounding.**
  - League Position: Support
- **[SB 1215](#) (Stern) Electricity: Microgrids: Grant Program.**
  - League Position: Support

# Legislative Update – Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Response, Part 3

Both expand the scope of the California [Emergency Services Act](#) to include deenergization events as constituting an emergency.

- **[AB 2178](#) (Levine) Emergency Services.**

- Adds deenergization events, defined as planned public safety power shutoffs, to the conditions constituting a state of emergency and a local emergency under the California Emergency Services Act.
- **League Position:** Watch

- **[SB 862](#) (Dodd) Planned Power Outage: Public Safety.**

- Requires electrical corporations to collaborate with local governments in establishing adequate community resource centers during utility-initiated power shutoffs;
- Expands the scope of the [Emergency Services Act](#) to include deenergization events; and
- Expands wildfire mitigation plan protocols to address the needs of access and functional needs individuals.
- **League Position:** Pending

# Legislative Update – Emergency/Disaster Preparedness and Response, Part 4

Both exempt critical facilities from air quality related laws when those facilities run back up power generators during a utility-initiated power shutoff.

- **[AB 2182](#) (Rubio) Emergency Backup Generators: Water and Wastewater Facilities: Exemption.**
  - Exempts alternative power sources from any local, regional, or state regulation regarding the operation of that source in order to provide power to critical facilities during a deenergization event.
  - **League Position:** Pending
- **[SB 1099](#) (Dodd) Emergency Backup Generators: Critical Facilities: Exemption.**
  - Allows critical facilities to continue to operate existing emergency backup generators during utility-initiated power shutoffs, or other losses of power, without being out of compliance or subject to penalties from local air districts.
  - **League Position:** Pending

# Legislative Update – Energy and Utilities

- **[SB 917](#) (Wiener) California Consumer Energy and Conservation Financing Authority: Eminent Domain: Northern California Energy Utility District: Northern California Energy Utility Services.**
  - League Position: Watch
- **[SB 1314](#) (Dodd) Community Energy Resilience Act of 2020.**
  - League Position: Pending

# Legislative Update – Solid Waste and Recycling

- [SB 54](#) (Allen)/[AB 1080](#) (Gonzalez) Solid Waste: Packaging and Products.
  - League Position: Support
- [AB 1567](#) (Aguiar-Curry) Organic Waste: Scoping Plan.
  - League Position: Watch
- [AB 1672](#) (Bloom) Solid Waste: Nonwoven Disposable Products.
  - League Position: Watch
- [AB 2612](#) (Maienschein) Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund: Recycling: Appropriation.
  - League Position: Support
- [SB 1191](#) (Dahle) Organic Waste: Reduction Goals: Local Jurisdictions: Noncompliance and Penalties.
  - League Position: Support

# Legislative Update – Water Quality and Supply

- **[AB 2364](#) (Rubio) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems: Financial Capability Analysis.**
  - **League Position:** Support
- **[SB 1052](#) (Hertzberg) Water Quality: Municipal Wastewater Agencies.**
  - **League Position:** Watch
- **[SB 1044](#) (Allen) Firefighting Equipment and Foam: PFAS Chemicals.**
  - **League Position:** Pending



# Legislative Update – CPUC Rule 20 Program Proceeding

- The California Public Utilities Commission Rule 20 Program lays out guidelines and procedures for undergrounding overhead electric facilities.
- Has been fraught with issues related to the allocation of work credits and the buildup of unused work credits across the state.
- As a result, CPUC issued an Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Revisions to Electric Rule 20.
- Issued a staff proposal in February that recommends changing the Rule 20 Program to:
  - Sunset the existing Rule 20A and Rule 20D programs over a 10-year period; and
  - Include wildfire mitigation as an eligible project use for Rule 20 A funds.
- League is advocating for cities to become parties to this proceeding and submit comments to CPUC by **April 21, 2020.**

# Legislative Update – Work Plan

## 2020 Environmental Quality Adopted Work Plan:

- Disaster and wildfire preparedness and resiliency;
- Impacts of Climate Change;
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA);
- Storm water, water quality, and supply;
- Solid waste, organic waste, and recycling; and
- Reducing emissions, promoting alternative fuels, and improving air quality.



# Questions?

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Thank you and stay safe!

Next EQ Policy Committee Meeting:  
Friday, June 5, South San Francisco\*

*\*(Subject to Change)*