

City of Cloverdale's Procedure

Cloverdale follows the legislative agendas of each organization of which we are a member and/or have an official representative, so long as that legislative position is consistent with the city's interests. If we feel that Cloverdale needs to take a unique position, or if we are asked to take a position for which none of those agencies has taken a position, we bring that individual issue before the full Council. Once a letter goes out, a signed copy is sent to the full City Council so they know we've expressed a City position.

Sample below.



**City Council/Redev. Agency
Agenda Item Summary**

Agenda Item:
Meeting Date: May 11, 2011

Agenda Section New Business	Staff Contact Nina D. Regor, City Manager
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Agenda Item Title

Endorsement of Regional Legislative Agendas

Summary

On March 26, 2008 the City endorsed the legislative agenda of the League of CA Cities. On May 13, 2009 the City also endorsed the legislative agendas of the regional boards and committees on which the City has an official representative. In both cases, that endorsement is only valid if the interests of those organizations are consistent with Cloverdale’s interests.

During the course of the legislative and congressional sessions, these organizations periodically send requests to cities to advocate on their behalf. This frequently takes the form of letters or telephone calls to the City’s delegation, and needs to occur within a very short timeframe. These endorsements allow the City to draft letters of support under the Mayor’s signature without getting separate Council authorization on each issue.

The purpose of this agenda item is to provide endorsement of the legislative agendas of the League of CA Cities as well as the regional boards and committees on which the City has an official representative, including:

- Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) – Rep: Councilmember Mike Maacks;
- Climate Protection Campaign – Rep: Councilmember Carol Russell;
- North Coast Rail Authority (NCRA) – Rep: Mayor Gus Wolter;
- Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund (REMIF) – Rep: Councilmember Joe Palla;
- Russian River Watershed Association (RRWA) – Rep: City Manager Nina Regor;
- Sonoma County/Cities Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG) – Rep: Vice Mayor Bob Cox;
- Sonoma County Health Action – Rep: Councilmember Carol Russell;
- Sonoma County Transportation Authority – Rep: Councilmember Carol Russell;
- Sonoma County Waste Management Agency – Rep: City Manager Nina Regor;
- Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) – Rep: Councilmember Carol Russell;
- Sonoma County Mayor/Council Legislative Committee – Rep: Councilmember Joe Palla.

Under the current approach, staff works with the Mayor and, as applicable, with the City’s official representative of the requesting Board/Committee to ensure that Cloverdale’s interests were protected by its position before expressing support. This approach saves time in responding to requests, which can be important given the speed at which responses are required during state and federal legislative sessions.

Typically, the City’s position on a legislative issue is already known through previous council discussions/ actions on related items. If that position is not known, the item is brought forward for Council deliberation before an official position is stated.

Options

Endorse the current legislative approach, or provide additional direction to staff.

Budget/Financial Impact

N/A – taking a position on a state or federal legislative issue requires minimal staff time; however, the issues themselves may have significant impacts on the City’s finances.

Subcommittee Recommendation

N/A

Recommended Council Action

By motion order, move to endorse the legislative agendas of the Association of Bay Area Governments; the Climate Protection Campaign; the League of CA Cities; the North Coast Rail Authority; the Redwood Empire Municipal Insurance Fund; the Russian River Watershed Association; the Sonoma County/Cities Solid Waste Advisory Group; the Sonoma County Health Action; the Sonoma County Transportation Authority; the Sonoma County Waste Management Agency; the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit; and the Sonoma County Mayor/Council Legislative Committee, so long as those agendas appropriately represent Cloverdale's interests.

Attachments:

1. N/A

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