
Legislative Briefing

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 2, 2019





Background

- **Staff monitors pending legislation**
- **Brings specific legislation to Council's attention**
- **Seek direction to support or oppose legislation**
- **Requesting action on 3 bills**



SB 64 (Chang) – Dogs and cats: microchip implants

- ❑ **Require animal control agencies and shelters to microchip dogs and cats**
- ❑ **SEAACA currently microchips all dogs and cats adopted from its shelter; however, not animals released to their owners**
- ❑ **Impacts to the City and SEAACA are minimal; SEAACA generally supports activities that help lost pets find homes**

❖ **Staff recommendation: *Support***



Governor's 2019 Budget Trailer Bill Proposing Statewide Tax on Drinking Water

- Goal: Establish a funding mechanism to assist those who do not have access to safe drinking water**
- Among other things, would impose a tax on drinking water (tap water) that would require water systems to assess on residents and businesses**
- Similar legislation was proposed by then-Governor Brown last year and was rejected in Sacramento**



Governor's 2019 Budget Trailer Bill Proposing Statewide Tax on Drinking Water

- ❑ Although well-intended, bill could cause administrative difficulties for La Palma
- ❑ Bill restricts amount water systems could retain for administrative costs
- ❑ Adding a regressive statewide tax is in conflict with keeping water affordable as well as taxing a resource that is essential to life

❖ **Staff recommendation: *Oppose***



SB 669 (Caballero) – Water Quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund

- ❑ **Goal: Provide funding for water systems in disadvantaged communities**
- ❑ **Creates Safe Drinking Water Fund and authorizes various contributions into the fund**
- ❑ **Create charitable Safe Drinking Water Trust Fund to invest principal; net revenue goes to Safe Drinking Water Fund**
- ❑ **Accomplishes same goal as Governor’s trailer bill, but without a new tax**

❖ **Staff recommendation: *Support***



Fiscal Impact

- **None of the highlighted bills are anticipated to have a significant fiscal impact in the short-term.**



Recommendation

- **Direct staff and authorize the Mayor to send communications indicating the City's support for SB 64 (Chang) – Dogs and cats: microchip implants;**
- **Direct staff and authorize the Mayor to send communications indicating the City's opposition to the Governor's 2019 Budget Trailer Bill Proposing Statewide Tax on Drinking Water; and,**
- **Direct staff and authorize the Mayor to send communications indicating the City's support for SB 669 (Caballero) – Water Quality: Safe Drinking Water Fund.**



Questions/Discussion
