

**CALAFCO Daily Legislative Report  
as of Monday, January 08, 2018**

**AB 272 (Gipson D) Water utility service: sale of water utility property by a city.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 1/3/2018 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/1/2017

**Last Amended:** 1/3/2018

**Status:** 1/4/2018-Re-referred to Com. on W.,P., & W.

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**Calendar:**

1/9/2018 9 a.m. - State Capitol, Room 444 ASSEMBLY WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE, GARCIA, Chair

**Summary:**

Would permit a city that owns and operates a public utility for furnishing water service to sell the public utility for the purpose of consolidating its public water system with another public water system pursuant to the procedures that are generally applicable to the sale of real property by a city, only if the city determines that it is uneconomical and not in the public interest to own and operate the public utility and if certain requirements are met.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** LAFCo Administration, Special District Consolidations, Water

**SB 37 (Roth D) Local government finance: property tax revenue allocations: vehicle license fee adjustments.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 12/5/2016 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 12/5/2016

**Status:** 5/26/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/25/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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**Summary:**

Beginning with the 2004–05 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, existing law requires that each city, county, and city and county receive additional property tax revenues in the form of a vehicle license fee adjustment amount, as defined, from a Vehicle License Fee Property Tax Compensation Fund that exists in each county treasury. Current law requires that these additional allocations be funded from ad valorem property tax revenues otherwise required to be allocated to educational entities. This bill would modify these reduction and transfer provisions for a city incorporating after January 1, 2004, and on or before January 1, 2012, for the 2017–18 fiscal year and for each fiscal year thereafter, by providing for a vehicle license fee adjustment amount calculated on the basis of changes in assessed valuation.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Support Letter Feb 2017](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Financial Viability of Agencies, Tax Allocation

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill is identical to SB 817 (Roth, 2016), SB 25 (Roth, 2015) and SB 69 (Roth, 2014) with the exception of the chaptering out language included in the 2016 version (which addressed the companion bill AB 2277 (Melendez, 2016)). The bill calls for reinstatement of the VLF through ERAF for cities that incorporated between January 1, 2004 and January 1, 2012. There are no provisions for back payments for lost revenue, but the bill does reinstate future payments beginning in the 2017/18 year for cities that incorporated between 1-1-2004 and 1-1-2012.

**SB 778 (Hertzberg D) Water systems: consolidations: administrative and managerial services.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/13/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amended:** 7/13/2017

**Status:** 9/1/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(12). (Last location was APPR. on 8/23/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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**Summary:**

Would require, on or before March 1, 2018, and regularly thereafter, as specified, the State Water Resources Control Board to track and publish on its Internet Web site an analysis of all voluntary and ordered consolidations of water systems that have occurred on or after July 1, 2014. The bill would require the published information to include the resulting outcomes of the consolidations and whether the consolidations have succeeded or failed in providing an adequate supply of safe drinking water to the communities served by the consolidated water systems.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Municipal Services

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**AB 267 (Waldron R) Community services districts.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/1/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/1/2017

**Status:** 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was PRINT on 2/1/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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**Summary:**

Current law provides for the organization and powers of community services districts, including the continuation of any community services district, improvement district of a community services district, or zone of a community services district, that was in existence on January 1, 2006. This bill would make nonsubstantive changes to these provisions.

**Position:** Watch

**CALAFCO Comments:** According to the author's office this is a spot bill.

**AB 548 (Steinorth R) Omnitrans Transit District.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 4/4/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2017

**Last Amended:** 4/4/2017

**Status:** 4/28/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(2). (Last location was TRANS. on 3/23/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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**Summary:**

Would create the Omnitrans Transit District in the County of San Bernardino. The bill would provide that the jurisdiction of the district would initially include the Cities of Chino, Chino Hills, Colton, Fontana, Grand Terrace, Highland, Loma Linda, Montclair, Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga, Redlands, Rialto, San Bernardino, Upland, and Yucaipa, and unspecified portions of the unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino. The bill would authorize other cities in the County of San Bernardino to subsequently join the district.

**Position:** None at this time

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill, as amended, appears to dissolve the Omnitrans JPA and form a new independent special district to be known as the Omnitrans Transit District. The formation process does not include LAFCo. CALAFCO is reaching out to the author's office for more details.

**AB 577 (Caballero D) Disadvantaged communities.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/9/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2017

**Last Amended:** 3/9/2017

**Status:** 1/3/2018-In committee: Set, final hearing. Hearing canceled at the request of author.

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**Summary:**

Current law defines a disadvantaged community as a community with an annual median household income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual median household income for various purposes, that include, but are not limited to, the Water Quality, Supply, and Infrastructure Improvement Act of 2014, eligibility for certain entities to apply for funds from the State Water Pollution Cleanup and Abatement Account, and authorization for a community revitalization and investment authority to carry out a community revitalization plan. This bill would expand the definition of a disadvantaged community to include a community with an annual per capita income that is less than 80% of the statewide annual per capita income.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Disadvantaged Communities

**CALAFCO Comments:** Sponsored by the Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, this bill is intended to expand the definition of disadvantaged communities to include multi-family households. According to the author's office this will be a two-year bill. CALAFCO will retain a Watch position until any amendments are in print.

**AB 645 (Quirk D) Local government: organization: dissolution.**

**Current Text:** Introduced: 2/14/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/14/2017

**Status:** 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/2/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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**Summary:**

Under current law, if a change of organization consists of a dissolution, the commission is required to order the dissolution subject to confirmation of voters if, among other things, the proposal was not initiated by the commission and if a subject agency has not objected to the proposal, the commission has found that, for an inhabited territory protests have been signed by either 25% of the number of landowners within the affected territory who own at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the territory or 25% of the voters entitled to vote as a result of residing or owning land within the affected territory. This bill would decrease that threshold to 10% of the number of landowners within the affected territory who own at least 25% of the assessed value of land within the territory or 10% of the voters entitled to vote as a result of residing or owning land within the affected territory.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** CKH General Procedures, Disincorporation/dissolution, Special District Consolidations

**CALAFCO Comments:** According to the author's office this is a spot bill pending the outcome of the Alameda LAFCo special study on Eden Healthcare District. Update: The author's office indicates they will hold off moving this bill. CALAFCO will continue to Watch.

**AB 892 (Waldron R) Municipal water districts: water service: Indian tribes.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 3/23/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Last Amended:** 3/23/2017

**Status:** 5/12/2017-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(3). (Last location was L. GOV. on 3/23/2017)(May be acted upon Jan 2018)

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**Summary:**

Current law, upon the request of certain Indian tribes and the satisfaction of certain conditions, requires a district to provide service of water at substantially the same terms applicable to the customers of the district to the Indian tribe's lands that are not within a district, as prescribed. This bill would authorize, rather than require, a district to provide this service of water. The bill would apply this authorization to all Indian tribes whose lands are owned by the tribe.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Water

**CALAFCO Comments:** According to the author's office, this may very well become a two-year bill. The intent of the bill was to make it permissive for an Indian tribe to negotiate directly with a water provider to obtain water services. This would circumvent LAFCo. This bill expands on last year's bill by Gonzalez-Fletcher, AB 2470. The author's office has indicated the bill will not move

forward in it's current version. They understand CALAFCO's concerns. CALAFCO will continue to monitor the bill for any amendments and will consider a position if/when amendments are in print.

**[SB 435](#) (Dodd D) Williamson Act: payments to local governments.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 5/2/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/15/2017

**Last Amended:** 5/2/2017

**Status:** 5/25/2017-May 25 hearing: Held in committee and under submission.

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**Summary:**

Would, under the Williamson act, reduce the amount per acre paid to a city, county, or city and county under these provisions to \$2.50 for prime agricultural land, \$0.50 for all other land devoted to open-space uses of statewide significance, and, for counties that have adopted farmland security zones, \$4 for land that is within, or within 3 miles of the sphere of influence of, each incorporated city.

**Attachments:**

[CALAFCO Support Letter May 2017](#)

**Position:** Support

**Subject:** Ag Preservation - Williamson

**CALAFCO Comments:** This bill renews partial subvention funding for the Williamson Act as a fiscal incentive to lift contract moratoria, implements solar use easements and Farmland Security Zone Contracts, and increases subvention funding for counties that adopt conservation planning strategies for agriculturally zoned property that further our state's sustainable community goals.

**[SB 522](#) (Glazer D) West Contra Costa Healthcare District.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 1/3/2018 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/16/2017

**Last Amended:** 1/3/2018

**Status:** 1/3/2018-From committee with author's amendments. Read second time and amended. Re-referred to Com. on RLS. Re-referred to Com. on GOV. & F.

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**Calendar:**

1/10/2018 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**

Current law provides for the formation of local health care districts and specifies district powers. Under existing law, the elective officers of a local health care district consist of a board of hospital directors consisting of 5 members, each of whom is required to be a registered voter residing in the district and whose term shall be 4 years, except as specified. This bill would dissolve the existing elected board of directors of the West Contra Costa Healthcare District, effective January 1, 2019, and would require the Board of Supervisors of the County of Contra Costa, at its election, to either serve as the district board or appoint a district board, as specified.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Special Districts Governance

**[SB 561](#) (Gaines R) Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District: elections.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 7/20/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amended:** 7/20/2017

**Status:** 12/21/2017-Set for hearing January 10.

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**Calendar:**

1/10/2018 9:30 a.m. - Room 112 SENATE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE, MCGUIRE, Chair

**Summary:**

Under current law, the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District is a resident voting district. This bill, notwithstanding existing law, would provide that voters who are residents of the district, and voters who are not residents but either own a real property interest in the district or have been designated by the owner of a real property interest to cast the vote for that property, may vote in a district election in the Fallen Leaf Lake Community Services District.

**Position:** Watch

**Subject:** Special Districts Governance

**SB 623 (Monning D) Water quality: Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund.**

**Current Text:** Amended: 8/21/2017 [html](#) [pdf](#)

**Introduced:** 2/17/2017

**Last Amended:** 8/21/2017

**Status:** 9/1/2017-From committee: Without recommendation. (Ayes 11. Noes 0.) (September 1)  
Re-referred to Com. on RLS.

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**Summary:**

Would establish the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund in the State Treasury and would provide that moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the State Water Resources Control Board. The bill would require the board to administer the fund to secure access to safe drinking water for all Californians, while also ensuring the long-term sustainability of drinking water service and infrastructure. The bill would authorize the state board to provide for the deposit into the fund of federal contributions, voluntary contributions, gifts, grants, bequests, and settlements from parties responsible for contamination of drinking water supplies.

**Position:** None at this time

**Subject:** Water

Total Measures: 12

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