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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
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**SUBJECT:** Senate Bill 1059 - Electric Transmission Corridors

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discussion and possible action concerning SB 1059 - Electric transmission corridors. (Unanimous vote of the Board members present required)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

SB 1059 would authorize the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to designate transmission corridor zones for high-voltage electric transmission lines within the state. Under SB 1059, each city and county in which the designated transmission corridor zone is located would be required to integrate the designated transmission corridor zone into their respective general and specific plans during the next regular plan revision. The League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties, and the Regional Council of Rural Counties are opposed to SB 1059.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

Existing law requires the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to adopt a strategic plan for the state's electric transmission grid. The strategic plan is supposed to identify and recommend actions required to implement investments needed to ensure reliability, relieve congestion, and to meet future growth requirements for electricity generation.

SB 1059 would authorize the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to designate transmission corridor zones on its own motion or by application of a person who plans to construct a high-voltage electric transmission line within the state. The bill would provide for the designation of transmission corridors for the construction of transmission lines in order to meet the state's needs and objectives as set forth in the strategic plan adopted by the commission. SB 1059 would require the State Energy Resources Conservation and Development Commission to consult with affected local governments prior to designating a transmission corridor zone. However, the affected local governments do not have a veto over any decision of the commission to designate an transmission corridor zone within their jurisdiction.

Under SB 1059, each city and county in which the designated transmission corridor zone is located would be required to integrate the designated transmission corridor zone into their respective general and specific plans during the next regular plan revision, but not later than five years following receipt of the commission's decision.

The League of California Cities, the California state Association of Counties, and the Regional Council of Rural Counties are opposed to SB 1059.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

A . SB 1059 - Electric transmission corridors

CEO Recommendation: Policy Issue

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson