



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Minh Tran - County Executive Officer
County Executive Office

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SUBJECT: Amendments to 2020 State Legislative & Regulatory Platform

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer requests adoption of COVID-19 related amendments to the 2020 State Legislative Platform.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

COVID-19 has dramatically changed the course of legislative affairs, including changing completely the legislative schedules, and creating extremely short deadlines for the public, including the County of Napa, to engage with the legislature on measures moving through the legislative process. Given this unprecedented time, staff is recommending amending the State Legislative Platform to allow more flexibility to the Legislative Subcommittee to take action on bills that are not clearly stipulated in the Platform, with approval by the CEO and County Counsel, and when there is no opportunity for the Board of Supervisors to take action because of deadlines. Staff is also recommending amending the platform to add a section in Priority 1 related to COVID-19.

PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Staff Reports
2. Public Comment
3. Board discussion and possible action

FISCAL & STRATEGIC PLAN IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact? No

County Strategic Plan pillar addressed: Effective and Open Government
 Healthy, Safe, and Welcoming Place to Live, Work, and Visit

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

Since March 2020, the State and Napa County have been responding to a worldwide pandemic caused by the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, which has dramatically impacted business as usual in virtually all aspects of life. The response, which includes shelter at home orders that continue to be in effect, changed the course of legislative affairs, including changing completely the legislative schedules, and creating extremely short deadlines for the public, including the County of Napa, to engage with the legislature on measures moving through the legislative process.

The State legislature plans to return to finish the session on July 27, leaving approximately one month to finish its business before the August 31 deadline. It is anticipated that work will need to occur 7 days per week in order to meet the deadline.

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Attached is a redline and clean version of the platform.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- A . Clean Draft
- B . Redline Draft

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Helene Franchi