



CAPITOL COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP MEETING 8/11/21

Agenda

1. Calendar
2. Budget update
3. AB/SB 170 Budget Bill Jr.
4. AB/SB 155 Resources Trailer Bill

Meeting Notes

Calendar:

- Sept 10: interim recess
- Sept 14: Governor recall election
 - County elections officials have 30 days after the election to complete the official canvass. On the 38th day after the election, if the recall is successful, the Secretary of State will certify the election results, and the new governor would take the oath of office and assume the position for the remainder of the term (through January 2, 2023).
 - [PPIC poll](#). Key takeaway below:
 - If the recall election—scheduled for September 14, 2021—were held today, 39 percent of California likely voters say they would vote yes to remove Governor Newsom from office, while 58 percent say they would vote no on removing Newsom. There is partisan disagreement, with most Democratic likely voters (90%) and about half of independent likely voters (49%) saying they would vote no on removing Newsom, while most Republican likely voters (82%) say they would vote yes to remove him.
- Oct. 10: Last day for Governor to sign or veto bills

Budget update

- Additional budget trailer bills were introduced over the weekend and are pending in the legislature

- These represent 3 party negotiated policies by the Senate, Assembly, and Governor's Office
- Unfortunately an energy trailer bill is not included in this package, though draft language was circulating last week
- At this point, the Governor's May Revise proposal of \$250 million for energy efficiency in the industrial sector and \$125 million for FPIP will not be moving forward.
 - Could reintroduce in January budget, so not “dead” but on hold
 - Energy and water facets of budget were caught up in horse trading between those two bills and legislature was not able to come to resolution in 3-day timeframe
 - Water bills would have been spent on infrastructure repair, water efficiency; legislature could not reach an argument
 - However, budget dynamics may be better in January given strong support from Newsom; assuming he isn't recalled we will be well-positioned to advocate for re-inclusion
 - Nonetheless, a few energy items were included in the budget bills (see next sections)

AB/SB 170 Budget Bill Jr.

- Includes \$15 million for Low-income Weatherization Program from Cap and Trade discretionary spending

AB/SB 155 Resources Trailer Bill

- Includes 5% salary increase per year for the Public Utility Commissioner Salary (2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 fiscal years). This is in addition to the cost of living increase provided for in current law.
 - Apparently an effort to attract better candidates for CPUC Commissioner roles
- Upon appropriation by the Legislature in the annual Budget act, makes available \$150 million annually in 2022-23 and 2023-24 to support programs and activities that mitigate extreme heat impacts.
 - Potential legislative to boost programmatic budgets above and beyond what the CPUC is considering via series of Rulings in response to Governor's Proclamation

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 - Apparent

Next Steps

Our next Working Group meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 22nd at 8:15 am.** This meeting will recur on a biweekly basis every other Wednesday of each month at 8:15 – 9:15 am. An invite from Admin@cedmc.org has gone out to all folks on the Working Group.