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Memorandum

TO: Policy Advisory Council

DATE: October 6, 2010

FR: Pam Grove, Staff Liaison

W.I. 1114

RE: Staff Liaison Report – October 2010

Air Resources Board Adopts Greenhouse Gas Reduction Targets

On September 23, 2010, the California Air Resources Board (ARB) adopted greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets for regions across California, as mandated by SB 375 (Steinberg), 2008. These targets will now be incorporated into the sustainable communities strategies that metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) are required to adopt, as part of their next regional transportation plan (RTP).

For the San Francisco Bay Area, the board followed the recommendation adopted by MTC on July 28 — a 7 percent per capita reduction target for 2020 and 15 percent per capita reduction target for 2035, relative to 2005 levels.

Because the targets are based on per capita emissions, rather than *gross* emissions, they still allow for an increase in overall emissions in each region due to population growth.

For more information and for targets for other regions in the state, go to:
http://www.mtc.ca.gov/news/current_topics/9-10/arb.htm

MTC Adopts Positions on Upcoming Local and State Ballot Measures

Each election cycle, MTC evaluates local and statewide measures that will affect transportation funding and policy in the San Francisco Bay Area. On September 22, 2010, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission supported the \$10 per vehicle registration fee increases appearing on the ballot in seven of nine Bay Area counties this November and adopted positions on four statewide ballot measures.

In addition MTC adopted support positions on Proposition 22 and Proposition 25, and took oppose positions on Proposition 23 and Proposition 26.

For more information, see the attached MTC staff memos that can also be found on the MTC web site at http://www.mtc.ca.gov/legislation/election_2010.htm.

MTC Awards Program

You will soon receive a postcard invitation to MTC's 29th Transportation Awards Ceremony. MTC's awards program, *Excellence in Motion*, recognizes people and organizations who have made extraordinary contributions to the way people get around the San Francisco Bay Area each day. For nearly three decades, MTC has recognized day-to-day and long-term efforts that are improving transportation in the region.

The awards ceremony will take place immediately preceding the MTC Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 27, at the Scottish Rite Center, 1547 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. A continental breakfast will be served beginning at 8:30 a.m., and the ceremony itself will take place from 9 am to 10 am. The start time for the Commission meeting to be held in the MetroCenter Auditorium has been moved back to 10:45 a.m.

Please mark your calendars and watch your mailbox for your invitation.



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TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1131

RE: Countywide Vehicle Registration Fees

Background

In November 2010, voters in seven of the nine Bay Area counties (Napa and Solano being the exceptions) will have an opportunity to vote on a countywide vehicle registration fee of \$10 per year to fund transportation improvements within each county.

The fee would not be subject to expiration, with the exception of San Mateo County, where it would sunset in 25 years. The enabling statute caps administrative costs at 5 percent of the total fees collected. The congestion management agencies for the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma each developed an expenditure plan and adopted a finding that the projects and programs to be funded by the fee have a relationship or benefit to the persons paying the fee and are consistent with the regional transportation plan (RTP), *Transportation 2035*. In addition, since MTC is the agency that prepares and adopts the RTP, MTC made an official finding, adopted in Resolution No. 3977, that the expenditure plans are consistent with the RTP.

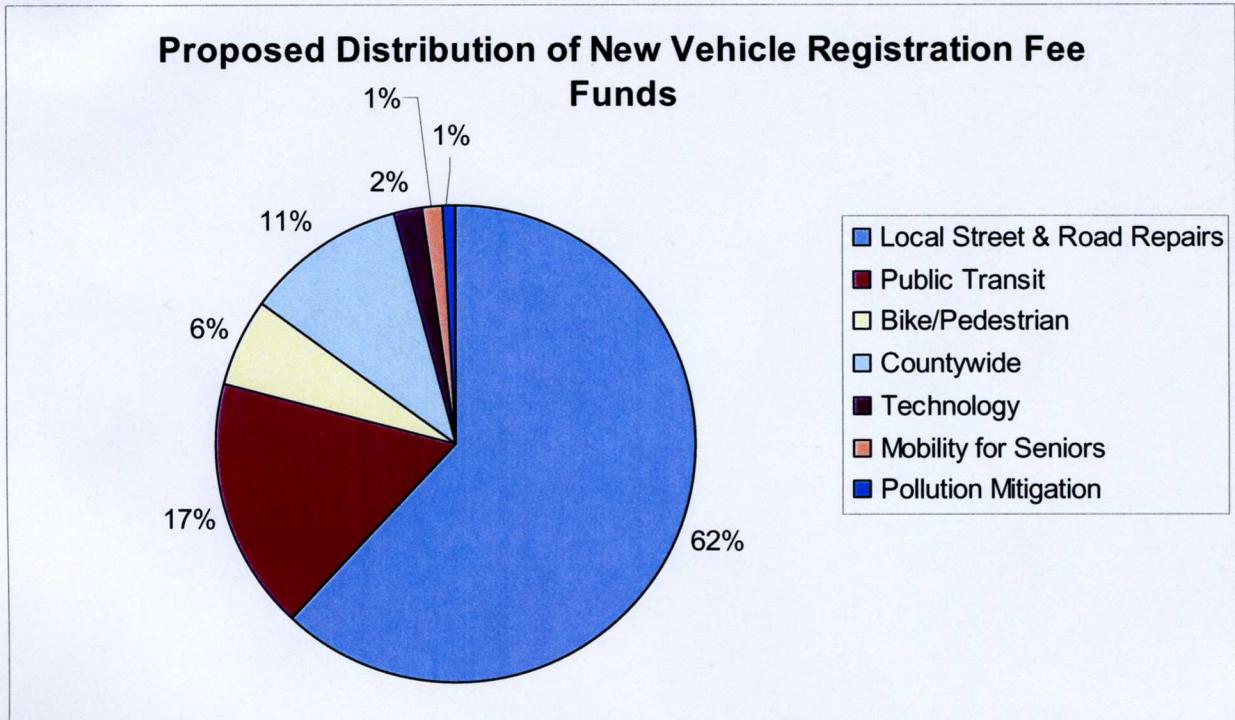
Recommendation: Support

Discussion

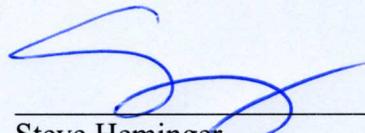
This fee was authorized in 2009 in legislation supported by MTC — Senate Bill 83 (Hancock), Chapter 554. The bill specified the types of projects eligible for funding, to include, but not be limited to:

- Providing matching funds for transportation projects funded by state general obligation bonds
- Creating or sustaining congestion mitigation programs
- Creating or sustaining pollution mitigation programs

In total, the fees will generate an estimated \$54 million per year region-wide and be spent primarily on local streets and roads and public transit, as shown in the following chart.



These measures are consistent with the RTP, in terms of emphasizing the Commission’s policy of “fix it first” and dedicating funds to public transit, bicycle and pedestrian improvements, transportation for seniors, climate change and environmental mitigation. Therefore, staff recommends that the Commission support the vehicle registration fee measures on the November 2010 ballot in the counties of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara and Sonoma.



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RE: Proposition 22: Local Taxpayer, Public Safety, and Transportation Protection Act of 2010

Background

Proposition 22 protects local property tax and redevelopment funds, local transportation funds, and state funds dedicated to transportation and public transit from diversion or borrowing by the state for non-transportation purposes. This memorandum provides a summary of the measure's key transportation-related provisions and its implications for the San Francisco Bay Area.

Recommendation: Support

What Transportation Funding Streams Would the Measure Protect?

Public Transit Funding

The measure protects approximately \$315 million in annual Public Transportation Account (PTA) funds derived from the sales tax on diesel fuel, based on estimates for FY 2011-12. This amount is projected to grow annually along with the price and consumption of diesel fuel. The sales tax on diesel is the only remaining PTA revenue source due to the gasoline tax swap legislation enacted last March through Chapter 11 (AB 6 8x) and Chapter 12 (AB 9 8x), which abolished the sales tax on gasoline, thereby eliminating three key PTA fund sources, which were estimated at almost \$1.3 billion in FY 2010-11, as shown in Attachment A. The gasoline tax swap also raised the sales tax rate on diesel fuel by an additional 1.75 percent beginning on July 1, 2011, for a total rate of 6.75 percent at that time, but that additional amount (estimated to raise \$117 million in FY 2011-12) is not explicitly protected by the measure.

State Transit Assistance Would Be 30 Percent Lower Than Under Swap; Funds Would Shift to Other Transit Purposes

The measure requires that 50 percent of PTA revenue go to the State Transit Assistance (STA) program. The 50 percent share is the historic split between STA and intercity rail, transit capital projects in the State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP), the California Transportation Commission, and state transportation planning. This is a 30 percent reduction in comparison to the 75 percent share in current law. The loss in STA funds would be partially offset by additional funding in the STIP (from which the Bay Area receives roughly 18 percent versus 36 percent from STA). Statewide, STA funding in FY 2011-12 would go from about \$350 million to roughly \$241 million statewide. The Bay Area's annual share would drop from about \$126 million to \$87 million, a loss of \$39 million, as shown in Attachment B.

In Absence of Proposition 22, Transit Funding Still Vulnerable to Diversion

If examined in a vacuum, this reduction in funding could be cause to oppose Proposition 22; however, this concern is negated by the fact that the initiative provides sorely needed protection against legislative raids on public transportation funding, as well as funding for local streets and roads and state highways. The diversion of over \$3 billion in PTA funds over the last four years has underscored that the Legislature will not hesitate to redirect public transportation funding to help balance the budget. Recent legal victories provide no guarantee that transit funding would not be diverted again.

Protection for Transportation Development Act Funds

The measure also improves protection of Transportation Development Act (TDA) funds, funded by a one-quarter cent sales tax in each county. In the Bay Area, TDA generates approximately \$275 million per year, or 12 percent of total transit operating monies for transit agencies region-wide. Under very limited circumstances, TDA may be spent on local streets and roads if a county determines that it has no “unmet transit needs.” In the Bay Area, only Solano County uses a portion of its TDA funds on local streets and roads, and this use is expected to be phased out in the next fiscal year. In addition, the measure prohibits any locally-adopted taxes, such as local transportation sales taxes, from being diverted by the state.

Local Streets & Roads and State Highway Funding

The measure prevents the state from diverting or borrowing state gasoline tax revenue. Under current law the state may borrow its share of fuel taxes for cash-flow purposes on a temporary basis within a fiscal year, and for up to three years for longer term budget balancing purposes. The measure also prohibits the state from redirecting or borrowing the city and county share of state gasoline tax revenues.

Reduces Eligibility of Gas Tax Funds for Debt Service

Under the measure, gasoline tax funds could only be used for bonds issued after November 2, 2010, where the voters explicitly authorized their use for debt service. As a result, the General Fund would have to cover the roughly \$1 billion per year in debt service costs for transportation bonds already issued, restoring these funds to local streets and roads, the STIP and the State Highway Operation and Protection Program. The measure continues to allow up to 25 percent of the state or local share of gasoline tax revenue to be used for transportation bond debt service at the state or local level, but it clarifies that the state may only draw upon its share of these revenues in calculating how much may be used for this purpose, preventing diversion of local Highway User Tax Account (HUTA) funds for debt service as attempted in FY 2009-10.

Staff concludes that Proposition 22 improves our chances of securing a predictable level of STA funding and protecting other key transportation funds and therefore warrants our support.

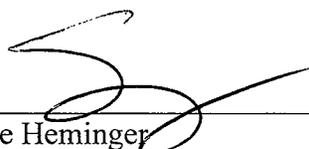
Known Positions

Support

See Attachment C

Oppose

California Teacher’s Association
California State Firefighter’s Association
Health Access California



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**Public Transportation Account Fund Sources Eliminated by the
Gasoline Tax Swap, Assembly Bill 6 8x (2010)**

PTA Fund Source Eliminated (Dollars in millions)	FY 2009-10	FY 2010-11
Spillover	\$620	\$897
Proposition 42	\$284	\$315
Proposition 111	\$63	\$61
Total	\$967	\$1,273

**POTENTIAL IMPACT OF PROPOSITION 22 ON
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA'S STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE REVENUE-BASED FUNDING**

STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE FY 2011-12	Current Estimated Funding Level *	Post-Proposition 22 Funding Level	Change (-31%)
STATEWIDE REVENUE	\$ 350,000,000	\$ 241,000,000	\$ (109,000,000)
MTC REVENUE-BASED FUNDING	\$ 92,157,378	\$ 63,456,937	\$ (28,700,441)
Apportionment Jurisdictions			
AC Transit	\$ 8,656,284	\$ 5,960,470	\$ (2,695,814)
ACE	\$ 498,225	\$ 343,064	\$ (155,162)
BART	\$ 24,687,050	\$ 16,998,797	\$ (7,688,253)
Benicia	\$ 10,202	\$ 7,025	\$ (3,177)
Caltrain	\$ 4,483,790	\$ 3,087,410	\$ (1,396,380)
Central Contra Costa Transit Authority (County Connection)	\$ 483,607	\$ 332,998	\$ (150,609)
Dixon	\$ 4,910	\$ 3,381	\$ (1,529)
Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority (TriDelta)	\$ 185,084	\$ 127,443	\$ (57,640)
Fairfield	\$ 116,482	\$ 80,206	\$ (36,276)
Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transit District	\$ 3,922,270	\$ 2,700,763	\$ (1,221,507)
Healdsburg	\$ 2,386	\$ 1,643	\$ (743)
Livermore-Amador Transit (LAVTA)	\$ 176,515	\$ 121,543	\$ (54,972)
Napa Transit Services	\$ 38,019	\$ 26,178	\$ (11,840)
Rio Vista	\$ 3,286	\$ 2,262	\$ (1,023)
SamTrans	\$ 3,667,470	\$ 2,525,315	\$ (1,142,155)
San Francisco MTA	\$ 31,751,732	\$ 21,863,336	\$ (9,888,397)
Santa Rosa	\$ 133,462	\$ 91,898	\$ (41,564)
Sonoma County Transit	\$ 133,655	\$ 92,031	\$ (41,624)
Union City	\$ 18,219	\$ 12,545	\$ (5,674)
Vallejo	\$ 246,381	\$ 169,651	\$ (76,730)
Valley Transportation Authority	\$ 12,719,483	\$ 8,758,273	\$ (3,961,211)
Western Contra Costa Transit Authority (WestCAT)	\$ 218,865	\$ 150,704	\$ (68,161)
REVENUE BASED AMOUNT	\$ 92,157,378	\$ 63,456,937	\$ (28,700,441)
POPULATION BASED AMOUNT	\$ 33,569,375	\$ 23,114,913	\$ (10,454,463)
BAY AREA STA TOTAL	\$ 125,726,753	\$ 86,571,850	\$ (39,154,903)

* Note: \$350 million is an estimate based on the revenue projections conducted by legislative staff and the Department of Finance when the gas tax swap was enacted in March 2010. It is not guaranteed and could be altered through subsequent legislative action on the budget or a stand-alone bill. By contrast, roughly \$241 million would be guaranteed for STA after the

**POTENTIAL IMPACT OF PROPOSITION 22 ON
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA'S STATE TRANSIT ASSISTANCE
POPULATION-BASED FUNDING**

	<i>Current Law</i>	<i>If Proposition 22 Passes</i>	<i>Change</i>
<i>Statewide STA Funding</i>	\$ 350,000,000	\$ 241,000,000	\$ (109,000,000)
MTC POPULATION-BASED FUNDING	\$ 33,569,375	\$ 23,114,913	\$ (10,454,463)
Apportionment Jurisdictions			
Northern Counties/Small Operators			
Marin	\$ 1,008,396	\$ 694,353	\$ (314,043)
Napa	\$ 535,542	\$ 368,759	\$ (166,783)
Solano	\$ 1,671,834	\$ 1,151,177	\$ (520,657)
Sonoma	\$ 1,880,137	\$ 1,294,609	\$ (585,528)
CCCTA	\$ 1,940,968	\$ 1,336,495	\$ (604,473)
ECCTA	\$ 1,135,233	\$ 781,689	\$ (353,544)
LAVTA	\$ 787,390	\$ 542,174	\$ (245,216)
Union City	\$ 287,587	\$ 198,024	\$ (89,563)
WestCAT	\$ 273,614	\$ 188,403	\$ (85,211)
Vallejo	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SUBTOTAL	\$ 9,520,701	\$ 6,555,683	\$ (2,965,018)
Regional Paratransit			
Alameda	\$ 1,218,221	\$ 838,832	\$ (379,389)
Contra Costa	\$ 629,548	\$ 433,489	\$ (196,059)
Marin	\$ 140,647	\$ 96,846	\$ (43,802)
Napa	\$ 91,849	\$ 63,244	\$ (28,604)
San Francisco	\$ 961,817	\$ 662,280	\$ (299,537)
San Mateo	\$ 532,561	\$ 366,707	\$ (165,855)
Santa Clara	\$ 1,103,409	\$ 759,776	\$ (343,633)
Solano	\$ 262,008	\$ 180,411	\$ (81,597)
Sonoma	\$ 291,304	\$ 200,584	\$ (90,720)
SUBTOTAL	\$ 5,231,365	\$ 3,602,168	\$ (1,629,196)
Lifeline			
Alameda	\$ 2,685,501	\$ 1,849,159	\$ (836,342)
Contra Costa	\$ 1,225,137	\$ 843,594	\$ (381,543)
Marin	\$ 264,630	\$ 182,216	\$ (82,413)
Napa	\$ 166,619	\$ 114,729	\$ (51,890)
San Francisco	\$ 1,479,966	\$ 1,019,062	\$ (460,904)
San Mateo	\$ 695,878	\$ 479,162	\$ (216,716)
Santa Clara	\$ 2,126,838	\$ 1,464,480	\$ (662,358)
Solano	\$ 539,060	\$ 371,182	\$ (167,879)
Sonoma	\$ 617,469	\$ 425,172	\$ (192,298)
SUBTOTAL	\$ 9,801,098	\$ 6,748,756	\$ (3,052,342)
MTC Regional Coordination Program	\$ 9,016,211	\$ 6,208,305	\$ (2,807,906)
POPULATION BASED GRAND TOTAL	\$ 33,569,375	\$ 23,114,913	\$ (10,454,463)

Proposition 22 Supporters
(As of 8/27/2010)

PUBLIC SAFETY

California Fire Chiefs Association
California Police Chiefs Association
Fire Districts Association of California
Peace Officers Research Association of California
California Association of Code Enforcement
Officers
Central Valley Fire Chiefs Association
Los Angeles Area Fire Chiefs Association
Monterey County Deputy Sheriff's Association
Orange County Fire Chiefs Association
Riverside County Fire Chiefs Association
San Diego County Fire Chiefs' Association
Santa Cruz County Fire Chiefs Association
South Bay Fire Chiefs' Association
Ventura County Fire Chief's Association
Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs
Los Angeles County Police Chiefs Association
Boulder Creek Fire Protection District
Beverly Hills Fire Department
Chino Valley Independent Fire District
Escondido Firefighters Association, Local 3842
Novato Fire Protection District
Orange County Fire Authority
Police Officers Association of Lodi
Salinas Police Officers Association
Stockton Police Officers Association
Santa Fe Springs Fire Rescue
San Bernardino County Safety Employees'
Benefit Association
Santa Cruz Police Management Association
Scotts Valley Fire Protection District

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

League of California Cities
California Redevelopment Association
California Special Districts Association
California Contract Cities Association
California Society of Municipal Finance Officers
California Association of Public Cemeteries
California Association of Recreation and
Parks District
California Association of Sanitation Agencies
City Clerks Association of California
Independent Cities Association

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (cont'd)

Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments
Coachella Valley Association of Governments
Council of Fresno County Governments
Gateway Cities Council of Governments
Merced County Association of Governments
San Benito County Governments
San Luis Obispo Council of Governments
South Bay Cities Council of Governments
Western Riverside Council of Governments
Tehachapi Valley Healthcare District
Monterey Regional Waste Management District
Costa Mesa Sanitary District
Orange County Sanitation District
Redevelopment Agency of the City of Vacaville
Economic Development Committee of the City of
Banning
Alameda County Mayors' Conference
Contra Costa County Mayors' Conference
Marin County Council of Mayors and Council
Members
Monterey County Mayors Association
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Monterey County Mayors Association
Auburn Public Cemetery District
California Park and Recreation Society
Camp Meeker Recreation and Park District
Conejo Recreation and Park District
Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District
Moss Landing Harbor District
Santa Cruz Public Libraries Joint Powers Board
American Public Works Association; Monterey
Bay Chapter
Planning Director's Association of Orange County

WATER

Association of California Water Agencies
Las Virgenes Municipal Water District
Municipal Water District of Orange County
Orange County Water District
Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District
Valley Center Water District
Vista Irrigation District
Yuima Municipal Water District

LABOR

California Teamsters Public Affairs Council
California Association of Professional
Employees, AFL-CIO
Operating Engineers, Local Union #3
United Public Employees - Political Action
Committee
Glendale City Employees Association
San Luis Obispo Employees Association
Santa Rosa City Employees Association
Orange County Employees Association
Northern California Carpenters Regional Council
Building and Construction Trades Council of San
Mateo County
San Bernardino Public Employees Association
San Joaquin Building Trades Council
Whittier City Employees' Association
American Federation of State County Municipal
Employees MTA/PTSC LOCAL 3634, Los
Angeles
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 192, Oakland
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 256,
Sacramento
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 276, Stockton
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1027, Fresno
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1225,
Monterey-Salinas
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1555, Oakland
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1575, San
Rafael
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1704, San
Bernardino
Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1756, Arcadia
United Transportation Union
United Transportation Union, Local 23, Santa
Cruz
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers,
Local #47, Diamond Bar

HOUSING

California Housing Consortium
Community Housing Partnership
Housing California
California Coalition for Rural Housing
Golden State Manufactured-Home Owners
League
CHISPA (Community Housing Improvement
Systems and Planning Association, Inc.)
Housing Leadership Council of San Mateo
County

HOUSING (cont'd)

Non-Profit Housing Association of Northern
California
Opportune Housing
San Diego Housing Federation

ENVIRONMENT

Greenbelt Alliance

COMMUNITY

Alliance for a United Montebello
Chula Vista Civic Association
Hermosa Beach Community Alliance
Human Care Alliance (HCA)
San Francisco Human Services Network

TAXPAYER GROUPS

California Taxpayer Protection Committee
League of Placer County Taxpayers
San Diego County Taxpayers Association
San Diego Tax Fighters
Sonoma County Taxpayers Association

TRANSPORTATION

Automobile Club of Southern California
California Transit Association
California Alliance for Jobs
Capitol Corridor Joint Powers Authority
Southern California Transit Advocates
The Transit Coalition
Anaheim Transportation Network
Eastern Contra Costa Transit Authority
Livermore Amador Valley Transit Authority
Long Beach Transit
Mendocino Transit Authority
Monterey-Salinas Transit
North County Transit District
Omnitrans, San Bernardino Valley
Policy in Motion
San Benito County Local Transportation
Authority
Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority
Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District
Shasta County Regional Transportation Planning
Agency
South Tahoe Area Transit Authority
Transit Alliance for a Better North County
Transportation Agency for Monterey County

TRANSPORTATION (cont'd)

Transportation California
Transportation Now Committee,
Corona/Norco/District 2 Chapter
Truckee North Tahoe Transportation
Management Association
Victor Valley Transit Authority
West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory
Committee
Western Contra Costa Transit Authority

BUSINESS

California Chamber of Commerce
California Building Industry Association
California Business Properties Association
California Downtown Association
Arcadia Chamber of Commerce
American Council of Engineering Companies
California
Azusa Chamber of Commerce
Beaumont Chamber of Commerce
Bell Gardens Chamber of Commerce
Blythe Area Chamber of Commerce
Brea Chamber of Commerce
Building Industry Association of Central
California
Burlingame Chamber of Commerce
Business Council of San Joaquin County
Canyon Lake Chamber of Commerce
Cathedral City Chamber of Commerce
Cerritos Regional Chamber of Commerce
Costa Mesa Chamber of Commerce
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Corona Chamber of Commerce
Culver City Chamber of Commerce
Desert Hot Springs Chamber of Commerce
Downtown Association of Santa Cruz
Downtown Stockton Alliance
Emeryville Chamber of Commerce
Fairfield Suisun Chamber of Commerce
Fillmore Realty and Financial Services
Folsom Chamber of Commerce
Fontana Chamber of Commerce
Foster City Chamber of Commerce
Fullerton Chamber of Commerce
Garden Grove Chamber of Commerce
Gateway Chambers Alliance
Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce
Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce
Greater Merced Chamber of Commerce
Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce

BUSINESS (cont'd)

Greater Riverside Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce
Greater Tehachapi Economic Development
Council
Hegg Team Realty Inc.
Hemet / San Jacinto Valley Chamber of
Commerce
Indian Wells Chamber of Commerce
Indio Chamber of Commerce
Inland Empire African American Chamber of
Commerce
Inland Empire Chamber Legislative Alliance
Inland Valley Business Alliance
Irvine Chamber of Commerce
JSA Consulting Services
Kern County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
La Quinta Chamber of Commerce
La Verne Chamber of Commerce
Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce
Los Altos Chamber of Commerce
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce
Lodi Chamber of Commerce
Milpitas Chamber of Commerce
Montclair Chamber of Commerce
Montebello Mid-Management Association
Monterey County Hospitality Association
Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Moreno Valley Chamber of Commerce
Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce and Visitors
Center
Mountain View Chamber of Commerce
Murrieta Chamber of Commerce
Nationwide Realty Management LLC
North Orange County Legislative Alliance
Ontario Chamber of Commerce
Orange County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce
Palo Alto Chamber of Commerce
Palos Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce
Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce
Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce
Rancho Mirage Chamber of Commerce
Red Bluff/Tehama County Chamber of Commerce
Redlands Chamber of Commerce
Redwood City – San Mateo County Chamber
of Commerce
Regional Chamber Alliance, Serving cities of
Santa Fe Springs, Whittier, Norwalk, Pico
Rivera, and La Mirada

BUSINESS (cont'd)

Salinas Valley Builders Exchange
Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce
San Benito County Chamber of Commerce
San Bernardino Area Chamber of Commerce
San Bruno Chamber of Commerce
San Carlos Chamber of Commerce
San Diego South County Chamber of Commerce
San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership
San Gabriel Valley Legislative Coalition of
Chambers
San Joaquin Partnership, Inc.
San Jose Silicon Valley Chamber of Commerce
San Mateo Area Chamber of Commerce
Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce
Santa Maria Valley Chamber of Commerce
Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce
Uni Quest Capital Inc.
Small Business Action Committee

BUSINESS (cont'd)

South Bay Association of Chambers of Commerce
South Gate Chamber of Commerce
South Orange County Regional Chambers of
Commerce
South San Francisco Chamber of Commerce
Southwest California Legislative Council
Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce
Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce
Thomas and Associates
Tuolumne County Chamber of Commerce
Valley Industry & Commerce Association
Victorville Chamber of Commerce
Wildomar Chamber of Commerce
Yorba Linda Chamber of Commerce
Yucca Valley Chamber of Commerce
Southern Sierras Chapter, National Electrical
Contractors Association

[List of cities and counties omitted as it is too long]



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RE: Proposition 25: Allow Passage of State Budget by a Majority-Vote

Background

Proposition 25 amends the Constitution to lower the vote requirement necessary for the Legislature to pass a budget bill and send it to the Governor. Specifically, the vote requirement would be lowered from two-thirds to a majority (50 percent plus one) of each house of the Legislature. The lower vote requirement also would apply to trailer bills that appropriate funds and are identified by the Legislature "as related to the budget in the budget bill." A two-thirds vote of the Legislature would still be required to override any veto by the Governor.

Proposition 25 does not explicitly alter the existing two-thirds vote requirement in the California State Constitution regarding tax increases and contains legislative intent language stating that, "This measure will not change the two-thirds vote requirement for the Legislature to raise taxes." In its summary of the measure, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) noted the legislative intent language and points out that the measure does not modify the section of the Constitution that requires a supermajority for tax increases.

Proposition 25 also withholds any salary or reimbursements for travel or living expenses for legislators after the June 15 deadline for passing a budget. These salaries and expenses would not be reimbursed at a later date.

Recommendation: Support

Discussion

California has a long history of supermajority requirements, starting with a 1933 statewide ballot measure mandating the two-thirds supermajority to pass the state budget and with Proposition 13 in 1978 mandating another two-thirds supermajority to pass tax increases. As shown in Attachment A, only two other states (Arkansas and Rhode Island) require a supermajority to pass a state budget under any circumstances. An additional five states require a supermajority vote under certain circumstances, such as missing a statutory deadline or exceeding a certain cost threshold. Of those eight states, only California, Arkansas, and Rhode Island require more than a 60 percent supermajority to pass the state budget. And only Arkansas shares California's status of requiring a supermajority for both taxes and a state budget.

Supermajority Requirements Cause Transportation Projects to Stall

In addition to making it very difficult to get legislators to focus on anything other than the budget in Sacramento, the supermajority requirement contributes to the fact that the Legislature is chronically late in adopting a spending plan each year. In the 30 years since 1980, the Legislature has met the June 15 constitutional deadline for sending a budget to the governor only five times. This delay has a real impact on transportation. It postpones high-priority repairs to our transportation infrastructure as well as needed mobility improvements. For transit operators, delays in State Transit Assistance (STA) funds negatively affect their already strained operating budgets. For roadway projects, Caltrans recently announced that it will not award any new projects until a budget is adopted despite the fact that there is a sizeable shelf of projects ready for award. This delay only raises project costs in the long run, and harms our economic recovery as construction workers who could be hired immediately are forced to wait until a deal is reached.

Consistent with MTC’s 2010 Legislative Program, staff recommends that MTC support Proposition 25 in the hope that it will result in a more rational and timely budget process for California.

Known Positions

Support

- American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, (AFSCME)
- California Alliance for Retired Americans
- California Faculty Association
- California Federation of Teachers
- California Nurses Association
- California Professional Firefighters
- California School Employees Association
- Consumer Federation of California
- Health Access California
- League of Women Voters

Oppose

- Stop Hidden Taxes Coalition (see attached)



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Supermajority Requirements for State Budgets & Taxes

State	State Budget Vote Threshold	State Taxes	
		Vote Threshold	Applies to
Arizona		2/3	All taxes
Arkansas	3/4	3/4	All taxes except sales and alcohol
California	2/3	2/3	All taxes
Connecticut ¹	3/5		
Delaware		3/5	All taxes
Florida		3/5	Corporate income tax
Hawaii ¹	2/3		
Illinois ²	3/5		
Kentucky		3/5	All taxes
Louisiana		2/3	All taxes
Maine ²	2/3		
Michigan		3/4	
Mississippi		3/5	All taxes
Missouri ³		2/3	All taxes
Nebraska ²	2/3		
Nevada		2/3	All taxes
Oklahoma		3/4	All taxes
Oregon		3/5	All taxes
Rhode Island	2/3		
South Dakota		2/3	All taxes
Washington ³		2/3	All taxes

Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

Notes:

1. Requires a supermajority only when a certain level of expenditure is exceeded.
2. 2/3 requirement for budget only applicable if budget agreement isn't reached prior to specified deadline.
3. In MO and WA, a vote of the people is also required above a certain level of tax increase.



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RE: Proposition 23: Suspension of the Global Warming Solutions Act

Background

Proposition 23 would suspend implementation of California's Global Warming Solutions Act (Assembly Bill 32 (Nuñez), 2006) until unemployment reaches and remains at 5.5 percent or less for four consecutive quarters. Once AB 32 goes back into effect, the measure could not suspend it again. For historical context, since 1970, the state has had three periods during which the unemployment rate was at or below 5.5 percent for four consecutive quarters or more (late 1980's to early 1990s, early 2000's and 2006-2008). The unemployment rate in California for the first two quarters of 2010 was above 12 percent. Given these factors, the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO) concluded that if Proposition 23 were approved, "it appears likely that AB 32 would remain suspended for many years."

Transportation is the single largest contributor of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in California, comprising approximately 38 percent of the total. This fact was a key impetus for the enactment of Senate Bill 375 (Steinberg), 2008 and has led climate change to become a new focus area for MTC and other transportation agencies statewide. Below is a summary of the measure's anticipated effects and a recommendation for MTC to adopt an oppose position.

Recommendation: Oppose

Discussion

AB 32 requires the California Air Resources Board (ARB) to adopt rules and regulations to bring greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020, a 30 percent reduction from the trend when the bill was enacted. AB 32 empowered ARB with various regulatory powers in order to reach this target. In December 2008, ARB adopted a *Scoping Plan*, which incorporates all state measures that will be employed to achieve the reductions mandated by AB 32. While most elements of the scoping plan reflect reductions that will be sought through regulations authorized by AB 32, some components of the Scoping Plan incorporate reductions that will be attained as a result of other laws, including SB 375 (Steinberg), 2008.

ARB incorporated SB 375 (Steinberg) into the Scoping Plan with the goal of achieving 5 million metric tons of GHG reduction by 2020. According to the Legislative Analyst's Office (LAO), because SB 375 was its own statute, independent of AB 32, it should not be directly affected by Proposition 23, even though it is considered an element of the Scoping Plan. Nevertheless, this question could become the subject of costly and time-consuming litigation given the ambiguity of the ballot measure language.

According to the LAO, the four primary Scoping Plan components that would be suspended by Proposition 23 are:

- The proposed cap-and-trade regulation.
- The proposed renewable electricity standard that would require private and publicly owned utilities to obtain at least 33 percent of their supply from renewable sources by 2020.
- The "low carbon fuel" regulation, an executive order Governor Schwarzenegger signed in 2007 requiring oil companies to reduce the carbon content of their fuel 10 percent by 2020.
- The fee to recover state agency costs of administering AB 32.

Similar to SB 375, the measure appears unlikely to halt implementation of California's fuel efficiency standards — commonly referred to as "Pavley" for Senator Fran Pavley who authored the bill, AB 1493 in 2002.

In conclusion, staff recommends MTC oppose Proposition 23 as it will clearly delay the state's ability to reduce GHGs. Without an integrated effort that addresses *all* sectors of the economy, our work to implement SB 375 would amount to half measures in the larger effort to reduce GHG emissions. Moreover, as GHGs accumulate in the atmosphere, it is particularly critical that policies to facilitate those reductions begin as soon as possible. Delaying certain elements of the Scoping Plan will only put greater pressure on those elements that can proceed, and ultimately, make it more difficult to reach the AB 32 goals in the long run. Finally, Proposition 23 would cause California to forfeit its leadership position within the United States in the effort to develop new technology and other strategies to forestall the worst effects of climate change.

Known Positions

Support

See Attachment A

Oppose

See Attachment B



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(As of August 17, 2010)

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American GI Forum of California
American GI Forum Women of California
Americans for Prosperity
Associated California Loggers
Association of Energy Service Companies
Black Business Association
California Association of Business and Property Owners
California Automotive Wholesalers Association
California Cattlemen’s Association
California Citrus Mutual
California Coalition of Filipino American Chambers
California Cotton Ginners and Growers Associations
California Dairy Campaign
California Dump Truck Owners Association
California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
California Independent Oil Marketers Association (CIOMA)
California League of Food Processors
California Manufacturers & Technology Association
California Poultry Federation
California Republican Party
California Small Business Alliance
California Small Business Association
California State Firefighters Association
California Taxpayer Protection Committee
California Tomato Growers Association
California Trucking Association
California State Pipe Trades Council (AFL-CIO)
Can Manufacturers Institute
Chemical Industry Council of California
Filipino Progress
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association
Independent Oil Producers Agency
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers (AFL-CIO)

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Western Agricultural Processors Association

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Contra Costa Taxpayers Association
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Wilmington Chamber of Commerce
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RE: Proposition 26: Broadening Definition of "Tax" for Purposes of Two-Thirds Voter Approval Requirement

Background

Proposition 26 broadens the definition of a state or local tax to include some charges that are now considered fees. Proposition 26 also affects some current sources of revenue at the state level, but does not affect local or regional charges in existence at the time of the election. If the state or local government chose to increase or extend those charges beyond the currently authorized timeframe, however, it would be subject to Proposition 26. This memorandum reviews Proposition 26's implications for Bay Area transportation funding.

Recommendation: Oppose

Discussion

Eliminates Majority Vote for Revenue-Neutral Changes to Tax Code. The measure specifies that changes to state law that would result in a *single* taxpayer paying a higher tax must be approved by a two-thirds vote, eliminating the potential for the Legislature to adopt tax increases by a majority vote if they are part of a revenue-neutral package that includes off-setting tax cuts. Because the measure also contains a "claw back" provision that invalidates state revenue measures that are inconsistent with its requirements and that are enacted between January 1, 2010 and election day, the gasoline tax swap enacted last March would be repealed in November 2011 unless the Legislature approved it again with a two-thirds vote in each house.

A Reaction to the "Sinclair" Case Upholding Regulatory Fees. This effort to rein in the scope of government charges that are considered "fees" and instead classify them as "taxes" stems largely from the California Supreme Court's unanimous 1997 decision — *Sinclair Paint Co. v. State Board of Equalization* — validating a fee imposed on businesses that made products containing lead to fund health services to children and to otherwise mitigate the social and environmental consequences of lead contamination. The Court ruled that the use of the proceeds of a fee need not benefit those charged to avoid characterization as a tax as long as the fee bears a reasonable relationship or "nexus" to the burden imposed by those charged.

Examples of Regulatory Fees. In recent years, California courts have upheld regulatory fees imposed to regulate point-source emitters of air pollution and an air quality district's fee on new development to mitigate the impacts of that development on air quality. The types of fees and charges that would become taxes under the measures are *new* fees that pay for services that

benefit the public broadly, rather than providing services directly to the fee payer. Attachment A provides an illustration of the types of fees that would likely be considered taxes under the measure.

Measure Would Hinder Efforts to Raise Legitimate Fees on Fuel and Vehicles

Proposition 26 would harm the San Francisco Bay Area’s ability to raise new revenue for transportation, including maintenance of the existing system. In particular, it would subject future fees on motor vehicle fuel or on motor vehicles themselves (such as a vehicle registration fee or VRF) to a two-thirds vote in Sacramento or, if authorized to be placed on the ballot locally, to a two-thirds vote of the electorate. With regard to the VRFs on the ballot in seven Bay Area counties in November 2010, they were drafted in such a way that they should not be affected by the measure, but efforts on any future ballot to raise a VRF would require a two-thirds vote. In addition, MTC’s \$1 VRF fee that currently funds the region’s call-box program, Freeway Service Patrol and 511 would be considered a local special tax under the measure, and thus, could only be increased by a two-thirds vote of the people.

We believe a regulatory fee on motor vehicle fuel, subject to a vote of the people, offers one of the most promising options for addressing the region’s significant transportation funding shortfall in a manner that is consistent with MTC’s long-standing support for user fees. In 2008, MTC co-sponsored legislation, Senate Bill 2628 (Feuer), to authorize a regional fee on motor vehicle fuel to mitigate for climate change impacts. We also supported including such a provision in the gas tax swap (Assembly Bill 6 x8 (2010)) as a way to give regions the option of backfilling the cuts to public transportation resulting from the swap.

Bridge Tolls & Express Lane Tolls Appear to Be Exempt

Among the categories of government charges that are specified as exempt from the initiative’s definition of taxes are charges for the “entrance to or use of” local or state property. Given that the state highways and the region’s seven toll bridges are state property, it appears that bridge tolls or roadway tolls on the state highway system would fall under that exemption and continue to be subject to existing law.

Conclusion

Given the difficulty of getting anything accomplished in Sacramento already discussed in our analysis of Proposition 25, the measure would also further limit the Legislature’s ability to close its structural deficit by the use of fees. Because Proposition 26 would also hinder our efforts to raise additional revenue for transportation in a manner that is consistent with the concept of regulatory fees and user fees and that adheres to the current legal interpretation of such fees, we recommend that the Commission oppose the measure.

Known Positions

Support

Stop Hidden Taxes Coalition (see attachment under Agenda Item 7c)

Oppose

California Professional Firefighters
California Federation of Teachers
California League of Conservation Voters
California Nurses Association
Consumer Federation of California
California Alliance of Retired Americans
League of Women Voters of California
American Lung Association of California
Sierra Club California



Steve Heminger

Examples of Regulatory Fees That Benefit the Public Broadly

Oil Recycling Fee

The state imposes a regulatory fee on oil manufacturers and uses the funds for:

- Public information and education programs.
- Payments to local used oil collection programs.
- Payment of recycling incentives.
- Research and demonstration projects.
- Inspections and enforcement of used-oil recycling facilities.

Hazardous Materials Fee

The state imposes a regulatory fee on businesses that treat, dispose of, or recycle hazardous waste and uses the funds for:

- Clean up of toxic waste sites.
- Promotion of pollution prevention.
- Evaluation of waste source reduction plans.
- Certification of new environmental technologies.

Fees on Alcohol Retailers

Some cities impose a fee on alcohol retailers and use the funds for:

- Code and law enforcement.
- Merchant education to reduce public nuisance problems associated with alcohol (such as violations of alcohol laws, violence, loitering, drug dealing, public drinking, and graffiti).

Source: Legislative Analyst’s Office, Proposition 26 Analysis, 7/15/10, Figure 3.

Propositions 25 Opponents & Proposition 26 Supporters

Source: "Stop Hidden Taxes" Coalition Web site: www.no25yes26.com
(as of August 30, 2010)

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American Rental Association
Americans for Prosperity
Americans for Tax Reform
Anaheim Chamber of Commerce
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Association of California Life and Health
Insurance Companies
Brawley Chamber of Commerce
California Asian Pacific Chamber of
Commerce
California Association of Business, Property
and Resource Owners (CABPRO)
California Automatic Vendors Council
California Automotive Wholesalers'
Association
California Beer & Beverage Distributors
California Black Chamber of Commerce
California Business Alliance
California Business Properties Association
California Business Roundtable
California Cable & Telecommunications
Association (CCTA)
California Citrus Mutual
California Cotton Ginners and Growers
Association
California Delta Chambers & Visitor's
Bureau
California Distributors Association
California Forestry Association
California Grocers Association
California Hispanic Chambers of Commerce
California Hotel & Lodging Association
California Independent Grocers Association

Organizations (cont'd)

California Landscape Contractors
Association
California League of Food Processors
California Manufacturers & Technology
Association
California Metals Coalition
California Restaurant Association
California Retailers Association
California Service Station & Automotive
Repair Association
California Small Brewers Association
California Taxpayer Protection Committee
California Trucking Association
Cambodian-American Chamber of
Commerce
Central Solano Citizen/Taxpayer Group
Chemical Industry Council of California
Chino Valley Chamber of Commerce
Citizens for CA Reform
Coalition of Labor, Agriculture & Business
of Santa Barbara County
Contra Costa Taxpayers Association
Dana Point Chamber of Commerce
Downey Chamber of Commerce
El Centro Chamber of Commerce
Family Winemakers of California
Folsom Chamber of Commerce
Greater Conejo Valley Chamber of
Commerce
Hispanic 100
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Industrial Environmental Association
Inland Empire Taxpayers Association
Korean American Grocers Association
Latin Business Association
Los Angeles Metro Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce
Milpitas Chamber of Commerce
Montclair Chamber of Commerce
Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers

Organizations (cont'd)

National Federation of Independent
Business – California
National Taxpayers Union
Neighborhood Market Association
Newport Beach Chamber of Commerce
Nicaraguan-American Chamber of
Commerce, Northern California
Nisei Farmers League
North Valley Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce
Orange County Taxpayers Association
Oxnard Chamber of Commerce
Palm Desert Chamber of Commerce
Palm Springs Chamber of Commerce
Pleasant Hill Taxpayers Association
Pomona Chamber of Commerce
Redlands Chamber of Commerce
Regional Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Asian American Minority, Inc.
Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of
Commerce
Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce
San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce
San Diego Tax Fighters
Santa Barbara Hispanic Chamber of
Commerce
Santa Clara Chamber of Commerce
Santa Maria Valley Wine Country
Small Business Action Committee
South Bay Association of Chambers of
Commerce
South Bay Latino Chamber of Commerce
Temecula Valley Winegrowers Association
United Californians for Tax Reform
Valley Industry & Commerce Association
(VICA)
Valley Taxpayer's Coalition
Ventura County Taxpayers Association
Western Agricultural Processors Association
Western Electrical Contractors Association
Western Growers Association
Western Home Furnishings Association
Wine Institute
Wine Road Northern Sonoma County
The Wine Group

Small Businesses

All Star Rents
Ampelos Cellars
Anders-Lane Artisan Wines, LP
Arbios Wines Ltd
A-V Equipment Rentals, Inc.
Award Painting Co.
Azevedo Electric Inc.
Barney's Beanery
Bart Enterprises, Inc.
Barterra Winery
Blankiet Estate Llc.
BMP Consulting Services, LLC
Bray Vineyards
Brochelle Vineyards
Bryant Family Vineyard
Byecroft Road Vineyards
Cal-West Rentals
Cantara Cellars
Cedar Mountain Winery
Cedar Roof Care
Celebrations Party Rentals & Tents
Chandelle of Sonoma
Chase Family Cellars
Cheer EDU
Clos Saron
Cloverdale Saw & Mower Center
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Cottonwood Canyon Vineyard
Crooked Wine
Cuda Ridge Wines
Diageo
Drew Family Cellars
Duckhorn Wine Company
Duralast Construction, Inc.
E-Marc Engineering, Inc.
Fallbrook Winery
Fong Enterprise
Foster's Wine Estates Americas
Four Brix Winery
Gandrud Financial Services Corporation
Heffernan Insurance Brokers
Heidrun Meadery
Heitz Wine Cellars
Heringer Estates, LLC
Honig Vineyard & Winery
Hopper Creek Winery

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Korbel
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La Honda Winery
Lamborn Family Wine Company
Lancaster Estate
Lanza Vineyards, Inc.
Liquid Bamboo, Inc.
Lost Coast Vineyards, Inc.
Lucas & Lewellen Vineyards
M.A.C. Wines, LLC dba Three Wine
Company
Marine Mechanical Repair, Inc.
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Napa Barrel Care
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Pedrizzetti Winery
Per Bacco Cellars
Performance Design & Landscape
Pilot Peak Vineyard and Winery
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Pleasanton Rentals, Inc.
Proctor Trucking
ProTravel International
R. Merlo Estate Vineyards

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Rochioli Winery
Rodney Strong Vineyards
Sausal Winery
Sawyer Cellars
Scheid Vineyards
Schmidt Family Properties
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Seghesio Family Vineyard
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Inc.
Sierra Vista Winery
Silver Mountain
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Stiles Truck Body & Equipment, Inc.
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