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Memorandum

TO: Legislation Committee

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FR: Executive Director

W. I. 1131

RE: AB 1179 (Bocanegra): School Siting: New Requirement for SCS to Incorporate School Siting

Background

AB 1179 would require an agency responsible for adopting the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to consult with each local education agency in the region regarding how the SCS may impact school enrollments and capacities. With respect to our region, the bill specifies that the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) would assume this responsibility.

Recommendation: Oppose

Discussion

MTC's 2013 Advocacy Program recognizes that school siting decisions ought to be better integrated into local and regional growth strategies. Unfortunately, by imposing a new mandate on regional agencies—which currently have no authority over school siting decisions—AB 1179 approaches the problem from the wrong direction. Indeed, AB 1179 imposes a significant new unfunded mandate on regional agencies without making any substantive change to how school siting decisions would be made. While school districts would continue to have complete autonomy with respect to school siting, the bill would require ABAG to consult with 167 separate school districts (see attachment 1) on how the SCS will affect their capacity needs, as shown in the attachment. Given that school districts are the entities that have authority over school siting decisions, it would seem far more appropriate to require that they take local general plans, regional plans and state planning goals into account when making school siting or expansion decisions.

Accordingly, staff recommends the Commission oppose this bill. Staff will continue to explore alternate ways to address the important issue of linking local and regional planning efforts with school siting decisions in a manner that focuses on outcomes, rather than process, and limits the administrative burden placed on local and regional agencies.

Known Positions

Support

None on file

Oppose

None on file



Steve Heminger

Bay Area School Districts

<p><u>Alameda County (21)</u> Alameda Unified School District Albany Unified School District Berkeley Unified School District Castro Valley Unified School District Chabot-Las Positas Community College District Dublin Unified School District Emery Unified School District Fremont Unified School District Hayward Unified School District Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Mountain House Elementary School District New Haven Unified School District Newark Unified School District Oakland Unified School District Ohlone Community College District Peralta Community College District Piedmont Unified School District Pleasanton Unified School District San Leandro Unified School District San Lorenzo Unified School District Sunol Glen Unified School District</p>	<p><u>Contra Costa County (18)</u> Acalanes Union High School District Antioch Unified School District Brentwood Union School District Byron Union School District Canyon School District John Swett Unified School District Knightsen School District Lafayette School District Liberty Union High School District Martinez Unified School District Moraga School District Mount Diablo Unified School District Oakley Union Elementary School District Orinda Union School District Pittsburg Unified School District San Ramon Valley Unified School District Walnut Creek School District West Contra Costa Unified School District</p>
<p><u>Marin County (18)</u> Bolinas-Stinson Union School District Dixie School District Kentfield School District Laguna Joint School District Lagunitas School District Larkspur School District Lincoln School District Marin Community College District Mill Valley School District Nicasio School District Novato Unified School District Reed Union School District Ross School District Ross Valley School District San Rafael City Schools Sausalito Marin City School District Tamalpais Union High School District Union Joint School District</p>	<p><u>Napa County (6)</u> Calistoga Joint Unified School District Howell Mountain Elementary Unified School District Napa County Office of Education Napa Valley Unified School District Pope Valley Union Elementary School District St. Helena Unified School District</p> <p><u>San Francisco City & County (1)</u> San Francisco Unified School District</p>

Bay Area School Districts (continued)

<u>San Mateo County (23)</u>	<u>Santa Clara County (32)</u>
Bayshore Elementary School District	Alum Rock Union School District
Belmont - Redwood Shores School District	Berryessa Union School District
Brisbane School District	Cambrian School District
Burlingame School District	Campbell Union School District
Cabrillo Unified School District	Campbell Union High School District
Hillsborough City School District	Cupertino Union School District
Jefferson Elementary School District	East Side Union High School District
Jefferson Union High School District	Evergreen Elementary School District
La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District	Franklin-McKinley School District
Las Lomas Elementary School District	Fremont Union High School District
Menlo Park City School District	Gilroy Unified School District
Millbrae School District	Lakeside Joint School District
Pacifica School District	Loma Prieta Joint Union Elementary School District
Portola Valley Elementary School District	Los Altos School District
Ravenswood City School District	Los Gatos Union School District
Redwood City School District	Los Gatos-Saratoga Joint Union High School District
San Bruno Park Elementary School District	Luther Burbank School District
San Carlos School District	Milpitas Unified School District
San Mateo Union High School District	Moreland School District
San Mateo-Foster City School District	Morgan Hill Unified School District
Sequoia Union High School District	Mountain View-Whisman School District
South San Francisco Unified School District	Mountain View-Los Altos Union High School District
Woodside Elementary School District	Mount Pleasant Elementary School District
	Oak Grove School District
	Orchard Elementary School District
	Palo Alto Unified School District
	San Jose Unified School District
	Santa Clara County Office of Education
	Santa Clara Unified School District
	Saratoga Union Elementary School District
	Sunnyvale Elementary School District
	Union School District

Bay Area School Districts (continued)

<p><u>Solano County (8)</u> Benicia Unified School District Dixon Unified School District Fairfield-Suisun Unified School District Mare Island Technology Academy River Delta Unified School District Travis Unified School District Vacaville Unified School District Vallejo City Unified School District</p>	<p><u>Sonoma County (40)</u> Alexander Valley Union Bellevue Union Bennett Valley Union Cinnabar Cloverdale Unified Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified Dunham Forestville Union Fort Ross Geyserville Unified Gravenstein Union Guerneville Harmony Union Healdsburg Unified Horicon Kashia Kenwood Liberty Mark West Union Monte Rio Union Montgomery Oak Grove Union Old Adobe Union Petaluma City Petaluma Joint Union HS District Piner-Olivet Union Rincon Valley Union Roseland Santa Rosa City Santa Rosa City High Sebastopol Union Sonoma Valley Unified Twin Hills Union Two Rock Union Waugh West Side Union West Sonoma County Union High Wilmar Union Windsor Unified Wright</p>
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