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LEGISLATIVE HOT SHEET – Governor’s Desk Edition – Current as of September 6, 2016

The Legislative Hot Sheet provides a brief highlight of the bills impacting special districts’ ability to deliver core local services to communities throughout California. The following reflects current legislative activity at key decision-points in the Capitol. For further information, be sure to visit [CSDA’s Advocacy page](#) for the latest updates and a comprehensive breakdown of the hundreds of bills that CSDA tracks for its membership.

The Legislative session ended this past Wednesday. The Legislature is now in interim recess and will not reconvene until January 2017. Bills that have passed must be signed by the Governor by September 30.

SUPPORT – *Signature Request*

AB 1244 (Gray) – **Workers’ compensation** – **Support** – Seeks to combat workers’ compensation fraud by changing the incentives for medical providers. The bill creates a suspension process for medical providers who commit serious crimes or are involved in fraudulent activity that is modeled after the suspension process for Medi-Cal. Currently, there is no suspension process for medical providers in the workers’ compensation system beyond removal from the Qualified Medical Examiner (QME) list. AB 1244 should reduce fraud in the workers’ compensation system, thereby lowering overall costs to employers.

AB 1952 (Gordon) – **Property tax postponement** – **Support** – Makes various changes to the Property Tax Postponement Program (PTP) to increase sustainability and to provide long term funding. A fully funded PTP program will help ensure special districts receive property tax payments. This program provides assistance to seniors and disabled persons by providing a state loan for property tax payments. Repayment of the loan is triggered on sale or transfer of the property.

AB 2853 (Gatto) – **Public records** – **Support** – Would authorize a public agency that posts a public record on its Internet Web site to refer a person that requests to inspect or obtain a copy of the public record to the public agency’s Internet Web site where the public record is posted.

OPPOSE – *Veto Request*

AB 779 (Garcia) – **Local government: financial disclosures** – **Oppose** – Requires special districts and other public entities to post a link on the homepage on their Internet Web Site that contains the names, positions, and total compensation, including a breakdown of the types of compensation provided, for the previous fiscal year of each elected official within that entity and the 10 employees with the greatest total compensation.

AB 2257 (Maienschein) – **Local agency meetings: agenda: online posting** – **Oppose** – Would require an online posting of an agenda by a local agency to have a prominent direct link to the current agenda itself on its homepage, or a link to a portal where the agenda is located.

AB 2476 (Daly) – **Local governments: parcel taxes: notice** – **Oppose** – Mandates special districts and other local agencies notify non-resident property owners about a public election to enact a proposed parcel tax. Among other specifications, notices must include a telephone number and address the property owners may contact for more information about the parcel tax. This measure is redundant to the current public elections process and mandates local agencies, already in need of additional funding, spend scarce resources to mail notices to individuals about an election in which they are ineligible to vote.