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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Placer County’s Legislative Platform is a summary of the priorities of the Board of Supervisors and establishes the basis for its advocacy efforts with the Executive and Legislative branches of the U.S. Government and the State of California regarding legislation and regulation.

The annual Platform contains general principles, key issues, and specific proposals of interest for the legislative year. Implementation of the Platform throughout the legislative year is structured to proactively frame sponsorship, support, and advocacy regarding key legislative and regulatory priorities while also monitoring numerous bills. Actions are taken through collaboration with subject matter experts in departments, engagement of elected-officials and other interested parties.

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GENERAL PRINCIPLES

- A. Seek or support legislation to restore local control and oppose efforts that will hinder or limit the County's ability to self-govern and to maintain land use control.
- B. Seek or support legislation that facilitates orderly economic expansion and growth, and increases the opportunity for discretionary revenues and programmatic and financial flexibility for the County.
- C. Seek or support State/Local government fiscal restructuring efforts that align program responsibility and sufficient revenue sources to assure Placer County the financial independence necessary to provide services to its residents and meet its mandated responsibilities.
- D. Seek or support equitable levels of state and federal funding for County mandated programs. Oppose federal or state legislation for new, transferred, or realigned mandated programs that do not contain their own sufficient revenue source.
- E. Support legislation that provides tax and funding formulas for the equitable distribution of state and federal monies while opposing attempts to decrease, restrict or eliminate County revenue sources.
- F. Seek or support legislation that assures the County's authority to negotiate mutually acceptable tax sharing agreements for annexation, incorporation and redevelopment that protect or enhance the County's ability to provide services to its constituents.
- G. Seek or support legislation that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and continued preservation of agricultural lands, wildlife habitat and open space.
- H. Seek or support cooperation with the federal and state government on regulatory and administrative issues affecting the County to ensure the protection and well-being of its citizens.
- I. Encourage and engage with local agencies and governments to cooperate for the betterment of the community and expand voluntary regional solutions to regional problems.
- J. Seek or support legislation and regulations that provide local agencies program and operational flexibility and allow staff to perform their duties in the most efficient manner.

POLICY AREAS

AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT, AND NATURAL RESOURCES

1. Cap and Trade

Support and track cap and trade funding criteria for wetlands, forest health, and Sustainable Communities that further advance policies of Placer County. Support legislative efforts to provide long-term cap and trade revenue in these areas.

2. Forest Management & Fire Protection

Seek or support programs, regulation, legislation and funding at the state and federal levels to mitigate fire danger with fuel load reduction in critical forests and watersheds, and enhance programs for funding recovery when fires occur. Coordinate with agencies, conservancies and other stakeholders to improve the health of Sierra Nevada forests. In addition, Placer County will continue to advocate for responsible reforms to federal land management. Such reform efforts should promote healthy forests, protect endangered species habitat, safeguard downstream water quality, improve California's water supply, and reduce the risk of wildfires.

a. Biomass

Seek, support or oppose any legislation and rulemakings (and any others that relate to these issues through biomass utilization) to ensure that woody biomass from all forest ownerships (public and private) eligible as fuel for renewable energy can be procured under a stewardship agreement and to acknowledge such use as being carbon neutral. As determined to be in the County's interest, engage with partnerships and coalitions within the region, state and nationally. In addition, support all projects that remove biomass from the forest and create renewable energy as well as any current or proposed biomass to energy facilities within the county.

b. Tree Mortality

Support for local state and federal resources to address the tree mortality crisis in California. Support the achievement of a sustainable ecosystem and the maintenance of healthy forests while providing defensible space for protection of life and property. Support an increase in state and federal funding for fuels management and advocate that local governments be included in any effort to develop appropriate allocation of these resources.

3. Open Space

a. Placer County Conservation Plan (PCCP) Funding and Support

Seek and support legislation, programs, and funding to advance the objectives of the PCCP, a Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan under the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts, designed to comply with state and federal wetlands and endangered species laws while streamlining regulatory procedures. The PCCP also includes the Western Placer County Aquatic Resources Program and In Lieu Fee Program to provide programmatic assurances necessary for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and other state and federal regulatory agencies to issue programmatic permits streamlining local, state and federal permitting processes.

2020 Permit Issuance

Seek any and all state and federal assistance necessary to facilitate the issuance of the state and federal permits in 2020. This will require continued direction from the headquarter offices of the state and federal agencies in support of the PCCP's conservation and permitting strategies.

State of California

Seek to resolve any potential state policy, regulatory, or statutory conflicts with the PCCP including but not limited to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's Lake and Streambed Alteration jurisdiction and the State Water Resource Control Board's 2019 final Statewide Dredge or Fill Procedures.

b. Placer Legacy Programs

Support legislation and programs that advance the objectives of the Placer Legacy Program to protect open space and agricultural land in the County and to comply with state and federal laws.

4. Lake Tahoe Total Maximum Daily Load Implementation (TMDL)

Seek or support legislation to: (1) minimize further water quality regulation and unfunded mandates, with an emphasis on minimizing administrative, monitoring and inspection requirements that do not directly lead to cleaner storm water; (2) facilitate implementation of local fee programs to support storm water quality program implementation and; (3) continue and increase state and federal funding assistance for TMDL compliance and storm water program implementation.

5. Protection of the landfills and wastewater facilities within Placer County

Support legislation and regulations that protect Placer County interests pertaining to landfills and wastewater facilities as essential public services and support operating flexibility, viable waste conversion technology, green technology, and Stewardship and Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation which shifts financial burden to producers. Support funding for County mandated programs – such as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, specifically for implementation of SB 1383, and oppose mandates that do not contain a revenue source. Oppose infeasible performance standards, fee increases unless substantiated with data, unreasonable operational restrictions, and efforts that hinder or limit local control.

6. USDA Livestock Harvest and Processing Facility Funding and Regulatory Process

Obtain funding to aid in the facility planning, design, and business planning that will proceed construction of a new USDA-inspected slaughter and processing facility in Placer County.

7. United States Forest Service (USFS) NEPA Funding for Noxious Weed Eradication

Support long term funding for NEPA preparation and programs for the eradication of specific noxious weeds in the Integrated Resource and Restoration (IRR) USDA budget line item. Support specific allocations for weed projects and that those funds should not be diverted for use on other projects.

8. Wildlife Services Regulation

Oppose legislation or regulatory efforts which would limit the ability of Placer County personnel to perform their essential job duties in the most efficient, effective, and humane manner. To date, legislative efforts to restrict access to tools or methods have exempted law enforcement staff (Penal Code 830 et al.), but have failed to account for other government agencies who employ professional staff to protect human health and safety, the environment, and agriculture from wildlife-related damage or injury. Exemptions within future legislation or regulation should include non-law enforcement governmental professional staff.

9. Water

a. Groundwater Sustainability

Implement the requirements of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA), including, but not limited to: affirm and implement Board policy and interests for the County, engage with partners and stakeholders, seek regulatory or legislative amendments to existing SGMA law as needed, evaluate modifications that emerge for potential action, and ensure that groundwater rights for the citizens of Placer County are protected. In addition, support and contribute to the Sacramento Water Bank (a Federal process) which is being developed to help the Sacramento region maintain reliable water supplies by use of underground storage capabilities. Seek and support State grant funding for SGMA implementation, including groundwater banking.

b. Regional Water Strategy

Support the efforts of Regional Water Authority and the regional water purveyor team (the Sacramento Water Alliance) to protect our water resources and prevent increases in fees and/or changes in our infrastructure that is dedicated to conveying and distributing water to Placer County residents through advocacy and other means.

c. Water Quality Improvements

Seek or support funding for existing and future water quality improvement and stream environment zone restoration projects

10. Wild Pig Management

Support legislative efforts to restructure wild pig management regulations with specific emphasis on streamlining depredation.

11. Williamson Act

Increase state subvention funding to counties who participate in the Williamson Act program to offset lost property tax revenue associated with enrolled lands.

12. University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources (UC ANR) - Farm Advisor Funding

Support opportunities advocate for state funding to restore and maintain academic staffing levels in University of California Cooperative Extension (UCCE) county offices. Advocate to create a separate line-item in the state budget for UC ANR, separate from the larger University of California budget and/or moving control of the UC ANR budget directly to the state legislature to ensure greater accountability in the allocation of funds.

13. Industrial Hemp

Support alignment of state hemp laws and regulations with federal laws and regulations so that California's regulatory system (state plan) can be approved by USDA to ensure continued local and state control. Ensure that state law continues to allow for local government control related to zoning and other land use policies for industrial hemp.

14. Payments In Lieu of Taxes (PILT)

Advocate for a long-term reauthorization of mandatory entitlement funding for the PILT program. In the absence of a long-term renewal, Placer County will support continued full funding for PILT via the appropriations process.

15. Secure Rural Schools (SRS)

Placer County will maintain efforts aimed at securing a multi-year reauthorization of the SRS program. Absent a long-term program renewal, Placer County will continue to support short-term extensions of the Act.

16. Formerly Used Defense Site Cleanup

Seek funding for the Formerly Used Defense Sites (FUDS) Program through the Army Corps of Engineers to address Trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination at the former Titan 1-A Missile Site in Lincoln.

GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

1. Library Access to Digital Materials

Support equitable and unrestrictive access for libraries to purchase electronic books, audiovisual content and other digital content.

2. Broadband

Seek funding for installation and expansion of broadband (high speed internet service) to all parts of the County to drive economic development and job opportunities, support county service delivery, and improve health, education and public safety outcomes for residents.

3. Homeowners Insurance Coverage in the Wildland Urban Interface

Support any combination of plans, programs, regulation, or legislation at the state and federal levels to mitigate loss of homeowner's insurance coverage due to wildfire danger in the Wildland Urban Interface. Coordinate with insurance companies, state agencies, homeowners and other stakeholders to minimize the loss of insurance coverage and seek mutually beneficial conditions that would support wide availability of homeowners insurance at rates that are both competitive and risk based, while at the same time decreasing both the risk and danger of structure fires in the Wildland Urban Interface.

4. Disadvantaged Communities

Seek or support legislation or regulations to develop a streamlined definition of Disadvantaged Communities (DACs). Support efforts to align DAC funding formulas with relevant community needs.

5. General Liability

Monitor legislation or initiative and take a support or oppose position, as necessary, related to Tort Reform, Medical Malpractice Reform Act, Medical Injury Compensation Reform Act (MICRA) Ballot initiative, or changes to indemnification language on government code for contracts and professional liability.

6. 211 Funding

Seek various federal and state funding and service delivery options to offer widespread public access to comprehensive community information and referral services.

7. California Public Records Act Reimbursement

Support legislation that would allow local governments to charge requesting parties for reimbursement of staff time involved in fulfilling Public Records Act requests.

8. Fund County Veterans Service Officers

Seek or support permanent funding for County Veteran Service Officers who participate in the CalVet County Subvention Program.

9. Workforce Development

- a. Support in the planning, administration and supervision of comprehensive local systems of workforce training and employment, with a minimum of federal regulation.
- b. Support additional workforce development programs through Placer County to expand opportunities to business and residents. Collaborate with the Business Advantage Network, Sierra Business Council and Small Business Development Programs to create a more robust program.

10. Community Choice Aggregation

In 2002, the state provided local communities with the opportunity to procure electric power for their own residents through the establishment of Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) programs under Assembly Bill 117. Support legislation that preserves CCA authority and oppose legislation that increases operational costs.

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

1. Employee Relations

Oppose legislation and regulations that would reduce local control as pertains to employee relations and collective bargaining, and mandated benefits, or that may otherwise create adverse fiscal outcomes with implementation of the Public Employees Retirement Board, Meyers-Milias, and other labor-related laws and regulations. Seek or support legislation and initiatives for regulatory change in order to meet objectives.

2. Modify Laws that Limit CalPERS Retirement Options Affecting New Hires

Support or sponsor legislation and policy as may be required to allow Placer County to discontinue enrollment of new employees into the California Public Employees Retirement System (CalPERS) to create a "soft freeze" on the retirement plan.

3. State Court Employees Included in County's Miscellaneous Pension Plan

Support legislative and regulatory efforts to remove state court employees from Placer County's CalPERS miscellaneous pension plan.

4. Workers' Compensation Act

Monitor legislation and regulation and take a support or oppose position, as necessary, as it relates to indemnity benefits (including temporary total, temporary partial, wage loss and permanent partial, permanent total disability benefits and death benefits).

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1. Child Support Arrearages

- a. Seek and support legislation that exempts Child Support from this list of judgments upon which interest must accrue.
- b. Support legislation that includes the Child Support Program as a debt collection entity to obtain winnings for owed support from any gaming and/or gambling revenue.

2. Child Support Funding

Support legislation that provides funding protections to counties for the Child Support Program, and the Child Support Agencies (LCSAs/Local Child Support Agencies) which must provide the services.

3. Dedicated Funding for Chronic Disease Prevention and Wellness Promotion

Support a dedicated funding stream to fund preventive health services or activities that improve community health outcomes. Advocate for flexibility for California to design prevention programs to take advantage of California's state and local health department strengths and encourage the provision of base funding to state and local health departments with additional funding available on a competitive basis. Encourage the allocation of new revenue streams in an equitable manner across all local health jurisdictions. Seek to improve nutrition, obesity and fitness education programs as well as health literacy in California's population.

4. Foster Care

a. Funding for Assembly Bill 403 (Stone) Regarding Foster Care Program Reform

Support full state funding of required program changes to enact the newly mandated child welfare system reforms.

b. Funding for Assembly Bill 12 (Beall): California Fostering Connections to Success Act

Support full state funding of this required program, or legislative changes to the original bill to allow for prioritization of youth who qualify for the services within the state funding granted.

c. Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018

Support selected provisions of, and advocate for full federal and state funding of the Federal Family First Prevention Services Act of 2018 (P.L. 115-123) enacted to reform the federal foster care system.

5. General Health and Human Services Program

Support adequate, flexible, and stable funding to best meet Federal/State Health and Human Services program requirements including Child Welfare Services, Mental Health Services, Substance Use Disorder Services, Human Services, Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, California Children Services, and Health Reform. In addition, support new innovation by maximizing flexibility in program design, increasing Federal/State funding leveraging opportunities, and streamline State program requirements and regulations.

6. Laura's Law Sunset Removal

Eliminate the current sunset date of December 2021 for counties to implement and operate Assisted Outpatient Treatment programs.

7. Medi-Cal

a. Medi-Cal Funding

Support all efforts to adequately fund the federal Medicaid program. Similarly, oppose all efforts to block grant, cap or otherwise reduce federal and state funding to support this critical safety net program.

b. County Organized Health System Model Implementation

Support efforts to restructure the current Medi-Cal Managed Care Regional Expansion Model in favor of a County Organized Health System. Advocate for a model that generates better healthcare quality scores, increases primary care capacity, improves coordination of care and conducts outreach to enroll uninsured populations.

8. Mental Health and Substance Use

- a. Support state and federal funding opportunities to increase the accessibility and funding for quality substance abuse and mental health services for vulnerable and at-risk children, adults and families. Support legislation that simplifies and integrates behavioral health funding to ease the ability to leverage funding and find local solutions. Support the ability to expand the use of Prop 63 funding for those with primary substance use disorders and allow use on models that are known to decrease costs and improve outcomes (e.g. CSUs). Make available funds and new programs equally available to both rural and urban areas. Support regulation that incentivizes and assists the development of increased Mental Health placement facilities that are high quality and recovery focused.
- b. Amend Assembly Bill 1299 (Ridley-Thomas) Presumptive Transfer of Specialty Mental Health Services to include an automatic exception of presumptive transfer for group home placements to ensure that the placing county would retain the financial responsibility for the services, and group homes retain the responsibility for the provision of services.
- c. Support Behavioral Health 2020 planning that considers financing, workforce, regional needs and that incentivizes positive outcomes relevant to the most vulnerable and least capable of seeking healthcare.
- d. Preserve the Affordable Care Act and Publicly Funded Health Coverage and support efforts to extend and stabilize the funding in the Children's Health Insurance Program.
- e. Support partnerships with Health Care and Criminal Justice to increase capacity of an array of options along a continuum of crisis services that include funding for substance use disorders, detox and recovery services, and meet the needs of individuals with medically complicated health issues.
- f. Reform of the Lanterman-Petris-Short Act in a manner that protects patient due process rights, accounts for the county role under the Act and increases funding for services mandated by the Act.
- g. Support regulation that incentivizes, funds, and assists the development of increased Mental Health placement facilities that are high-quality and recovery-focused.
- h. Support the decriminalization of behavioral health conditions by expanding community treatment for people living with mental illness and substance use disorders, and support funding for diversion programs and competency-based programming both in and out of custody, and policies that reduce the incarceration of people with mental illness.

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- i. Support policy that leads to more housing resources (permanent supportive, affordable, and temporary housing solutions) and reduces barriers for individuals with mental health and/or substance use disorders.

9. Institutions for Mental Disease Exclusion – 16 Bed Limit

Support efforts to increase the current 16-bed limit on Psychiatric Health Facilities to receive federal funding.

10. Older Adults and Persons with Disabilities

- a. Support legislation that would establish a comprehensive and coordinated system and provide options for long term care activities that will secure and maintain maximum independence and dignity in a home environment, remove individual and social barriers to economic and personal independence, provide a continuum of care for vulnerable seniors, and provide a comprehensive response to elder abuse/neglect and exploitation.
- b. Support legislation that would provide adequate funding such as state-only funded programs, programs authorized under the Older Americans Act, a return to full funding for Social Services Block Grant (SSBG) programs and increases to the SSBG allocation to keep up with inflation and population growth.

11. Realignment

Support efforts and legislation to achieve protections, dedication of adequate revenue, and flexibility leading to best outcomes for Placer County including those related to 1991, 2011 and 2013 State/County Realignments impacting Public Safety and Health and Human Services.

12. Categorical Eligibility

Support policies that reduce the administrative burden on County agencies and staff, and those that limit the financial burden at the County level to deliver mandated services.

13. Chronic Disease Prevention

Support dedicated Funding for Chronic Disease Prevention and Wellness Promotion.

14. Social Services Funding Methodology

Support adequate, flexible, and stable funding to CalWORKs, CalFresh and Medi-Cal agencies to ensure sufficient resources based on actual costs to implement new programs and services at the levels required to achieve required outcomes and serve new program populations.

15. Local Primacy Delegation – Funding Stabilization

Support AB 402 which will stabilize funding to allow for the continued implementation of the local drinking water safety program.

HOUSING, LAND USE, AND TRANSPORTATION

1. Housing and Homeless Assistance

- a. Support state and federal funding opportunities to develop affordable housing and expand housing and homeless assistance programs.
- b. Expand Emergency Solutions Grant funding and enhance other grant funding opportunities for Placer County service providers, including homelessness prevention programs, rapid rehousing

assistance, homeless shelter and services, and affordable housing development and assistance programs.

- c. Make available funds and new programs equally available to both rural and urban areas.
- d. Support California Housing and Community Development's (HCD) role that focuses on facilitating the production of housing, rather than an onerous and unpredictable housing element compliance process that detracts from local governments' efforts to seek funding and actually facilitate housing production.

2. Housing Element Reform

- a. Support reform of the current housing element requirements to streamline and simplify existing housing element law.
 - i. The housing element should place a greater emphasis on obtaining financing and enabling production, rather than the overly detailed data analysis now required under state law.
 - ii. Housing element reform should provide local governments with the flexibility and creativity to adopt local housing elements, comprehensive housing assistance strategies, and other local plans and programs that will be effective in their communities.
 - iii. Housing element reform should conserve state and local resources by promoting predictable HCD review consistent with statutory requirements, including transparent standards that are uniformly applied and includes timelines for comment periods and decision-making.

3. California Environmental Quality Act

Support legislation that improves and streamlines the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and provides funding to assist local agencies in implementing CEQA. The CEQA process and requirements should be simplified wherever possible including the preparation of master environmental documents and use of tiered EIRs and negative declarations, including Climate Action Plans and associated environmental impact reports for tiering under CEQA.

4. National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase 2 Regulations

Support NPDES Phase 2 permit requirements that are reasonable and implementable by municipalities. The State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) should return to implementing the minimum Federal Clean Water Act requirements without expanded permit conditions that are impossible to meet. Support federal funding assistance and legislation to make it easier to implement local fee programs for storm water quality program implementation.

5. Transportation and Transit

Seek and support legislation, regulations, and grant funding for local and regional transit and transportation.

- a. Seek grant funding and financing, as appropriate, for priority infrastructure such as the Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery (TIGER) Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) and the Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) and new funding sources through the FAST Act.
- b. Seek and support federal funding and financing for the Placer Parkway Project.

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- c. Support the Transportation Funding Plan for Eastern Placer County. Support participation in regional transportation planning efforts and various competitive funding and revenue exploration efforts, and make sure state executive and legislative support, where appropriate, can help the county secure its fair share of state revenue to address the needs of improving current and future transportation infrastructure.
- d. Support efforts to ease traffic congestion on Highway 89 and Highway 267. This includes exploring the possibility of a third traffic lane on Highway 267 and work with Caltrans and California Highway Patrol to create a pilot program on Highway 89 and 267 to ease traffic congestion during peak hours and emergencies.

6. Sustainable Communities

- a. Support legislation that expands community revitalization and economic development tools including funding options for projects that provide demonstrable benefits to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions and improve energy efficiency.
- b. Support the preservation of funding for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and increasing the funds available under the program.
- c. Oppose imposition of one-size-fits-all land use, building and development guidelines related to sustainability.

7. Economic Development

Seek or support legislation and regulations as determined to be beneficial for Placer County projects and economic development initiatives.

a. Infrastructure

Seek Federal funding and financing for capital improvements with targeted focus on improvements within the Sunset Area and the Tahoe Basin.

8. Fair Funding

Placer County recognizes that fairs represent a critical state and community asset that is in dire need of funding and strongly support the development of a comprehensive solution that will ensure the viability of the Placer County Fair.

9. Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program

Advocate for and support legislation for state agency regulations and grant eligibility criteria that would provide funding for environmental restoration, environmental redevelopment activities, housing, and expansion of multi-modal transportation systems in the Lake Tahoe Basin as well as implement Placer County's Area Plan.

10. Passenger Rail

Support implementation of the Capitol Corridor Strategic Plan which includes expanded service to/from Placer County. Work with Union Pacific to expand passenger rail opportunity for Placer County including additional tracks.

11. Inverse Condemnation

Oppose changes or amendments to the current state rules regarding inverse condemnation. Inverse condemnation liability provides a strong incentive for investor-owned utilities to take action and invest in critical safety measures that protect ratepayers and residents.

PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Public Safety Realignment

Seek or support legislation to achieve stable and adequate revenue and flexibility leading to best outcomes for Placer County. Success at the local level requires: sufficient and reliable state revenue and programmatic flexibility; dedicated federal and state funding to ensure criminal justice facility needs are adequately met (Jail, Placer Re-Entry Program, crime lab, and transitional housing); and sufficient capacity and sustainable funding for a continuum of substance use services to maximize public safety while reducing recidivism of offenders.

2. Trial Court Security

Pursue adequate and sustainable funding for court security as mandated by the State.

3. Victims of Crime Act Funding (VOCA).

Support increased funding for Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). Placer County will continue to advocate for increased funding which helps support domestic violence shelters, services for victims of human trafficking, and other services for victims of violent crimes.

4. Emergency Management

Support legislation and regulations that maximize Placer County's ability to effectively mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural and man-made disasters and public health emergencies, protecting both physical and fiscal health. In addition, emergency management and homeland security policies, practices, and funding should be designed to promote innovation at the local level and to permit maximum flexibility so that services can best target individual community needs, hazards, threats, and capacities. This includes:

- a. Support adherence to the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS) processes, especially as they relate to the operational area concept.
- b. Advocate for broad county access to technologies that offer effective and wide-ranging communications capabilities for alerting the public in emergency situations.
- c. Work to ensure that proposals that impose responsibilities upon counties are accompanied by full and flexible funding.
- d. Advocate for improved coordination between state and local offices of emergency services and state and local departments with health and safety-related responsibilities (e.g. California Health and Human Services Agency, Department of Health Services, and the Emergency Medical Services Authority, and county offices of emergency services, county health agencies and local emergency services agencies).
- e. Support full and flexible funding for on-going emergency preparedness and all hazard planning.

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- f. Support grant processes, procedures, and guidelines that allow full funding for personnel in order to carry out emergency management and homeland security mandates.
- g. Support full and flexible funding for on-going emergency preparedness exercises and training, focusing on an all hazards approach, at the state and local level.
- h. Support full and flexible funding for emergency communication system interoperability between all local government agencies and the State of California.
- i. Advocate at the federal level for policies and requirements that are practically achievable by local governments.

5. Community Power Resiliency (Public Safety Power Shutoff)

Support efforts to limit the scope and duration of proposed power shutoffs. Additionally, support efforts to that limit the impact of power shutoffs to business and residents.