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DATE: March 1, 2007

TO: Transportation & Communications Committee

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SUBJECT: 2007 State and Federal Legislative Matrix

BACKGROUND:
The attached legislative bill matrix provides summaries of state and federal legislation relevant to SCAG activities and items of interest.

These legislative bills are organized by subject matter in the following categories: Air Quality, Energy, Environment, Housing, Transportation, Transit, Tribes and Water.

Although it is early in the legislative session, to the extent available the bill summaries include known on-record positions for other statewide organizations following these issues, such as the California League of Cities, California State Association of Counties, CALCOG, and others.

Please feel free to contact me at (213)-236-1883 if you have any questions or wish to discuss any legislative bill or issue.

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FISCAL IMPACT:

This information item has no fiscal impact on SCAG.

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Private file: AirQuality

CA AB 255

AUTHOR: De Leon (D)
TITLE: Air Pollution: Clean Air and Energy Independence Fund
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/05/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Creates the Clean Air and Energy Independence Fund and continuously appropriate moneys in the fund to the State Air Resources Board to be used towards specified purposes, including incentives for alternative fuel and alternative fuel vehicles. Increases the smog abatement fee by a specified amount and could allocate the increase to the Clean Air and Energy Independence Fund.
STATUS:
02/05/2007 INTRODUCED.

Private file: Energy

CA AB 94

AUTHOR: Levine (D)
TITLE: Renewable Energy
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/20/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee
SUMMARY:
Revises the intent language so that the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources is increased to an amount that equals at least 33% of the total electricity sold to retail customers in California per year by a specified date. Requires that each retail seller increase its total procurement of eligible renewable energy resources by at least an additional 1% of retail sales per year so that 33% of its retail sales are procured from eligible renewable energy resources.
STATUS:
02/01/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committees on UTILITIES AND COMMERCE and NATURAL RESOURCES.

Private file: Environment

CA AB 6

AUTHOR: Houston (R)
TITLE: Greenhouse Gases: Market-Based Compliance Mechanisms
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt market-based compliance mechanisms to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases.
STATUS:
02/01/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

CA AB 99

AUTHOR: Feuer (D)
TITLE: Vehicular Air Pollution and Clean Alternative Fuel
INTRODUCED: 12/21/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the use of clean, alternative fuels. Declares the intent of the Legislature to ensure that no less than 50% of all new cars made available for sale in the state are powered by clean alternative fuels.
STATUS:

	12/21/2006	INTRODUCED.

CA AB 109

AUTHOR: Nunez (D)
TITLE: Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006: Annual Report
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/05/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Natural Resources Committee
SUMMARY:
Requires the State Air Resources Board to report to the Legislature annually the status and progress of implementing the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. Requires the state to adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide greenhouse gas emissions levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020.
STATUS:
02/01/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES.

CA AB 118

AUTHOR: Nunez (D)
TITLE: Alternative Fuels: Funding
INTRODUCED: 01/09/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Declares legislative intent to provide ongoing funding for alternative fuel research, development, and deployment in order to advance the state's leadership in clean technologies, meet the state's clean air and greenhouse gas emission reduction standards, develop public-private partnerships, and ensure a reliable fuel supply.
STATUS:
01/09/2007 INTRODUCED.

CA AB 242

AUTHOR: Blakeslee (R)
TITLE: Energy Policy: Emissions of Greenhouse Gases
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/01/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Makes legislative findings and declarations regarding the policy and intent of the state with regard to reductions in emissions of greenhouse gases.
STATUS:
02/01/2007 INTRODUCED.

CA SB 19

AUTHOR: Lowenthal (D)
TITLE: Trade Corridor: Projects to Reduce Emissions: Funding
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
Declares the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes conditions and criteria for projects funded under provisions of the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006.
STATUS:
01/18/2007 To SENATE Committee on RULES.

CA SB 70

AUTHOR: Florez (D)
TITLE: Biodiesel
INTRODUCED: 01/17/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Business, Professions & Economic Development Committee
SUMMARY:
Specifies standards for biodiesel and biodiesel blends. Requires at least on sign stating the

concentration of biodiesel. Creates a voluntary CO2 labeling program for petroleum, biodiesel, and finished fuel blends containing biodiesel.

STATUS:

01/25/2007 To SENATE Committees on BUSINESS, PROFESSIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and RULES.

CA SB 71

AUTHOR: Florez (D)
TITLE: Alternative Fuels: Biodiesel
INTRODUCED: 01/17/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires all vehicles owned or leased by the state, by a city, county or city and county, or by a mass transit district, that uses diesel fuel to instead use B20 biodiesel fuel or a higher blend of biodiesel. Requires the State Air Resources Board to establish a program to implement and monitor the requirements.

STATUS:

01/25/2007 To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

Private file: Housing

CA AB 29

AUTHOR: Hancock (D)
TITLE: Infill Development: Incentive Grants
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Local Government Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires certain of the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Funds to be made available to the Secretary of Business, Transportation and Housing for distribution to designated councils of governments to fund competitive infill incentive grants for local public agencies that meet certain, listed criteria.

STATUS:

02/01/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

CA SB 12

AUTHOR: Lowenthal (D)
TITLE: Planning and Zoning: SOCAL Association
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: yes
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
LAST AMEND: 01/29/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Substantially revises the procedure for the Southern California Association of Governments, or delegate subregion, as applicable, to develop a final allocation plan for distributing the existing and projected regional housing need to cities and counties within the region or subregion.

STATUS:

02/05/2007 In SENATE. Read third time, urgency clause adopted. Passed SENATE. *****To ASSEMBLY.

Private file: Transit

US HR 238

SPONSOR: Waxman (D)
TITLE: Funding for San Fernando Valley Metro Rail Project
INTRODUCED: 01/04/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: SENATE
SUMMARY:

Repeals a prohibition on the use of certain funds for tunneling in certain areas with respect

to the Los Angeles to San Fernando Valley Metro Rail project, California.

STATUS:

02/07/2007	In HOUSE. Discharged from HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.
02/07/2007	In HOUSE. Passed HOUSE. *****To SENATE.

Private file: Transportation

CA AB 256

AUTHOR: Huff (R)
TITLE: State Highway Operation and Protection Programs
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 02/05/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Relates to the state highway operation and protection program. Appropriates to the department, from funds in the State Highway Account the amount identified for traffic safety projects.
STATUS:

02/05/2007	INTRODUCED.

CA SB 9

AUTHOR: Lowenthal (D)
TITLE: Trade Corridor Improvement: Transportation Project
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
Amends existing law, the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act. Requires a sum to be transferred to the Trade Corridors Improvement Fund. Provides for infrastructure improvements along federally designated Trade Corridors of National Significance. Sets forth the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that establishes a process for the selection of transportation projects.
STATUS:

01/18/2007	To SENATE Committee on RULES.

CA SB 45

AUTHOR: Perata (D)
TITLE: Transportation Funds for Capital Projects
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/22/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Rules Committee
SUMMARY:
States the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that would establish the application process for allocations from the Transit System Safety, Security, and Disaster Response Account.
STATUS:

01/18/2007	To SENATE Committee on RULES.

CA SB 56

AUTHOR: Runner G (R)
TITLE: Highway Construction Contracts
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/10/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
SUMMARY:
Declares the intent of the Legislation to authorize a demonstration program that would allow a careful examination of the benefits and challenges of using a design-build method of procurement for transportation projects. Authorizes certain state and local

transportation entities to use a design-build process for contracting on transportation projects. Requires a transportation entity to implement a labor compliance program for design-build projects. Establishes a procedure for submitting bids.

STATUS:

01/25/2007 To SENATE Committees on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING and RULES.

CA SB 61

AUTHOR: Runner G (R)
TITLE: Transportation: Public Private-Partnerships
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/16/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
SUMMARY:

Authorizes the Department of Transportation or regional transportation agency nominating a project to pay a stipend to proposers of a project under certain conditions. Authorizes the department or regional transportation agencies to enter into agreement under which a private entity constructs a transportation project that is operated without the charging of a toll or user fee, but where the private entity receives compensation in the form of a shadow toll or other type of payment.

STATUS:

01/25/2007 To SENATE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND HOUSING.

Private file: Tribes

CA AB 169

AUTHOR: Levine (D)
TITLE: Joint Powers Authorities: Indian Tribes
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/23/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:

Provides that 16 federally recognized Indian tribal governments may participate in the Southern California Association of Governments, a joint powers authority, for specified purposes and subject to specified conditions in the 6 - county region of the Southern California Association of Governments.

STATUS:

01/23/2007 INTRODUCED.

Private file: Water

CA AB 19

AUTHOR: DeVore (R)
TITLE: Water Quality: Santa Ana Region
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Assembly Environmental Safety and Toxic Materials Committee
SUMMARY:

Establishes the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Improvement Project and the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Improvement Board. Authorizes a city or county to allow a discharger within its jurisdiction, upon the request of the discharger, to become subject to regulation by the Santa Ana Regional Water Quality Improvement Board. Authorizes the developer of a development project to agree to pay a fee to the appropriate city or county, based on the acreage and density of the proposed development project.

STATUS:

02/01/2007 To ASSEMBLY Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS.

CA AB 41

AUTHOR: La Malfa (R)
TITLE: Water Resources: Bond Proceeds

FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Relates to the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006, the Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006. Declares that funds derived from these bond acts be expended in the most cost-efficient and effective manner possible.
STATUS:
12/04/2006 INTRODUCED.

CA AB 141

AUTHOR: Saldana (D)
TITLE: Water Quality: Baja California Border Region
FISCAL COMMITTEE: no
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/17/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Declares that it is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to improve water quality in the state in the California-Baja border region.
STATUS:
01/17/2007 INTRODUCED.

CA AB 224

AUTHOR: Wolk (D)
TITLE: Water Supply Planning
INTRODUCED: 01/29/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY:
Requires the Department of Water Resources to prepare and deliver to all State Water Project contractors, all city and county planning departments, and all regional and metropolitan planning departments within the project service area, a report that accurately sets forth, under a range of hydrologic conditions, the then-existing overall delivery capability of the project facilities and the allocation of that capacity to each contractor.
STATUS:
01/29/2007 INTRODUCED.

CA SB 27

AUTHOR: Simitian (D)
TITLE: Clean Drinking Water: Water Supply Security
INTRODUCED: 12/04/2006
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
SUMMARY:
Enacts the Clean Drinking Water, Water Supply Security, and Environmental Improvement Bond Act of 2007 which, if approved by the voters would authorize, for purposes of financing a water conveyance and environmental improvement program, the issuance, pursuant to General Obligation Bond Law, of bonds.
STATUS:
02/01/2007 To SENATE Committees on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER, ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY and RULES.

CA SB 55

AUTHOR: Florez (D)
TITLE: Water Quality: Sewage Sludge
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/10/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Environmental Quality Committee
SUMMARY:

Requires a publicly owned treatment works to submit a certification to the regional water quality board that any sewage sludge transferred from a facility for disposal or further processing meets the requirements and standards for any pollutants listed in the waste requirements. Requires such treatment works to submit the certification to any person or facility that accepts sewage sludge from that works for disposal or processing. Authorizes a person or facility for indemnification.

STATUS:

01/25/2007 To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY.

CA SB 59

AUTHOR: Cogdill (R)
TITLE: Reliable Water Supply Bond Act of 2008
FISCAL COMMITTEE: yes
URGENCY CLAUSE: no
INTRODUCED: 01/11/2007
DISPOSITION: Pending
LOCATION: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee
SUMMARY:

Enacts the Reliable Water Supply Bond Act, which, if approved by the voters, would authorize, for purposes of financing a water supply program, the issuance of bonds. Requires the Secretary of State to submit the bond act to the voter.

STATUS:

01/25/2007 To SENATE Committee on NATURAL RESOURCES AND WATER.

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