



Advocacy Update

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Issue:

Update on state and federal advocacy activities.

Recommendation:

None, this item is for information only.

Background/Analysis:

In Washington D.C., SACOG's federal lobbyists, Capitol Transportation Consulting and Pavluchuk & Associates, continue to advocate for funding and programs that advance SACOG's priorities. In February, James Corless and staff attended the annual National Association of Regional Councils (NARC) conference in Washington, DC and attended several meetings with federal agency staff and congressional members. Attachment A is a summary of this activity, and other federal updates, prepared by SACOG's federal lobbyists.

In Sacramento, staff have been working closely with SACOG's state lobbyists, Politico Group, to prepare for the 2024 legislative year. Recent work has focused on identifying legislation of interest to SACOG, monitoring changes in the state legislative delegation, and tracking the Governor's budget proposal. Attachment B is a summary of this activity prepared by Politico Group.

Discussion/Analysis:

SACOG staff and SACOG's state lobbyists will provide a more detailed update at the meeting with the latest information regarding state and federal advocacy efforts. An additional update on the status of the REAP 2.0 program will be provided.

Fiscal Impact/Grant Information:

SACOG's advocacy activities and lobbying contracts are paid for through member dues.