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LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 6, 2025

Immediately following the Standards Committee Meeting

In-person location:

Margaritaville Resort

4130 Lake Tahoe Blvd, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150

Zoom Access:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89074109166?pwd=RogpP7dNnU0aVmWvgnybZXtMB8p4OU.1>

- Meeting ID: 890 7410 9166
- Passcode: 035247
- Join by phone: +1 669 444 9171

AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Adopt Agenda

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes (Action item).

Discussion and action to approve the minutes from the meeting on July 17, 2025.

5. Legislative Advocate Overview and Update (Discussion item).

The Association's state lobbyist will present to the Committee and update on legislative matters.

6. Legislation - 2025 Bills (Discussion and Action).

Discussion and possible action item: the Committee will review and discuss state legislation.

- AB302: Data brokers: elected officials and judges (Shasta)
- Review of assigned bills

7. Announcements/Good of the Order

8. Adjournment



Legislative Committee Meeting Draft Minutes

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025, 9:30AM

Location: Teams

1. Call to Order

Chair Joaquín Torress called the meeting to order at 9:38 am.

2. Roll call of Legislative Committee Members

Vice Chair Marina Camacho conducted roll call.

Present:

Joaquin Torres (Chair, City and County of San Francisco)

Marina Camacho (Vice Chair, Monterey)

Phong La (Alameda)

Shelly Scott (Marin)

Jordan Marks (San Diego) (online)

Tom Bordonaro, Jr. (San Luis Obispo)

Greg Monteverde, (Santa Clara)

Kaenan Whitman (Tuolumne)

Jeffrey Prang (Association President, Los Angeles)

A quorum was established.

Absent: Leslie Morgan (Shasta)

3. Adoption of Agenda

Motion: Kaenan Whitman (Tuolumne)

Seconded by: Shelly Scott (Marin)

Outcome: Motion carried.

4. Adoption of Minutes – May 15, 2025, July 8, 2025, and July 10, 2025

Motion: Greg Monteverde (Santa Clara)

Seconded by: Tom Bordonaro, Jr. (San Luis Obispo)

Outcome: Motion carried.

5. 2025 Bills of Interest

• SB 710 (Blakespear) Active Solar Systems (San Luis Obispo).

CAA has an Oppose Unless Amended position. The San Luis Obispo team, the author's office and policy committee consultants worked on clarifying amendments. No further concerns from San Luis Obispo who recommended a change of the association's position from Oppose Unless Amended to Neutral.

Next step: Larisa to follow up with Revenue and Taxation Committee consultants and/or author's office regarding the added language in SB 710 related to sunset language and report back to the committee.

Motion to move to a Neutral position: Tom Bordonaro, Jr. (San Luis Obispo)

Seconded by: Shelly Scott (Marin)

Outcome: Motion carried.

Larisa will note our change in position with the author since our original Oppose Unless Amended wasn't officially noted at committee.

- **AB 985 (Schiavo) Chiquita Canyon Landfill (Los Angeles).**

The bill was recently gutted and amended, advancing to the second house while bypassing full policy review. The author amended the bill to apply a decline in value, hybrid, to properties within 5-miles of the Chiquita canyon landfill disaster. Notably, the bill does not require physical damage which is a deviation from the disaster relief standard.

Discussion

Assessors noted that their offices could already handle this through the existing Prop 8 process. Prop 8 reductions are only justified with market data; currently, no comps show decreased value due to the landfill fire. Sub-surface fire elevated smell and public nuisance but hasn't translated into documented sales impact. The landfill existed prior, and external obsolescence is likely already factored into local property values.

If assessors are required to review properties under Prop 8, it may open the door for appeals, despite a lack of supporting comps. Concern the bill could set a precedent, allowing retroactive Prop 8 assessments beyond one year. Potentially opens tax appeals for multiple years, which is inconsistent with how Prop 8 is designed.

Risk of expansion beyond intended scope. Confirmed that the bill is limited to properties near the landfill, not statewide.

Continue to watch the bill.

- **AB 1337 (Ward) Information Practices Act (Shasta)**

CAA currently opposes this bill. The group discussed strategic options regarding data access legislation, whether to proactively draft a bill or remain reactive by opposing unfavorable proposals or requesting carveouts.

There was consensus that a proactive approach is preferable to staying on the defensive.

Tension exists between judicial interests and First Amendment advocates, with general dissatisfaction about the current situation.

There is uncertainty about whether the California Assessors' Association (CAA) has the influence to drive a broadly accepted solution.

If a proactive role is pursued, it was suggested that state legislators should lead the effort, with CAA offering advice and support rather than taking the lead.

Emphasis was placed on the importance of communicating CAA's operational needs and aligning with public safety concerns.

CAA should not introduce legislation directly but should coordinate internally among assessors to ensure a unified position. There is an opportunity to partner with county clerks and recorders as allies in any collaborative effort.

Next steps: Acting Assessor Monteverde will lead in the drafting of a white paper to clarify assessors' positions on relevant legislative issues on data transparency and privacy issues. Assessor Torres to discuss with President Prang about assembling a body to address ongoing data transparency and privacy issues.

6. Association Advocate Updates. Larisa provided updates on
 - a. AB 1516 which is on the Governor's desk for review and signature.
 - b. AB 1337 which is on suspense file but may be heard at Appropriations after session reconvenes in August. In the meantime, the author has taken on amendments to include carve out for specific assessor role and functions.
7. Announcements/Good of the Order
All committee members are encouraged to engage with their legislators, even if just to wish them a good summer recess or welcome them back.
8. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:37 AM



Bill Impact Checklist

A reference guide to help you assess a bill's impact on Association members. Use this to note key information to report out to the CAA Leg Committee and to include in any bill analysis.

Bill Number (Author): _____ Date: _____

Recommended CAA Position: _____

Impacts to Assessors Operations	
<p><u>Implementation requirements:</u> How will this bill affect the workload of assessors? What resources, staffing and infrastructure would be needed to implement? Consider staffing, processing times, and related impacts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Consistent with role and responsibilities<input type="checkbox"/> Changes or repeals existing program<input type="checkbox"/> Requires new operating procedures<input type="checkbox"/> Imposes unreasonable burden<input type="checkbox"/> Challenges with timing and scaling	<p><u>Technology requirements:</u> does the bill necessitate new technology investments or updates to existing systems?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> New technology, new investment <p><u>Technical feasibility:</u> do you see any obstacles in the technical execution?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Additional training and hiring<input type="checkbox"/> Shifts burden of proof to Assessors
Fiscal Impact	Legal Issues
<p>Does the bill introduce new costs or savings for existing operations?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Minor impact – program absorption<input type="checkbox"/> Additional costs<input type="checkbox"/> Impacts property tax exemption<input type="checkbox"/> Adds revenue<input type="checkbox"/> Changes penalties or fees	<p>Does the bill align with current laws and regulations? Are there risks of legal conflicts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Creates conflict with existing law<input type="checkbox"/> Possible constitutional issues<input type="checkbox"/> Requires regulations or guidelines<input type="checkbox"/> Provisions are not enforceable<input type="checkbox"/> Resolves conflict in existing law
Coordination requirements	Impact on Taxpayers
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Requires coordination among Assessors<input type="checkbox"/> Requires coordination with BOE<input type="checkbox"/> Requires coordination with local and/or state government	<p>How will this bill affect taxpayer experience?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="checkbox"/> Creates additional burden, confusion, complexity

Notes: _____

County Assigned	Bill	Author	Recommendation	CAA Position	Hearing date/ Status	Subject
Alameda	SB 9	Arreguin, Jesse	Neutral (3/20)		6/18 Asm Local Gov.	Accessory Dwelling Unit: prohibits local agencies from imposing an owner-occupancy requirement.
Alameda	SB 63	Wiener, Scott; Arreguin, Jesse	Neutral (3/20)		7/15 Asm Approps	Bay Area, local revenue measure, transportation funding; sales and use tax
Alameda	SB 723	Choi, Steven	Neutral (3/20)		7/14 held in committee suspense	Exemption: low-value exemption. increase from \$10k to \$25k
Alameda Los Angeles San Luis Obispo Santa Clara	SB 592	Smallwood-Cuevas, Lola	Oppose	Oppose (4/3)	5/23 held in committee suspense	Property tax: change in ownership exclusions: residential rental property. CLT, cooperatives
Los Angeles	AB 245	Gipson, Mike	Watch	Support (4/3)	8/18 Sen Approps	Property taxation: disaster victims- 3 year extension to restore BYV at rebuild
Los Angeles	AB 613	Gonzalez, Mark	Oppose	Oppose (4/3)	5/21 ASM Approps Suspense	Property taxation: affordable commercial property
Los Angeles	SB 663	Allen, Ben, McNerney, and Perez	Support (3/20)	Support (3/20)	7/14 Asm Approps	Winter Fires of 2025: real property tax: exemptions and reassessment. Apply the BYV to a reconstructed home (RTC 70.5).
Los Angeles	SB 255	Seyarto, Kelly	Watch (3/20)		7/17 Concurrence in Assembly	County recorders: notification
Los Angeles	AB 62	McKinnor, Tina	Neutral		8/18 Sen Approps	Racially motivated eminent domain
Los Angeles	SB 603	Niello, Roger	Support	Support (4/24)	7/15 Asm Approps	Property taxation: disaster relief: transfer of base year value for owner who elects to purchase a replacement property (RTC
Los Angeles	SB 293	Perez, Sasha	Watch (3/20)	Support (7/14)	7/15 Asm Approps	Property taxation: County of Los Angeles: fire victims
Los Angeles	SB 288	Seyarto, Kelly	Watch (3/20)		2 year bill	Property tax: tax-defaulted property sales: sales to public agencies
Los Angeles	AB 1253	Shultz, Nick	Support	Support (4/24)	2 Year Bill	Real property, substantial equivalence
Los Angeles	SB 816	Valladares, Suzette			6/16 Sen Rev and Tax	Exemptions: Chiquita Canyon elevated temperature landfill event.
Los Angeles	AB 985	Schiavo, Pilar	Watch (7/17)		8/18 Sen Approps	Chiquita Canyon Landfill: mortgage forbearance: assessment and penalties
Los Angeles San Diego	SB 23	Valladares, Suzette	Watch		4/28 hearing canceled	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veterans, homeowners. Full exemption to
Los Angeles San Luis Obispo Santa Clara	SB 16	Blakespear, Catherine	Oppose Unless Amended (7/3)		7/16 Hearing postponed	Ending Street Homelessness Act: welfare exemption 214(j) interim housing for homeless individuals
Marin	AB 1485	Macedo, Alexandra	Neutral	Support (4/3)	8/18 Sen Approps	Real property tax: documentary transfer tax: exemptions: Native American tribes.
Monterey	SB 299	Cabaldon, Christopher			2 year bill	Local government: ordinances
Monterey San Diego	SB 729	Limon, Monique			2 Year bill	Williamson Act: agricultural preserves
San Diego	SB 296	Archuleta, Bob	Support	Support (3/20)	7/15 Asm Rev and Tax Suspense	Property taxation: exemption: disabled veteran homeowners
San Diego	SB 56	Seyarto, Kelly	Support	Support (4/24)	7/15 Asm Rev and Tax Suspense	Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: household income

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San Diego	SB 284	Seyarto, Kelly		Oppose Unless Amended (5/15)	7/14 Asm Rev and Tax Suspense	CIO: family homes and farms
San Diego	SB 623	Archuleta, Bob	Support		3/5 Sen Rev and Tax	Homeowners', veterans', and disabled veterans' exemptions. Companion to SCA 4, ACA 5
San Diego	SCA 4	Archuleta, Bob	Support			Property taxation: veterans' exemption
San Diego	ACA 5	Schiavo, Pilar	Support			Property taxation: veterans' exemption. Provides HOX (\$7k) and DVET (\$4k)
San Luis Obispo	AB 1516	Committee on Rev and Tax	Support	Support (4/3)	Chaptered	Real property taxation
San Luis Obispo	SB 710	Blakespear, Catherine	Neutral, if amended	Neutral (7/17) Oppose Unless Amended (4/24)	7/15 Asm Approps	Active solar energy systems: extension
Santa Clara	AB 1416	Ta, Tri			Chaptered	Property taxation: redemption: permanent installment plan
Santa Clara	AB 317	Jackson, Corey	Watch (4/29) Oppose (4/16)		2 Year Bill	California First Time Homeowner Dream Act
Santa Clara	SB 336	Wiener, Scott	Watch, with concerns	Oppose Unless Amended (4/24)	5/23 ASM Approps Suspense	Real property tax: welfare exemption: moderate-income housing
Santa Clara Los Angeles	AB 418	Wilson, Lori	LA recommends Neutral		8/18 Sen Approps	Property taxation: tax-defaulted property
Shasta	AB 883	Lowenthal, Josh	Watch (3/20)		2 Year Bill	California Public Records Act
Shasta	AB 343	Pacheco, Blanca	Watch (3/20)		7/7 SEN Approp Suspense	Public Records Act. elected or appointed officials
Shasta	SB 5	Cabaldon, Christopher	Watch (3/20)		7/16 Asm Local Government	Infrastructure financing districts: allocation of taxes: agricultural land exclusion
Shasta	AB 1156	Wicks, Buffy	Watch (3/20)		8/18 Sen Approps	Agricultural land use: conversion to solar-use easements
Shasta	AB 1337	Ward, Christopher	Oppose	Oppose Unless Amended (5/15) Oppose (4/24)	2 Year Bill	Information Practices Act of 1977
Shasta	AB 302	Bauer-Kahan, Rebecca	Watch		8/18 Sen Approps	Protected individuals
Tuolumne	SB 566	Grove, Shannon	Watch (3/20)		5/14 failed passage in committee	Real property tax: Personal Income Tax Law: homeowners' exemption increase from \$7k to \$50k for 62 years old.
	AB 819	Macedo, Alexandra			2-Year Bill	Electric vehicle charging stations
	AB 1445	Haney, Matt	Watch		7/2 Sen Local Government	Downtown revitalization and economic recovery financing districts
	AB 1517	Committee on Rev and Tax			ASM Approps Suspense	Property taxation: delinquency and penalties: LA County
	AB 75	Calderon, Lisa			8/18 Sen Approps	Residential property insurance images
	AB 91	Harabedian			8/18 Sen Approps	State and local agencies: demographic data
	AB 698	Wicks, Buffy			6/9 RLS	Local taxation; real property transfers

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	SB 350	Durazo,			5/23 2 year bill	Water Rate Assistance Program
	SB 482	Weber Pierson			7/17 Asm second reading	Roster of public officials
	SB 239	Arreguin, Jesse			2 year bill	Open meetings: teleconferencing: subsidiary body
San Luis Obispo	<u>AB 21</u>	DeMaio, Carl	Drop (4/23)		April 24, 2025	Taxpayer Protection Act of 2025
Los Angeles	<u>AB 796</u>	Lowenthal, Josh	Drop (4/17)		4/23 Asm Rev and Tax	Social Media Platforms: advertising tax
Los Angeles	<u>SB 573</u>	Smallwood-Cuevas, Lola	Drop (4/17)		4/2 Sen Rev and tax	Property taxation: cancellation.
Tuolumne	<u>AB 691</u>	Wallis, Greg	Drop (3/20)			Pet adoptions
San Diego Santa Clara	<u>AB 76</u>	Alvarez, David	Drop		7/16 Sen Local Government	Surplus land: exempt surplus land: sectional planning area