

2020 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



S T A T E

- The opioid crisis impacts communities across the U.S., including Santa Cruz County. The County **Supports** funding for Drug Medi-Cal services and access to substance use disorder services, including Medication for Addiction Treatment (MAT) and Withdrawal Management.
- Widespread challenges in the recycling market have sowed uncertainty in recycling and solid waste programs. The County **Supports** new legislation to address growing plastic pollution, declining global markets for recycled materials, compliance standards, CRV and other issues, including funding mandated local organics diversion facilities through Cap-and-Trade revenues.
- The County **Supports** reimbursement for counties and other local governments associated with the costs of Public Safety Power Shutoffs, including but not limited to preparation, outreach, services for medically vulnerable adults, shelters and more, as well as increased local government input on investor-owned utilities' governance, structure, wildfire management plans and more.
- The County **Supports** legislation providing direct access to State armories for counties throughout California to address homelessness, including making them available as year-round shelters, reducing or eliminating fees, standardizing security processes to minimize costs, and more.
- The County **Supports** policies and actions to limit enrollment at University of California-Santa Cruz to match community resources and to fully mitigate the community impacts of any future growth, including providing infrastructure needed to support that growth.

F E D E R A L

- The County **Supports** restoring flexibility and funding, either through administrative or legislative action, of local governments to complete emergency repairs funded via Federal Highway Administration, FEMA or other agencies, through time extensions or legislation expanding project windows, on projects using federal emergency relief funds.
- The County **Supports** the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the White House Office of Management and Budget re-establishing funding formulas to more equitably determine the costs and benefits of flood control projects in communities such as the Pajaro Valley, which has inadequate flood-control protections due to project analyses favoring wealthy communities.
- The County **Supports** future changes to the California Medicaid State Plan Amendment or new federal waiver(s) to allow housing to be included in the reimbursable scope of services for beneficiaries with complex health challenges.
- The County **Supports** permanent funding for the Land Water and Conservation Fund (LWCF) including SB 1081/HR 3195. The County also **Supports** federal funding for Active Transportation, particularly for hiking and biking trails.