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Below is an update on State legislative items of interest to the County of Los Angeles.

 **COUNTY ADVOCACY-RELATED ACTIONS**
At the May 7th meeting, the Board of Supervisors took the following action:

- **SUPPORT SENATE BILL (SB) 233 (SKINNER) - PRACTICE OF MEDICINE: ARIZONA PHYSICIANS: ABORTIONS AND ABORTION-RELATED CARE FOR ARIZONA PATIENTS**



The Board directed the Chief Executive Office – Legislative Affairs and Intergovernmental Relations (CEO-LAIR) to support SB 233, legislation which would temporarily allow licensed Arizona doctors in good standing to provide abortion and abortion-related care to Arizona patients traveling to California through November 30, 2024. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 1053 (BLAKESPEAR) AND ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 2236 (BAUER-KAHAN) TO CLOSE THE PLASTIC BAG LOOPHOLE**



The Board directed CEO-LAIR to support SB 1053 and AB 2236, legislation which would eliminate the exemption for plastic film bags in California’s single-use bag ban. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).

- **SUPPORT ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 3233 (ADDIS) - LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHOICE AND SAFETY ACT**



The Board directed CEO-LAIR to send a five-signature letter to Assemblymember Dawn Addis, with a copy to the County’s State Legislative Delegation, in support of AB 3233, legislation which would uphold the authority of local governments in passing ordinances that protect residents from the detrimental effects of oil and gas pollution. Additional details on the motion can be found [here](#).



Upcoming Board of Supervisors' meeting dates and agendas can be found [here](#).

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

The County is also advocating on the following legislation and proposals:

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- **SUPPORT SB 1317 (WAHAB) - PSYCHIATRIC MEDICATION FOR INMATES**



[SB 1317](#) would extend the January 1, 2025, sunset date for SB 184 (2022), which provides counties authority to administer involuntary medication to an inmate suffering from a serious mental disorder who is gravely disabled and is a danger to self or others, to January 1, 2030. This authority ensures that inmates can receive necessary treatment while maintaining due process rights and to avoid inmate competency deterioration. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT SB 1359 (WILK) - ILLEGAL DUMPING**



[SB 1359](#) would make illegal the transportation and dumping of waste on public land, highways, and private land without the proper permit or license and increase penalties for illegal dumping, closing a loophole which allows dumping of waste on private land without a permit or license. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT AB 2168 (KALRA) - PROSECUTION OF NONFELONY OFFENSES**



[AB 2168](#) would automatically dismiss certain nonfelony offenses for individuals held in County jails and youth detention facilities, convicted of a felony and due for transfer to a State prison. This bill would reduce the County jail population and save money associated with detaining these individuals. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

- **SUPPORT IF AMENDED AB 2939 (RENDON) - INTERPRETIVE SERVICES AT PARKS**



[AB 2939](#) would require local parks to treat interpretive services offered by nonprofits and Native American tribes as an allowable use of a park. Amendments to ensure the preservation of local standards and use criteria would help fulfill the intent of expanded park access and services without the loss of park or service quality. Additional details regarding this bill are available [here](#).

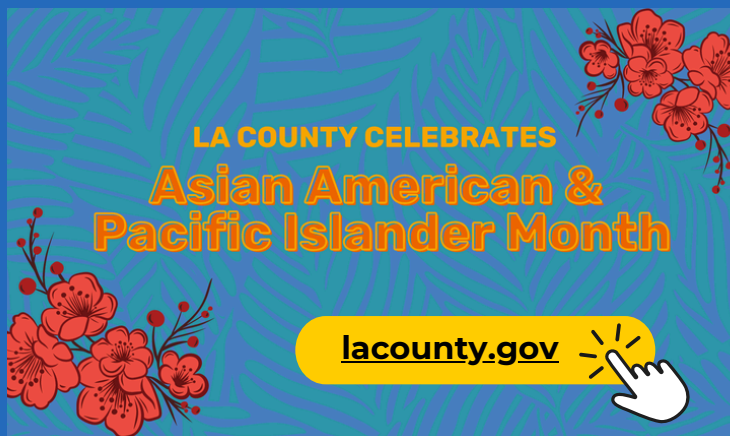


SPOTLIGHT ON COUNTY SPONSORED BILLS



SB 1169 (Stern): Modernizing Flood Control Borrowing Capacity - This proposal would modernize the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act by eliminating the outdated \$4.5 million debt limit on federal loans, and aligning repayment terms with those of the standardized, federal Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act Program and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Water Infrastructure Financing Program. Modernizing borrowing capacity and aligning with these federal programs' terms would provide the County access to critical financial assistance programs to finance projects which would safeguard communities from climate-induced flood risks and bolster water infrastructure. **Status: Assembly - Read first time. Held at Desk.**

AB 2455 (Gabriel): Whistleblower Protection: State an Local Government Procedures - This proposal modernizes current law that authorizes the County to operate a whistleblower hotline to identify and investigate fraud, waste, and abuse of government resources. Specifically, the bill updates the way an individual may submit a whistleblower tip to modern forms of communication, such as online form submission, email, text, etc., whereas current law explicitly allows for whistleblower tips to be submitted via phone call. Further, AB 2455 would explicitly authorize whistleblower tips and investigations to cover county contractors and subcontractors, whereas current law explicitly allows for whistleblower tips and investigations to encompass county employees. Lastly, this bill would authorize the auditor-controller to delegate whistleblower hotline duties to their staff, such as receiving, referring, and investigating whistleblower tips. **Status: Senate - Rules**



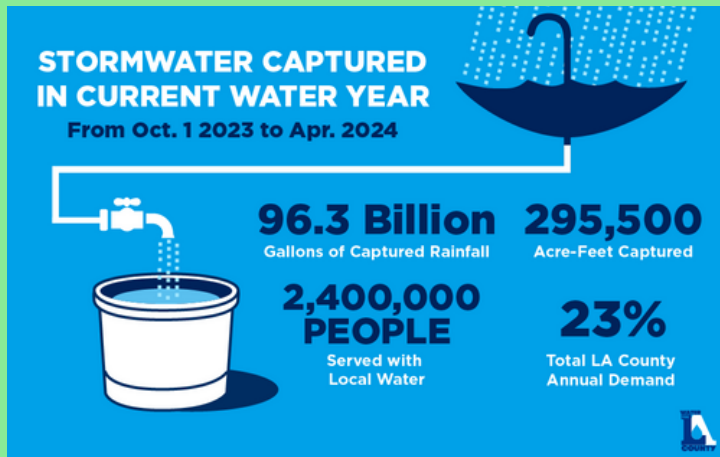
This month, we celebrate the vibrant cultures, rich traditions, and invaluable contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islander communities. Join Los Angeles County in celebrating Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Visit lacounty.gov to find events, programming and resources that are available for you to access throughout May.

GOOD NEWS

LA County Ends Storm Season with 96.3 Billion Gallons of Captured Stormwater



More than 96.3 billion gallons of stormwater were captured and stored within LA County’s reservoirs and delivered to spreading grounds for recharge of groundwater aquifers since Oct. 2023 when the storm season began. During that period, LA County harvested enough water to meet the needs of more than 2.4 million people for a year—about 24 percent of the region’s annual demand.



The LA County Region is committed to increasing its local water resilience. The LA County Water Plan, adopted in late 2023, was developed collaboratively among LA County Public Works, local water agencies, tribes, and a wide range of municipal and nonprofit stakeholders. For more information on all things water in the LA County Region, visit waterforla.com.



LA County Library Observes Mental Health Awareness Month with Programs Promoting Mental Health and Well-being

LA County Library recognizes May as Mental Health Awareness Month. Throughout May, the Library will host Mental Health Promoters Workshops that cover a wide range of mental health topics, from understanding and managing stress to neurodevelopmental disorders. Workshop participants will gain a deeper understanding of critical issues such as depression, anxiety, grief, addiction, and family violence. Participants will learn how to recognize symptoms, understand treatment options, and build resilience. The program also offers specialized workshops for immigrant communities, addressing their specific needs and helping them navigate the mental health challenges they may encounter.

The Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health’s Take Action movement promotes wellness and well-being while sharing the vast array of resources and services provided by the nation’s largest behavioral health department. Click on the links to learn more about upcoming community events and available resources.



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