



City of Hesperia

2023 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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2023 Legislative Platform Process

Purpose

The Legislative Platform provides a means for summarizing the City’s core legislative principles to support advocacy efforts at the regional, state, and federal level. Recognizing the importance of promoting City priorities and legislative initiatives, the legislative platform focuses on the City’s commitment to service, community, and economic development initiatives. Adopted annually, the Legislative Platform serves as a reference guide for urgent requests of support, opposition, or neutrality of a legislative proposal and provides direction for the City Council and staff throughout the year.

Guiding Principles

1. Preserve and Enhance Local Control

Support measures that preserve and protect the City’s local authority to enact policy pertaining to local affairs. Oppose measures that seek to preempt local control without the concurrence of the City.

2. Maintain Fiscal Responsibility

Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, and financial independence at the local level. Support efforts that preserve and promote the City’s ability to maintain and grow its revenue base. Oppose measures that diminish the City’s revenue sources thereby threatening its ability to provide and maintain critical services.

3. Promote Economic Development

Support legislative efforts that are designed to provide local governments with the tools necessary to bolster economic development. Support legislation and regulatory streamlining initiatives that would enhance the City’s ability to attract and retain businesses as well as encourage business expansion and job retention.

4. Support Funding Opportunities

Support measures that allow the City to compete for its fair share of regional, state, and federal funding including competitive grants and other funding programs. Support initiatives that promote dedicated funding streams to cities for critical service areas.

5. Collaborate with Regional Partners

Support opportunities to work collaboratively with local and regional partners on areas of mutual interest. Maintain strong relationships with other municipalities, local transportation agencies, special districts, regional government agencies, local elected officials, school districts, and college boards.



Goals and Objectives

The primary objective is for the City Council to adopt official City positions on clearly stated legislative issues and to adopt a guideline for funding priorities at the start of the legislative session. The Legislative Platform also sets forth the City's legislative objectives for the 2023 legislative session and provides direction for our legislative advocates as they work to secure clear and strategic initiatives in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. By doing this, the legislative approval process is streamlined by eliminating the need for repetitive concurrence and direction from the City Council on previously approved issues.

A secondary objective is to implement a process that ensures the City Council provides input and direction on legislative issues that have not been previously reviewed by the City Council. This objective will ensure that staff will seek the Council's guidance on issues that are not contained within the City's adopted legislative platform.

With the dynamic growth of the City over the years and planned development in the future, the City's Legislative Platform is aimed at securing legislative policies and resources that will help the City manage this growth, fund critical infrastructure needs, keep the City safe and maintain and enhance the quality-of-life residents have come to enjoy.

Process

The following outlines the process that is used to develop and implement the various elements of the City of Hesperia's Legislative Platform:

1. Develop Legislative Policy Statements

Each year, the City Manager's Office submits the Legislative Platform with its proposed State and Federal Legislative Policy Statements compiled in accordance with the following:

- a. Input from Senior Management and City's legislative advocates.
- b. Research of current law and pending legislation.
- c. A review of legislative priorities and any other issues recommended by the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities, the City's legislative advocates, or any other agencies conducting legislative analysis and advocacy on behalf of cities.
- d. City's adopted Mission Statement and Values.
- e. Consideration of special, unique, or changing interests of the City of Hesperia.

Staff will use the 2023 Legislative Policy Statements as a guiding policy when reviewing and analyzing bills that have an impact on the City's interests. The City will have discretion in determining on which specific bills to take official position. Official City positions are not automatically assumed on bills simply due to their similarity with the policy statements contained within this document. Furthermore, the policies established within the platform do not preclude City Council consideration of additional legislative matters arising throughout the year that may be brought forward for City Council action.

2. Legislative Monitoring and Advocacy

The City Council recognizes that it is vital to the fiscal health and self-determination of the City to effectively communicate with state legislators and federal representatives in order to favorably influence state and federal legislation, regulations, and funding requests. Legislative Advocates at the federal and



state levels provide a useful service in the success of the City's legislative goals and objectives by providing the necessary communication link with our Congressional Delegation and State Legislators to further Hesperia's priority projects for funding consideration. To that end, funding for Legislative Advocates will be considered by the City Council on an annual basis.

Upon the Legislative Platform's adoption, the City Manager's Office will exercise day-to-day oversight of legislative matters. Staff will monitor and review state and federal legislation as well as write letters, contact legislators, or otherwise communicate the City's position, as warranted. The City Manager is authorized to send such letters on adopted legislative positions, along the following lines:

- **Support:** Legislation that the City should support as drafted.
- **Oppose:** Legislation that the City should oppose as drafted.
- **Oppose Unless Amended:** Legislation the City should oppose unless amended.
- **No Position or Watch:** Legislation that the City does not take a formal position on but continues to monitor for progress.

3. Staff Responsibilities in the Legislative Process

In addition to coordinating formal action through the City Council, City staff responsibilities in the implementation of the Legislative Platform include:

1. Prepare support/opposition analyses and correspondence.
2. Seek and solicit support/opposition from other interested entities.
3. Participate in and attend legislative meetings with legislators and staff, as well as other local public officials and staff, to actively engage and stay apprised of legislative trends and upcoming legislation.
4. Prepare and present testimony on behalf of the City before the state and federal government.
5. Monitor and track key bills through the legislative process utilizing the City's advocacy services, legislative websites, and government/professional associations.
6. Update City Council on legislation that the City has taken a position on, including any significant amendments that would impact the City's adopted positions.
7. Ensure City Council Members receive copies of all legislative correspondence.
8. Work with City's federal and state lobbyists to identify funding resources for departmental projects.

4. City Council Role in the Legislative Process

Through adoption of the Legislative Platform, the City Council prohibits any of its members from lobbying, advocating, or taking a position contrary to the Council's adopted position on any legislative item. Council Members may, as allowed for by law, take opposing positions as an individual citizen; however, said communication is discouraged and considered detrimental to the success of the City and this Legislative Platform specifically.

Written correspondence by individual City Council Members on legislative items not adopted by the City Council may be transmitted if the correspondence identifies that it is a position as an individual citizen as opposed to an elected official of the City of Hesperia. Any individual correspondence must be on personal stationery that is free of any City of Hesperia identifying information, including logos, addresses, phone numbers, etc.



City Council Members may be asked to participate in meetings with legislators and staff, as well as other local public officials. Council Members may also be asked to present testimony on behalf of the City before the state and federal government. Council Members will be provided copies of all correspondence related to the City's activities in the legislative process.

When proposed legislation, or a significant public policy issue, comes to the attention of City officials that is not specifically addressed in the Legislative Platform, it may be brought to Council for consideration. If the Council determines that the proposed legislation or policy issue is of importance to the City, it will recommend that a formal position on the matter be taken, which may include adoption of a City Council Resolution.

5. Identify Funding Priorities

Each year, Senior Management provides input on funding priorities for the City's major infrastructure projects. These projects and programs are identified and listed in the annual Legislative Platform and once approved by Council, become the basis for preparing the City's annual Legislative Priorities book. The Legislative Priorities book is the vehicle by which federal and state representatives are provided information on the City's top priority projects for which the City seeks funding.



2023 State Legislative Policy Statements

The following categories of policy statements are broad and are not intended to be all-inclusive, rather they will be used as a reference tool and guideline for the City's State advocacy efforts in 2023.

Administrative Services

General Area of Review: Elections, Brown Act, Public Records Act, Political Reform Act, Conflict of Interest, Insurance, Tort Reform, Open and Transparent Government.

1. Support a comprehensive state performance review and audit system and long-range financial planning and performance budgeting to enhance accountability, efficiency, and responsiveness at all levels of government.
2. Support legislation that controls the costs of elections as long as the elections process is not adversely affected, (e.g., purge voter rolls, limit costs for candidate statements, and prevent abuse of the mail ballot process).
3. Support legislation that would increase voter turnout in local elections, (e.g., mail ballots, more information to voters for judicial elections).
4. Support legislation that reduces the amount of recall abuse while improving, streamlining, and ensuring that the public has full knowledge of the issues.
5. Support legislation that strengthens local control over election related matters such as boundary and district requirements.
6. Support measures that enable cities to maximize their ability to administer local elections, including programs designed to encourage and increase voter education, registration, and voter turn-out efficiently and effectively.
7. Support reforms to modernize the structure, governance, management, and method of financing State government.
8. Support legislation that discourages baseless and frivolous claims and demands made against municipalities, their officers, and employees.
9. Support legislation that would allow a city presented with an allegation of a violation of the California Voter Rights Act (CVRA) to address the allegation before any person may file a lawsuit related to the alleged violation.
10. Support legislation providing City Council more flexibility to fill city council vacancies including extending the appointment period to fill a vacancy.
11. Support limited tort liability and provide certain tort immunities for public entities for unauthorized use of public property.
12. Support comprehensive tort reform, including limiting the joint and separate liability of governmental agencies to a liability equal to their percentage of their wrongdoing.
13. Support measures that preserve the integrity and fundamentals of the Brown Act while opposing measures that would constrain communication among staff and local officials.
14. Support measures increasing local autonomy, protecting privacy, and maintaining the City's authority over public records. This includes measures that provide for the recovery of costs with regard to public records requests.
15. Support efforts to amend rules that limit and restrict local governments' ability to achieve greater transparency of governmental business by improving the platform in which agencies can publish and advertise notices, resolutions, orders, or other matters required by law.



16. Support measures that promote transparency, public participation, and first amendment rights, while preserving procedures that continue to foster efficient government proceedings.
17. Support alternative methods of meeting public notice requirements and enhancing them using cost effective and innovative, technology friendly methods of communication.
18. Support legislation that maintains and enhances local franchising authority for cable television and wireless services.
19. Support legislation that provides funding and financial relief to local communities directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic by assisting with budget shortfalls due to the reduction in sales and use taxes.
20. Oppose legislation that expands or increases municipal liability, or, conversely, further limits municipal immunity.
21. Oppose legislation that limits the authority of municipalities to enforce their own ordinances in municipal courts.
22. Oppose any legislation that diminishes or does not assure local franchise fees for all utilities' use of City right-of- way.
23. Oppose legislative efforts to impose binding arbitration that would remove local government authority on matters of local interest. Specifically, support all legislative and legal efforts to overturn any legislation that implements binding arbitration on local government.
24. Oppose legislation that seeks to lessen the City's ability to enforce contractual language agreed to and contained within existing franchise documents.

Economic Development

General Area of Review: Economic Development, Redevelopment, Enterprise and Opportunity Zones, Job Creation.

1. Support regional economic development policies that provide for planned economic growth in the City and neighboring communities.
2. Support legislation that promotes sustainable economic development.
3. Support legislation that would enhance a city's ability to attract and retain local businesses, and encourages business expansion and retention through job creation, investment in capital equipment, and employer facility development.
4. Support legislation that provides incentives (tax benefits, grants, loans, credits for affordable units) to local agencies to rehabilitate residential and commercial properties.
5. Support legislation that promotes business formation and growth.
6. Support legislation that promotes "re-shoring" of manufacturing processes.
7. Support legislation that will establish a meaningful and useful tax increment financing (TIF) program to support local economic development.
8. Support state and federal legislation to maximize the economic benefits of Opportunity Zones for communities and businesses, including environmental streamlining and flexibility to expand or change existing designations.
9. Support legislation that ensures all assets (real & personal property, loans, and grants receivable, etc.) are retained by the sponsoring entity of a former redevelopment agency for the benefit of the former redevelopment project area(s) and the elimination of physical and economic blight.
10. Support legislation that clarifies and narrows the prevailing wage standard for economic development and affordable housing projects.



11. Support polices and legislation that promote an increase in housing development and subsequently an increase in commercial development.
12. Support zone changes and policies that incentivize and encourage development of property west of the Interstate 15 (I-15) Highway, such as e-commerce and distribution centers.
13. Oppose legislation that is deemed by the City to be “anti-business” and/or “job killer.”
14. Oppose legislation that would reduce funds dedicated to the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) and the HOME program and support the expansion of eligibility and allowable uses under these programs.
15. Oppose legislation that restricts the building industry and consequently diminishes economic development in the City.
16. Oppose legislation that would contribute to a decrease in property values within the City.

Employee Relations and Risk Management

General Area of Review: Labor Relations, Employee Relations, and Human Resources.

1. Support legislation that would reform the State’s Workers’ Compensation System to draw a balance between reasonable claimant benefits versus the increasing costs/corruption that has plagued the System to date.
2. Support legislation that improves access to, and reduces the cost of, healthcare for public employees.
3. Support legislation that expands the City’s ability to offer health, welfare, and wellness services for employees.
4. Support reform of the California tort law system to curtail unreasonable liability exposure for municipalities and to facilitate the ability to obtain affordable general liability and workers’ compensation insurance coverage.
5. Support local government efforts to establish succession planning and mentoring programs.
6. Support efforts to provide additional flexibility in the provision and administration of retirement and medical benefit programs while ensuring those programs are sustainable for past, current, and future employees.
7. Oppose the taxability of employee benefits.
8. Oppose legislation that would add administrative burdens or taxes to self-insurance programs.
9. Oppose legislation or regulations that would increase employer medical costs for workers’ compensation.
10. Oppose legislation that would promote workers’ compensation claim litigation.
11. Oppose legislation that presumptively expands workers’ compensation coverage to illness or injuries that are not work-related.
12. Oppose legislation that creates unnecessary burdens on or limits the City’s ability to decide employment issues, including collective bargaining, binding arbitration, benefits, and leaves.
13. Oppose legislation imposing state-mandated costs for mandatory employee training programs when there is no guarantee of local reimbursement or offsetting benefits.
14. Oppose legislation that would create additional financial burden on, or threaten the viability of, the California Public Employees’ Retirement System (CalPERS).



Environmental

General Area of Review: Air, Water and Water Quality, Climate Change, CEQA, Energy Efficiency, Recycling, Solid Waste Management, Hazardous Materials, and Utilities.

1. Support legislation that promotes regional improvement of air quality, recognizing that air pollution does not follow jurisdictional boundaries.
2. Support legislation to assure that federal, state, and county agencies have adequate authority and resources to enforce air quality regulations.
3. Support legislation and regulations that provide authority for local governments to implement vehicle emissions reductions programs.
4. Support legislation requiring local government participation on the governing bodies of air quality management districts without diluting any existing authority already held by the City.
5. Support efforts that maintain and enhance local decision-making authority in the development and implementation of air quality attainment strategies.
6. Support water quality legislation that results in reasonable water quality control regulations that are cost effective and can show identifiable benefits.
7. Support regional approaches to provide needed water and encourage local conservation and efficient use of the water supply.
8. Support legislation and regulations that promote the appropriate and beneficial use of reclaimed water.
9. Support continued federal and state funding for water and wastewater treatment infrastructure to reduce local costs and expedite construction of necessary treatment, distribution, and collection facilities to comply with federal and state mandates.
10. Support efforts that help local governments maintain water efficiency programs that meet state objectives, are cost effective, and make sense for the local conditions.
11. Support state and federal efforts to increase water efficiency ratings for common consumer products that use water.
12. Support streamlined environmental processing for federal and state regulatory permits administered by Caltrans and various other state and federal agencies for the purpose of expediting public infrastructure developments.
13. Support major revisions to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and its state counterpart, including delisting of endangered species that have thrived and recovered through effective resource management.
14. Support legislation to include consideration of the economic impacts of proposed species listings, as well as support the delisting of species no longer threatened or endangered.
15. Support efforts to repeal AB 32 and SB 375 legislation.
16. Support efforts to streamline and improve the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process to reduce time and cost of compliance while ensuring that the environment is adequately protected.
17. Support “green” projects and regulations that do not place an undue burden on local government and other financial incentives for reductions in Greenhouse Gases.
18. Support programs and policies that promote advanced low emission vehicle technology and encourage or promote alternative fuels such as biodiesel, hydrogen, and compressed natural gas.
19. Support legislation that increases availability and promotes the adoption of energy efficient technologies and use of alternative/renewable energy sources.



20. Support legislation that encourages and funds energy efficiency and conservation while allowing local design and implementation of the program.
21. Support local government's adoption and implementation of recycled content and green procurement policies.
22. Support legislation to provide changes to AB 939 regarding mandated waste diversion goals that will streamline its provisions and assist in compliance, placing more emphasis on implementation of waste diversion programs and less on strict mathematical accounting.
23. Support legislation that delays or reduces penalties for noncompliance with SB 1383 to allow jurisdictions to implement the many components of the regulations.
24. Support funding for implementation of SB 1383 including funding to increase the capacity of facilities that accept, and process organic waste and funding increase the capacity of food recovery services and organizations.
25. Support legislation that clarifies and broadens the regulatory authority of local government to ensure the efficient management of recyclable material and solid waste.
26. Support legislation that provides incentives and funding for programs that promote waste reduction, reuse, and recycling and development of related infrastructure.
27. Support expansion of the market for recyclable materials.
28. Support legislation that allows the City to continue controlling risks from hazardous materials use, storage and transportation through the Uniform Building and Fire Codes and related local amendments.
29. Oppose legislation that would require the City to divert more than 50 percent of the solid waste stream and places undue burden on local government.
30. Oppose legislation that requires the City to reduce the amount of organic waste by 50 to 75 percent and requires disposed edible food to be used for human consumption accompanied by infrastructure, procurement, and implementation requirements which places a financial burden on local government.
31. Oppose mandated material disposal bans or restrictions in circumstances where there is an insufficient capacity within the private recycling market to handle these materials in a more beneficial way besides landfilling.
32. Oppose legislation that restricts the City's ability to adopt local regulations for hazardous materials, including review and approval of the location of facilities that use or store hazardous materials or hazardous waste.
33. Oppose air quality legislation that restricts a local agency's land use authority.
34. Oppose all state and/or federal legislation that would allow for lower water quality testing limits based on any other parameters than scientific evidence.
35. Oppose legislation that would impose a tax on residential water service customers, including requirements characterized as voluntary contributions.
36. Oppose the expansion of the State listing of endangered or threatened species without economic impact analyses and valid scientific data.
37. Oppose any additional listings to the California Endangered Species Act when such listings threaten development and the local economy and impose an undue financial burden on local agencies.
38. Oppose all unfunded mandates on local governments to address climate change (which is outside the City's control).
39. Oppose expanding the current unfunded mandate to meet Environmental Protection Agency regulations aimed at the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES).



Grants and Funding

General Area of Review: Competitive, Discretionary, Formulaic Sources of Funding for Capital Projects and Operations.

1. Support and pursue funding for projects that improve the quality of life in Hesperia.
2. Support and pursue funding to increase public safety service levels in the City and unincorporated areas.
3. Support measures that allow the City to compete for its fair share of regional, state and federal funding.
4. Support initiatives that promote dedicated funding streams to cities for critical service areas.
5. Support legislation that provides incentives or grant opportunities for community improvements such as cultural services for the education, entertainment, and enrichment of the community.
6. Support tax credits, grants, loans, and other incentives to assist the public, businesses, and local agencies that invest in energy efficient equipment and technology, and fuel efficient, low emission vehicles.
7. Support and pursue funding that specifically benefits the City's transportation and public works projects, including for new railroad grade crossings.
8. Support legislation or policy, whether state or federal, that creates and makes available grant funds for economic development and tax increment financing (TIF) programs.
9. Support legislation that maintains or enhances funding for parks, trails, and recreation services and facilities.
10. Support legislation that provides funding for water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure; flood prevention, water resources planning and development; water quality improvement; and water resources related regulatory reform.
11. Support legislation that provides sustainable funding support for disaster preparedness, Homeland Security, Court Security and other local emergency management and law enforcement activities.
12. Support legislation that addresses full reimbursement of law enforcement costs of state and federal mandates.
13. Support legislation that ensures communities of all sizes remain eligible for funding, not just large urban areas or communities identified through overly prescriptive eligibility criteria.
14. Support legislation that directs proceeds from cap-and-trade auction revenues to projects in the City that result in improved air quality, active modes of transportation, and the reduction of harmful pollutants.
15. Support legislation that provides funding and resources for local governments to implement Healthy Cities programs and policies aimed at reducing obesity, childhood obesity, high rates of diabetes, heart disease, and other health conditions.
16. Support legislation that provides funding to implement unfunded mandates such as the organic waste reduction mandates included in SB 1383.



Housing, Community Development and Planning

General Area of Review: Housing, Land Use, Development, Annexation, Incorporation, Building Standards, Mobile Home, and Sign Regulations.

1. Support joint efforts to develop mutual development standards for unincorporated areas that are binding upon the County and the City.
2. Support changes to Sphere of Influence legislation to limit county development and allow cities to annex logical growth.
3. Support local City input on all regional land use and planning issues.
4. Support legislative strategies and programs that promote efficient and sustainable land use and building practices.
5. Support legislation that protects the Cities' land use authority and their right to make land use decisions with respect to water supply.
6. Support a streamlined right-of-way acquisition process.
7. Support land use patterns that maintain safe residential neighborhoods, bolster economic prosperity, preserve open space, and enhance overall quality of life in Hesperia.
8. Support legislation and regulations that protect a local agency's control over the cultivation and possession of cannabis, including the licensing of dispensaries and abatement of illegal activities.
9. Support legislation that encourages home ownership, including programs that are intended to alleviate the national housing crisis.
10. Support legislation that preserves municipal authority over the public right-of-way including fair and reasonable compensation for use of the right-of-way.
11. Support legislation that facilitates the creation and maintenance of payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) agreements that support the development of affordable housing projects.
12. Support legislation to relax eligibility regulations related to affordable housing production requirements.
13. Support state and federal legislation that enhance the viability of public housing authorities (PHAs), including funding mechanisms, and protects the authorities and powers of PHAs.
14. Support legislation that preserves local control and decision making over housing and land use based on local factors and conditions.
15. Oppose legislation that would limit or restrict local land use decision-making authority.
16. Oppose affordable housing production mandates without necessary funding to support said housing mandates.
17. Oppose measures that remove local authority over housing decisions that best fit the City and its population.
18. Oppose legislation that limits local ability to regulate, manage or generate alternative sources of funding for affordable housing, including public-private partnerships.
19. Oppose legislation that increases administrative burdens and costs associated with affordable housing without increasing provision of services at the local level.
20. Oppose efforts by any regulatory commission from promulgating rules and regulations that infringe on local land use decisions and management of the public right-of-way.
21. Oppose legislation that would inappropriately limit local government authority to impose growth impact fees.
22. Oppose legislation similar to SB 375 which unfairly ties road funding to local decisions on density and affordable housing.
23. Oppose legislation similar to AB 32 which will require compliance with climate change regulations.



24. Oppose legislation similar to SB 9 which required cities to ministerially approve, without condition or discretion, the number of units allowed on a parcel without considering local conditions and community input.
25. Oppose legislation that limits or removes local authority to manage the right-of-way concerning broadband deployment.

Local Control

General Area of Review: Preservation of Local Authority and Decision-Making Powers.

1. Support enhanced local control over public nuisances, (e.g., adult entertainment facilities, problem alcohol establishments, drug paraphernalia establishments, etc.).
2. Support legislation that strengthens local control over gaming issues.
3. Support the creation of more affordable, innovative, and quality childcare options while maintaining strict adherence to childcare regulations and guidelines.
4. Support efforts to increase opportunities for community-wide citizen volunteer programs.
5. Support legislation to fund summer youth employment and training programs and expand funding for year-round youth employment and leadership in order to better prepare youth for future self-sufficiency and prevent youth violence and crime.
6. Support efforts to promote and finance programs to combat pet overpopulation, increase pet adoptions and spay/neuter programs and educate citizens on the dangers and nuisance of roaming, uncontrolled animals and other animal control issues that risk public health and safety and quality of life.
7. Support programs and efforts aimed at assisting with the clean-up of abandoned and/or inoperative vehicles.
8. Support for expansion of aviation services at Southern California Logistics Airport (SCLA), provided no quality of life or economic competitiveness issues are impacted in Hesperia.
9. Support legislation and regulatory efforts that provide people with the social, economic, and physical environments needed to make healthy choices and lead healthy lifestyles.
10. Oppose any legislation that preempts local authority or transfers jurisdiction over local programs.
11. Oppose legislation and the promulgation of rules and regulations that allow any regulatory agency to encroach on or supersede local authority including, but not limited to, the City's right to franchise for the right to operate in the public right-of-way.
12. Oppose legislation that supports federal, or state issued mandates which infringe upon an individual's freedom of choice regarding medical decisions, such as vaccine mandates.

Public Safety

General Area of Review: Law Enforcement, Fire Safety, Emergency Communications, Emergency Services, Disaster Preparedness, and Nuisance Abatement.

1. Support adequate financing of jails and criminal justice facilities. Address the need to devote equal time and energy to develop effective alternatives to incarceration, including early intervention of at-risk youth and counseling and rehabilitation programs.
2. Pursue additional opportunity for participation in regional Restoration of Competency (ROC) programs.



3. Support legislation that limits the placement of sex offender and parolee homes within the City limits.
4. Support measures that protect the public against disease and disability and promote health.
5. Support increased authority and resources devoted to cities for abatement of graffiti and other acts of public vandalism.
6. Support legislation that provides local law enforcement agencies authority to recover any costs associated with complying with any federal, state or court-ordered licensing, registration, and testing requirement.
7. Support legislation that has the potential to reduce incidents of violence in the community, especially through the development of treatment and intervention programs for youth.
8. Support legislation that provides greater protection to victims of crime.
9. Support efforts of the Reducing Crime and Keeping California Safe Act.
10. Support efforts to resolve the medicinal cannabis collective issue through judicial or legislative action.
11. Monitor impacts of regulation of medical cannabis and recreational cannabis.
12. Support legislation that continues efforts to maximize opportunity for reimbursement for inmate medical and mental health care, as well as assisting with continuity of care post-release and pursuing funding for increased needs resulting from realignment. Mitigate liabilities in areas such as health, mental health, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other areas of legal concern.
13. Support legislation establishing protocols and funding for shared, statewide emergency response communications.
14. Support legislation that protects senior citizens from criminal exploitation.
15. Support legislation that protects society against identity theft.
16. Support legislation that protects juveniles from sexual predators on the internet.
17. Support legislation aimed at reducing gang violence and support enhanced sentences for criminal offenses committed by gang members.
18. Support legislation that provides education for public safety training.
19. Support legislation which would amend Proposition 47 and restore felony status to crimes which were reduced to misdemeanors and/or require the completion of drug rehabilitation to the reduction of said related crimes to a misdemeanor.
20. Address changes made by Proposition 47 regarding implementation and state and local criminal justice system impacts.
21. Support legislation that addresses the impacts of long-term jail sentences.
22. Support legislation and funding to provide law enforcement/public safety agencies greater access to wireless communication necessary to support a national wireless broadband network capable of use by any public safety entity to serve and protect communities throughout the nation.
23. Support legislation that promotes programs that enhance the benefits of mutual aid agreements between local governments.
24. Support additional funding for local agencies to recoup the costs associated with fire safety in the community.
25. Support legislation that strengthens the City's ability to prohibit the use and sale of fireworks and that allows the San Bernardino County Fire District to prohibit and otherwise control fireworks.
26. Support legislation that supports the physical and financial ability of the San Bernardino County Fire District to actively ban the sale and/or transportation of fireworks.
27. Support legislation that promotes fire safety, education, and prevention with the goal of reducing injury, loss of life, and property damage.



28. Support statewide efforts to coordinate solutions to the systemic overcrowding of local Hospital Emergency Rooms and reduce Ambulance overdependence or Ambulance Patient Offload Delays (APOD).
29. Support legislation that provides the San Bernardino County Fire District the authority to recover any costs associated with complying with any federal, state, or court-ordered licensing, registration, and testing requirement.
30. Support measures that encourage disaster preparedness and emergency planning.
31. Support statewide efforts to coordinate disaster preparedness programs in local jurisdictions, and support guidelines to identify the strengths and weaknesses of local preparedness efforts.
32. Oppose programs that have the potential to compromise officer safety.
33. Oppose unfunded mandates on local government in relation to tracking of paroled sexual predators.
34. Oppose any State or local fire related tax or fee increase that does not go back to local agencies.

Revenue and Taxation

General Area of Review: Finance Administration, Taxation Reform, General and Special Revenue, and Revenue Sources at the federal, state, and local levels.

1. Support efforts to protect local government revenue sources and the provisions of Propositions 1A and 22.
2. Support legislation/initiatives that guarantee all local historical funding sources shall be a dedicated revenue source for local governments.
3. Support legislation designed to protect, without unnecessarily restricting, the investments of local government agencies.
4. Support local control of the awarding of contracts and the accountability of local officials for those actions.
5. Support legislation that facilitates and enables the timely collection of delinquent assessments and strengthens or maintains the lien position of those assessments.
6. Support legislation that would require the State to comply with its obligation and original intent of the State Mandated Costs claim process to reimburse cities for costs incurred because of State-mandated programs and processes.
7. Support measures that promote fiscal stability, predictability, and financial independence at the local level.
8. Support efforts that preserve and promote the City's ability to maintain and grow its revenue base.
9. Support regional cooperation on common interests and goals by providing access to share incremental growth in ERAF (Educational Revenue Augmentation Fund) property tax.
10. Support legislation that provides a more balanced mix of property tax revenues related to public service costs among cities, counties, and special districts.
11. Support full cost reimbursement to the City for all federal, state, and county-mandated programs.
12. Support legislation that provides for adequate transparency of the City's investment activity.
13. Oppose measures that diminish the City's revenue sources that are required to maintain critical services.
14. Oppose imposition of state, federal, and regional mandates upon local governments, as well as federal mandates on the state, especially those for which no funding exists.
15. Oppose taxes or fees on local refuse programs to fund statewide programs.



16. Oppose legislation that would preempt or threaten local taxation authority.
17. Oppose any change in revenue allocations that would negatively affect local government, including sales, use and property tax, tax increment, gas tax (HUTA), transient occupancy tax (TOT) and vehicle in-lieu fees (VLF).
18. Oppose restrictions on the City's ability to adopt its own investment policies.
19. Oppose any legislation that would require municipalities to participate in investments that do not meet the objectives set forth in the City's policies.

Transportation, Communication and Public Works

General Area of Review: Transportation, Construction, Telecommunications, and General Public Works Related Areas.

1. Support increased transportation funds allocated to local jurisdictions for discretionary projects.
2. Support legislation to enhance transportation funding equity within the State.
3. Support efforts to encourage flexibility in federal funding and regulations to better meet the needs of small to medium size communities.
4. Support legislation that facilitates cooperative programs among government agencies in order to help the City meet its basic needs, including transit, street, highway, road and bridge construction and maintenance, and safe corridors for bicyclists and pedestrians.
5. Support new processes to expedite the permitting and environmental review and approval of transportation projects.
6. Support legislation that requires the California Public Utilities Commission (PUC), Federal PUC and railroad operators to adopt and fund programs to construct grade separations necessary for public safety and welfare.
7. Support legislation that would lift the minimum requirement of payment of prevailing wages on municipal Public Works projects to amounts greater than \$500,000.
8. Oppose the reduction/elimination of previously dedicated funds for any transportation projects, especially those that are currently nearing construction and have been delayed by agency actions beyond the City's control.
9. Oppose transportation proposals that would adversely affect the quality of life in Hesperia by increasing traffic congestion, air pollution, or other problems.
10. Oppose legislation that ties transportation funds to compliance with land use, housing, or climate change goals.



2023 Federal Legislative Policy Statements

The following categories of policy statements are broad and are not intended to be all-inclusive but will be used as a reference tool and guideline for the City's federal advocacy efforts in 2023.

1. Support funding that specifically benefits the City of Hesperia's transportation and public works projects. Support efforts to ensure funding to semi-urban/rural areas, and provide a permanent, direct percentage of unrestricted federal transportation funds to local government transportation departments for priority work in such areas.
2. Support streamlined environmental processing for federal regulatory permits issued by the US Army Corps of Engineers, US Fish & Wildlife Service, Federal Highway Administration, and various other state and federal agencies for the purpose of expediting public infrastructure projects.
3. Support efforts to establish regional recognition of the limits of authority by the US Army Corps of Engineers under the Clean Water Act.
4. Support direct federal funding from the Economic Development Administration for economic development and public works projects.
5. Support federal legislation that recognizes the importance of sales and use tax to local municipalities and equitably distributes sales tax collections on e-commerce transactions.
6. Support direct federal funding to cities, without matching requirements, to use in drug prevention, intervention, and enforcement efforts.
7. Support efforts to ensure protection of sufficient radio spectrum to meet public safety's current and future needs. Public safety needs should have priority over private, or for-profit, communication systems.
8. Support legislation that enhances and continues the Healthy Forests Initiative which protects public safety and welfare by caring for forest areas and ensuring that losses from wildfires are minimized.
9. Support efforts to secure a Federal Foreign Trade Zone (FTZ) designation for the City.
10. Support local/regional control and administration of federal programs and strategic placement of federal personnel to ensure expedited decision-making.
11. Support responsible and equitable legislation to help stabilize the housing market.
12. Oppose cuts to the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME programs. Advocate for a more streamlined application process and for greater flexibility of local appropriation and use of monies.
13. Oppose any legislation that mandates a Social Security tax for public employers and employees.
14. Support legislation to modify inappropriate sections of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) as it relates to regulating public sector employment.
15. Oppose any changes to the Mortgage Interest Deduction.
16. Oppose any efforts by government sponsored entities (FNMA & Freddie Mac) that will destabilize the housing market including bulk sales of real estate owned properties (REOs).



2023 City Council Funding Priorities

Transportation

Main Street Widening and Aqueduct Bridge Construction

Three heavily congested corridors are all that exist in the City of Hesperia (City) to move traffic east-west through the city. To improve circulation, Main Street will be widened from the Interstate 15 (I-15) to Eleventh Avenue from four lanes to six lanes with center turn lanes and an additional aqueduct bridge adjacent to the existing bridge will be constructed consistent with the California Department of Water Resources (DWR) bridge requirements. The project will enhance capacity by more than 30% and will include raised medians to restrict traffic movements and a three-lane bridge together with shoulder, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and aqueduct safety features.

The project will improve the critically needed east-west traffic circulation, improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve safety and safety response times for emergency vehicles, provide efficient connectivity for residents and business centers, create jobs, increase use of non-motorized transportation systems, and facilitate growth. The project will alleviate current congestion along Main Street that is anticipated to worsen due to growth. The widening will achieve the ultimate configuration of Main Street which is classified as a Major Arterial Roadway in the City's Circulation Element of the General Plan.

Total project cost is \$18.9 million for Main Street widening and \$10.1 million for aqueduct bridge construction. The City intends to deliver the project in three (3) phases with each phase totaling about \$10 million. The first phase would be construction of the aqueduct bridge. The goal for construction of the Main Street improvements is \$25 million in grant funding. The City will advocate for funding for the Main Street Widening project from a variety of state and federal sources.

Bear Valley Road Rehabilitation and Widening Project

Bear Valley Road, between Interstate 15 (I-15) and the Mojave River, carries more traffic volume than any other roadway in the High Desert. The roadway is shared with the City of Victorville; the north half is located and maintained by Victorville while the south half is located and maintained by the City of Hesperia. The roadway is the primary entrance to the Town of Apple Valley. The route also serves as the primary access to the City's large industrial area. The roadway contains three eastbound travel lanes but many areas along the street frontage are not fully improved. A large majority of the properties fronting Bear Valley Road are vacant, and roadway improvements are still to be constructed.

The City desires to partner with the City of Victorville and construct missing curb, gutter, sidewalk, and bike lanes along both sides of the roadway together with pavement rehabilitation to keep this vital roadway in good condition. Like other roadway improvement projects, the project will improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve safety and response times for emergency vehicles, provide efficient connectivity for residents and business



centers, create jobs, increase use of non-motorized transportation systems, and facilitate growth. The project is consistent with the City's Circulation Plan of the General Plan.

Total project cost is \$3.8 million. The City's goal is to acquire \$3.5 million in grants and \$0.3 million of local funds to complete the project. The City continues to advocate for funding for the project from a variety of state and federal grant sources.

Traffic Signals

Traffic signals are valuable devices for the control of vehicular and pedestrian traffic. They assign the right-of-way to the various traffic movements and thereby profoundly influence traffic flow. Traffic signals that are properly designed, located, operated, and maintained have one or more of the following advantages:

- They provide for the orderly movement of traffic.
- They increase the traffic-handling capacity of the intersection if:
 - a. Proper physical layouts and control measures are used; and
 - b. The signal operational parameters are reviewed and updated (if needed) on a regular basis (as engineering judgement determines that significant traffic flow and/or land use changes have occurred) to maximize the ability of the traffic control signal to satisfy current traffic demands.
- They reduce the frequency and severity of certain types of crashes, especially right-angle collisions.
- They are coordinated to provide for continuous or nearly continuous movement of traffic at a definite speed along a given route under favorable conditions.
- They are used to interrupt heavy traffic at intervals to permit other traffic, vehicular or pedestrian, to cross.

The Traffic Signal project focuses on two intersections in the City that have exceeded the collision threshold which warrants traffic signal installation. Traffic signals will be installed at the following intersections:

- Seventh Avenue and Sequoia Avenue
- Escondido Avenue and Sultana Street

These intersections currently experience a low Level of Service (LOS) which fall below general circulation plan goals coupled with numerous collisions. The project will potentially reduce all types of collisions and increase public safety. The LOS goals of D or better will be restored.

Total project cost is estimated at \$1.3 million with the City advocating for \$1 million in grant funding from a variety of state and federal sources.



I Avenue Widening

I Avenue connects a large residential area to commercial services in the City of Hesperia. It contains both horizontal and vertical sight distance deficiencies. Over the past 10 years, there were 182 accidents along I Avenue, of which 22 involved bicyclists and pedestrians with four resulting in fatalities. In addition, 31 of these accidents were located near schools.

To improve these safety deficiencies, I Avenue will be widened between Rancho Road and Bear Valley Road, approximately 6.4 miles. I Avenue is currently a north-south two-lane roadway terminating at Rancho Road in the south and Bear Valley Road in the north. I Avenue is classified as a four-lane divided Arterial with a center turn lane for its entire length. The project will create a community vision that prioritizes safety improvements for all roadway users addressing safety concerns, travel patterns, and infrastructure. The City recently completed a planning study funded through Caltrans' Sustainable Transportation Planning Grant. The study identified improvement segments and segment costs.

The project will focus on the following goals:

1. Provide increased capacity to improve safety conditions for both motorized and non-motorized users.
2. Create a healthy, livable, and sustainable community by providing complete streets, thereby increasing walking, biking, and transit trips while also reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
3. Improve public transit services for the entire community.
4. Connect Hesperia's residents to destinations that bridge the healthcare divide, provide education opportunities, and provide access to spur economic growth.
5. Promote commerce and economic vitality by facilitating goods movement along I Avenue and improving efficiency.
6. Involve the community in developing a long-term prioritized strategy and plan for promoting reliable and efficient mobility for people, goods, and services.

The total project cost is estimated at \$53.2 million. Segments are:

1. Segment 1 – Rancho Road to Danbury Avenue
2. Segment 2 – Danbury Avenue to Redbud Street
3. Segment 3 – Redbud Street to Hercules Street
4. Segment 4 – Hercules Street to "E" Street
5. Segment 5 – "E" Street to Catalpa Street
6. Segment 6 – Catalpa Street to Bear Valley Road



The City will endeavor to construct improvements in segments. The City has elected to construct Segments two (2) and three (3) initially to address traffic congestion, safe routes to schools, and to increase safety. These segments are estimated at \$15 million. The City will pursue \$10 million in grant funding from a variety of state and federal sources and match the amount with local funds of \$5 million.

Sultana Street, Muscatel Street, and Cedar Street (Mariposa Road to Escondido Avenue) Street Improvements

Over the past couple of decades, residential development has occurred in the area generally bounded by Main Street to the North, the California Aqueduct to the East, Cedar Street to the South, and Mariposa Road to the West. It is anticipated that growth in the area will continue in the future. The area contains a large wash (A-04 Drainage Corridor) that prevents these developments from having improved access to Mariposa Road. To gain access to the Main Street commercial corridor and/or to Interstate 15 (I-15), residents primarily use Escondido Avenue as alternate improved routes are not available. All eastbound routes are terminated at the California Aqueduct. These conditions have created significant traffic congestion both along Main Street and Escondido Avenue in addition to safety concerns.

The City desires to construct three roadway connections along Sultana Street, Muscatel Street, and Cedar Street together with roadway widening along Mariposa Road to facilitate traffic movements to both the Main Street commercial corridor and to Interstate 15 (I-15) and Highway 395. The City will collaborate with San Bernardino County and San Bernardino County Transportation Authority to complete the project. The work will include construction of drainage system improvements so that storm water will continue to be conveyed along the A-04 wash under the new roadways to the northeast, embankment construction that must comply with State Division of Dam Safety requirements, and two-lane roadways along each street together with roadway improvements along Mariposa Road that will include widening to four lanes, a center turning lane, pavement rehabilitation, and traffic signals at each intersection. The roadways will also include pedestrian sidewalks and bike lanes to encourage non-motorized transportation.

Like other roadway improvement projects, the project will improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve safety and response times for emergency vehicles, provide efficient connectivity for residents and business centers, create jobs, increase use of non-motorized transportation systems, and facilitate growth. The project is consistent with the City's Circulation Plan of the General Plan.

Total project cost is \$21.4 million. The City's goal is to acquire \$20 million in grants and \$1.4 million of local funds to complete the project. The City continues to advocate for funding for the project from a variety of state and federal grant sources.

North-South Corridor Improvements

Between the California Aqueduct and the Burlington Northern/Santa Fe Railroad corridor, the City lacks any improved major arterial between Rancho Road, soon to be improved to a five-lane roadway, and Bear Valley Road, the busiest roadway in the High Desert. The City wants to study the area to determine which corridors should be improved to facilitate access to and from



the north and south ends of the City. Routes to be considered include Hesperia Road, Seventh Street, Cottonwood Avenue and Maple Avenue.

The roadway, consistent with the City's Circulation Plan, will be widened to five lanes which will include two travel lanes in each direction, a center turn-lane, pedestrian and bicycle facilities, and traffic signals. Like other roadway improvement projects, the project will improve air quality by reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improve safety and response times for emergency vehicles, provide efficient connectivity for residents and business centers, create jobs, increase use of non-motorized transportation systems, and facilitate growth.

The estimated cost to study these corridors is estimated at \$0.5 million. The City's goal is to fund the entire project with grant funding. The City continues to advocate for funding for the project from a variety of state and federal grant sources.

Flood Control

Cataba Road Basin

The City of Hesperia experiences storm-related flooding and sediment transport throughout the City. In particular, the Oro Grande Wash conveys runoff from over 30 square miles to the Mojave River. The focus of the subject project is the area just upstream of the California Aqueduct.

There are two existing box culverts under the aqueduct that restrict flow. The drainage tributary is 4,969 acres that generates a 100-year peak flow rate of 1,671 cubic feet per second (cfs). The City has received numerous complaints from the State of California's Department of Water Resources (DWR) regarding sediment and debris accumulation. The primary concern from DWR is if such accumulations block the culvert system, its system may be impacted preventing state water project deliveries to millions of Southern Californians. DWR indicates that it expends approximately \$35,000 annually to ensure the system is appropriately maintained.

To address these concerns, the City proposes to construct the Cataba Road Basin to be located immediately upstream of the Aqueduct crossing to capture sediment and debris for proper disposal. The project includes planning, design, site acquisition, permitting, and construction of a detention facility together with related facilities (e.g. inlet and outlet structures and emergency spillway). The Basin will accommodate large flows reducing peak flow rates while capturing sediment and debris. The project consists of an inlet spillway system leading into the basin through energy dissipaters, a low flow outlet, and storm drain connection to the existing dual culverts.

Total project cost is \$5.2 million with \$3 million being requested in grant funding.

Temecula Avenue Basin

The City of Hesperia experiences storm related flooding and sediment transport throughout the City. To address these concerns, the City proposes to construct the Temecula Avenue Basin located northwest of the Arrowhead Lake Road and Mono Drive intersection. Sediment build-up occurs in the downstream storm drain systems. The Temecula Basin will accommodate large flows reducing peak flow rates while capturing sediment. The project consists of constructing an



inlet headwall located along the existing creek and leading into a series of two basins with a combined storage capacity of 39 acre-feet together. Water will flow from the 26-acre-foot basin to the 13-acre-foot basin through an outlet spillway. The 13-acre-foot basin will then discharge storm water through a low flow outlet and storm drain connecting to the existing 96 feet of storm drain located approximately 280 feet north of the Arrowhead Lake Road and Mono Drive intersection.

The project will enhance flood protection by eliminating flooding along Arrowhead Lake Road, reducing maintenance costs, improving local water supplies, improving local water quality, and reducing sediment transport to the Mojave River.

Total project cost is estimated at \$3.9 million. The aggregate goal for construction of the Temecula Avenue Basin is \$3.5 million in grant funding.

A-04 Corridor Flood Protection Program

Prior to the City of Hesperia's incorporation in 1988, development occurred that only included minor alterations to natural topography. As a result, natural drainage courses meander through developed areas, and streets follow the natural contours of the land, often without culverts or bridges across drainage channels. This leads to localized flooding, property damage, road closures, erosion damage, negative economic impacts, and significant sediment and debris accumulation even during moderate storm events. To address the drainage conditions along the A-04 corridor, one of the many corridors, the City will construct various flood control improvements including basins and conveyance pipelines. During moderate storm events, flooding occurs all along the entire drainage corridor. The project includes planning, design, site acquisition, permitting, construction of basins, and conveyance pipelines between basins. The basins will also be used for recharge of imported and recycled water.

The project will enhance flood protection for nearly 10 miles of developed, and to be developed, areas in the cities of Hesperia and Victorville. These areas are or will be developed with commercial and residential land uses. In addition, the flooding area includes several major arterials. The project will also improve water supply management to the High Desert region.

Total project cost is \$50 million. The City will advocate for \$35 million in funding from a variety of state and federal sources and pursue all eligible funding sources. Match funds will be accumulated by use of the City's recently adopted A-04 Special Development Impact Fee.

Sewer Improvements

Wastewater System Improvements

The City will be constructing a new wastewater treatment plant and conveyance facilities to treat wastewater locally. Currently, all wastewater is conveyed to a regional wastewater treatment plant near the Helendale Community located more than 11 miles downstream of the City. There are no opportunities to return recycled water to the City. The proposed plant will end the City's need to send water miles away, will allow the City to treat wastewater locally, and will provide the City with the opportunity to reuse recycled water. The initial plant will be constructed with four million gallons of daily capacity. To convey flow to the plant, offsite conveyance system



improvements must also be constructed. The project includes construction of the wastewater treatment plant, a regional lift station, force mains, and gravity sewers.

The project will be constructed in phases – the first phase will include the wastewater treatment plant together with the Bear Valley Road lift station estimated at \$57 million. The second phase includes gravity sewer along Santa Fe Avenue estimated at \$8 million. The City is pursuing a variety of state and federal funding sources.

Township Septic to Sewer

To permit development of infill parcels, and to protect groundwater quality, the City is proposing to expand its existing wastewater collection system to provide service to undevelopable lots and to convert onsite wastewater treatment systems to the sewer system. The wastewater will be treated, and effluent will be recycled for irrigation uses and aquifer recharge.

The Township area is one of the oldest communities in the City of Hesperia. Due to regional water quality control board requirements related to onsite disposal systems, very small lots within the Township area, a severely disadvantaged community, cannot develop without the construction of a wastewater collection system. Local construction of a system is cost prohibitive. In addition, the existing high-density onsite disposal systems are impacting aquifer water quality, the only water supply source for the City.

The project will provide sewer service to this high-density area and thereby permit infill development in a Disadvantaged Community Area. Additionally, sewer improvements in this area will enhance aquifer water quality protection.

Both the total project cost and the aggregate goal for construction of the Township Septic to Sewer Project is \$19.7 million in loans and grant funding. The City has been advocating for funding for the Township Septic to Sewer Project from a variety of state and federal sources in multiple funding cycles and continues to vigorously pursue all eligible funding sources.

Mesa Area Septic to Sewer

To protect groundwater quality, the City is proposing to expand its existing wastewater collection system to provide service to convert onsite wastewater treatment systems to the sewer system. The wastewater will be treated, and effluent will be recycled for irrigation uses and aquifer recharge.

The Mesa area is one of the highest density communities in the City of Hesperia. Local construction of a system is cost prohibitive. In addition, the existing high-density onsite disposal systems are impacting aquifer water quality, the only water supply source for the City. The project will provide sewer service to this high-density area protecting aquifer water quality.

The project will be delivered in phases which include construction of the Peach Avenue lift station together with force mains and gravity sewers as well as a phase that includes local gravity sewers and septic to sewer conversions. The total project cost is \$80 million. The project cost



per phase will be \$10 million for each individual phase. The City will pursue project funding from a variety of state and federal sources in multiple funding cycles.

Water System Improvements

Hesperia Well Field Construction

Water supplies remain a challenge for the City. Due to growth and regulations, the City will continue to explore opportunities to enhance its ability to develop cost effective water supplies. Areas along the Mojave River near the south portions of the City appear to be an excellent opportunity. The City desires to complete a hydrogeologic/infrastructure study of the area to identify well production locations and infrastructure needed to convey water supplies from these well production plants to the City's existing water system. Production of water supplies will permit the City to reduce pumping in areas that currently experience "pumping holes" and to avoid production in areas where water quality does not comply with health standards. In addition, the City is anticipating growth over the next three decades that will require an increased water supply.

The City estimates that the study will require grant funding in the amount of \$0.5 million.

Recycled Water System Improvements

Distribution System Improvements

As noted above, the City will be constructing a local wastewater treatment plant to treat all wastewater generated within the City. Recycled water supplies currently lost to the region will be captured increasing the recycled water supplies by a factor of three. To distribute recycled water to irrigation users and recharge facilities, the City desires to expand its recycled water distribution system. The system will include storage facilities, pumping plants, and conveyance pipelines.

Greater use of recycled water supplies will reduce the need for local production and will reduce the region's dependence on State Water Project (SWP) supplies.

The City estimates that the project implementation will cost \$28 million. The City will pursue project funding from a variety of state and federal sources in multiple funding cycles.



Monthly Overview

2023 State Legislative Calendar

Below is an overview that summarizes major legislative events and key dates that occur month-to-month. The 2023 Legislative Calendar is created by the Office of the Secretary of the Senate.

January	The previous year's laws go into effect January 1. Legislature reconvenes January 4 to discuss the new year of legislation ahead, and all bill requests must be submitted to the Office of Legislative Counsel by January 20. Budget must be submitted by the Governor by January 10.
February	The last day for bills to be introduced occurs on February 17. President's Day is observed February 20.
March	Spring recess begins upon adjournment on March 30 and reconvenes April 10. Cesar Chavez day is observed March 31.
April	April 10 Legislature reconvenes from Spring recess. April 28 marks the last day for policy committees to hear and report to fiscal committees regarding fiscal bills being introduced.
May	Policy committees must hear and report non-fiscal bills by May 5. Policy committees last day to meet is May 12 before convening in June. May 19 marks the last day for fiscal committees to hear and report to the floor bills introduced in their house. Floor session conducted May 30-June 2.
June	June 2 marks last day for each house to pass bills introduced in their house. Committee meetings may resume June 5. Budget Bill must be passed by midnight on June 15.
July	Policy committees meet and report fiscal bills by July 14. Independence Day observed on July 4. Summer Recess begins upon adjournment of July 14 session, provided Budget Bill has been passed.
August	Legislature reconvenes from Summer Recess on August 14.



September	Last day for Fiscal committees to meet and report bills to the Floor is September 1. September 5-14 floor session only. Last day to amend bills on the floor is September 8. Last day for each house to pass bills is September 14. Interim Study Recess begins at the adjournment of the September 14 session. Labor Day is September 4.
October	October 14 is the last day for Governor to sign or veto bills passed by the Legislature.
November	
December	



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