

County of Napa

The seal of Napa County, California, is a circular emblem. It features a central illustration of a vineyard with a large, leafy tree in the foreground. The words "NAPA COUNTY" are written in a semi-circle at the top, and "CALIFORNIA" is written in a semi-circle at the bottom. Two five-pointed stars are positioned on either side of the central illustration.

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Section 1: Introduction

As mandated by the State of California, the primary goal of the County's elected representatives and its employees is to serve and support the social, economic, health, safety, and well being of its citizens. To this end the Napa County Board of Supervisors supports the following general legislative principles. County staff, including the County's legislative advocates, will apply these general principles to evaluate legislation and other proposals, and make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors.

The County of Napa will encourage, seek, and support legislation that protects the County's quality of life, its diverse natural resources, and preserves the essence and history of the County.

The County of Napa will encourage, seek, and support legislation that facilitates orderly economic expansion and growth, and increases the opportunity for discretionary revenues and programmatic and financial flexibility for the County.

Section 3: Legislative Priorities

The 2008 legislative priorities for Napa County have been established by the Board of Supervisors and are separated by three main categories:

1. Napa County Specific Issues
2. Shared Legislative Priorities
3. Monitor and Support

Napa County Specific Issues are sorted by priority level as follows:

Priority Level 1:

- Housing Element Law
- Registrar of Voters
- Preservation of Skyline Park
- Water Supply

Priority Level 2:

- Extended Producer Responsibility – A New Approach for Waste Management
- Partnership Health Plan/Medi-Cal Funding
- Housing and Homelessness
- Napa State Hospital

The Shared Legislative Priorities and Monitor and Support issues are reported under one of the four functional areas of county government--Community Resources and Infrastructure, General Government, Health and Human Services, and Law and Justice; and are then identified as Priority 1, 2, or 3.

This reflects a relative ranking based upon two primary criteria—first, the level of importance and urgency of the item, as determined by the Board; second, the likelihood of achieving success as measured by the passage of new legislation intended to achieve the desired outcome.

of which could be a revenue source. Napa County currently leases Skyline Park from the State.

Action:

Sponsor or support legislation that would authorize the state to dispose of Skyline Park, on terms acceptable to the County and the State, as surplus property with a provision that the property be sold only to the County of Napa or leased on a long term basis.

**Water Supply
Priority 1**

The Legislature is reviewing different conveyance systems to protect water supplies for Californians who live south of the Delta. Any new conveyance system could impact the county's own water supply and quality.

Action:

Advocate for protections for Napa County's water quality at the North Bay Aqueduct (NBA) intake included in any legislation involving operational changes or physical improvements for water conveyance through the Delta or that there is money set aside specifically for an alternate intake project at a more desirable location.

Section 4: Napa Specific Issues —Priority 2

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) - A New Approach for Waste
Management
Priority 2**

Local jurisdictions are shouldering an ever increasing cost for the disposal of "Universal Wastes", those toxic and hazardous substances such as batteries, pharmaceuticals, and fluorescent tubes which are banned from the landfill but have no other convenient disposal method. Presently local governments are paying an ever increasing cost for disposal of these items, while the manufacturers and distributors reap the profits from these items. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) legislation would place the responsibility for free and convenient disposal of these and other problematic products back on the manufacturers and remove this cost and logistical burden from local governments. The California Integrated Waste Management Board recently adopted Strategic Directive No. 5 seeking to establish legislation supporting "cradle to cradle" producer responsibility and analyzing various approaches to EPR. Legislators are expected to introduce EPR bills in 2008.

Action:

Support legislation that implements EPR principles and removes the cost burden for disposal of these products from local governments.