

Agenda Report

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SUBJECT:

OPPOSE ASSEMBLY BILL 2093

GENERAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve letter opposing Assembly Bill (AB) 2093 - Public Records: Writing Transmitted by Electronic Mail: Retention (Gloria).

BACKGROUND

Assembly Bill (AB) 2093 mandates that public agencies retain all emails related to agency business for two years. This is not a transparency bill; it is a data storage bill. AB 2093 requires public agencies to retain masses of routine emails and imposes significant burdens on all concerned for minimal public benefit. Public agencies will be forced to pay for additional data storage space as well as possibly hire additional staff to comply with AB 2093. Additionally, AB 2093 is identical to AB 1184 that was vetoed last year by Governor Newsom.

RELEVANT STANDARDS

- Maintain influential legislative advocacy and a public outreach program
- Build brand, trust, and support with policy makers and community leaders
- Maintain collaborative and cooperative relationships with regulators, stakeholders, and neighboring communities

PROBLEM

Without a strong advocacy program, bills such as AB 2093 could pass and negatively affect the Sanitation District and the industry as a whole.

PROPOSED SOLUTION

Staff has drafted an opposition letter for AB 2093 for the Committee's consideration.

TIMING CONCERNS

It is important that the Sanitation District has a voice on this issue and submit the letter as soon as possible to ensure that the Sanitation District's position is considered when reviewing the bill.

RAMIFICATIONS OF NOT TAKING ACTION

The bill may be signed into law and could have a negative financial impact on the Sanitation District.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

N/A

ATTACHMENT

The following attachment(s) are included in hard copy and may also be viewed on-line at the OCSD website (www.ocsd.com) with the complete agenda package:

- Letter of Opposition for Assembly Bill 2093
- Assembly Bill 2093