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2024 County of Lake Legislative Priorities

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Pursuant to the County of Lake's longstanding commitment to maintaining a high quality of life for all while creating a favorable environment for business, the County government will establish a consistent presence in Sacramento. The County will ensure its perspective is represented in the State decision-making process and will pursue policies that improve its ability to serve its residents.

In general, the County will support policies that increase its local decision-making authority and provide increased resources to deliver State and local programs. The County will generally oppose policies that limit local governing authority or reduce County resources.

The County will prioritize the following issues in 2024:

- **Water Reliability.** Pursue efforts to ensure sufficient groundwater and surface water quality and availability for all beneficial uses, including agriculture, municipal, and environmental purposes, while safeguarding natural, cultural and economic resources.
- **Wildfire Resilience.** Increase wildfire preparedness, implementing 2023 Community Wildfire Protection and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- **Tree Mortality and Hazardous Vegetation Removal.** Mitigate risk to County roadways and evacuation routes, and coordinate with State (*and Federal*) agencies and public utilities to ensure hazardous vegetation is appropriately managed.
- **Fire Insurance.** Support efforts to ensure the availability of fire insurance for property owners.
- **Lake Pillsbury.** Advocate for a deliberative and inclusive process to decide the fate of Scott Dam and the Lake Pillsbury area, representing the interests of the County and its residents, including those whose lives and property will be directly affected.
- **Housing Supply.** Provide new housing at all income levels, establish a Housing Trust and access State and Federal Tax Credits.
- **Homelessness.** Shelter and connect unhoused residents with wraparound services.
- **Economic Development.** Support State policies that enhance the County's efforts to create a favorable environment for business, including increased Recreation and Hospitality, Broadband availability and Waste Woody Biomass Utilization.
- **Opioid Fatalities.** With partner agencies, support efforts to reduce the number of opioid fatalities.