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Title: 2025 Legislative Priorities and Budget Update by Arc Strategies

Recommendation: Receive and file a presentation on the California Governor's 2025-2026 Budget and the District's legislative efforts for 2025.

Rationale for Recommendation: The State of California preserves core climate and air quality investments while reallocating funds toward wildfire resilience, cap-and-trade, and CEQA-streamlined projects. A legislative update on the 2025-26 budget will keep the Board informed of the impacts on District funding, challenges, and opportunities.

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Presentation: Yes

Approvals/Acknowledgements

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District Counsel or Designee: Kathrine Pittard, Approved as to Form 8/20/2025

Discussion / Justification: Since 2018, the District has partnered with Arc Strategies, a full-service state advocacy firm, for legislative, regulatory, and budget-related advocacy and outreach. Their presentation to the Board will cover the following topics:

- 2025-26 State Budget Overview
- Air Quality & Wildfire Funding
- AB 617 Trailer Bill Language
- Clean Cars 4 All
- SB88 (Caballero) Biomass Utilization for Carbon Reduction Act