



City of Roseville

**2017 Legislative and Regulatory Platform
for State and Federal Advocacy**

Roseville City Council



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Background

The positions defined within this legislative and regulatory platform reflect the City Council's goals and priorities as well as its position on issues that are currently, or are anticipated to be, the focus of future legislation and regulation at the state and federal levels. Council's adoption of this platform authorizes the City's active participation to influence state and federal decision-making on legislative, administrative, regulatory and funding issues and to support judicial advocacy consistent with the City's priorities.

Using this document as a guide, the City will adopt positions on specific legislation, regulations and budget proposals, and respond to requests for amicus curiae support when the outcome of a pending lawsuit is likely to significantly affect a City priority. The Mayor will sign letters of support or opposition based on the City's identified interests, the Mayor and other Council Members will advance City interests through individual and regional advocacy efforts, and the Mayor will act on requests from the City Attorney to join in friend-of-the-court briefs.

Staff recommends that the Legislative and Regulatory Platform be updated annually to be responsive to changes to the state and federal legislative and regulatory environments and to reflect the interests unique to Roseville and interests that may also be common to cities throughout the state.

Strategies for Effective Platform Implementation

- City staff works collaboratively with our federal and state lobbyists to understand and develop strategies to influence legislation. The City's federal lobbyist also works closely with staff to help identify funding resources for projects and reviews grant applications before they are submitted. Staff will scrutinize grant requirements for matching funds, environmental review, or for new requirements required to ensure they have a reasonable correlation to the value of the funding and the benefit being derived from the grant.
- City staff participates in organizations such as The League of California Cities, Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG), Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce, North State Water Alliance, Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), California Municipal Utilities Association (CMUA), and the Roseville Chamber of Commerce to advocate on issues that are important to the City. This allows the City to have a stronger voice and a greater potential to influence key policy and legislative matters.
- Government relations staff works with staff from each department to develop awareness of and understanding of legislation, regulations, and project funding opportunities. During the course of the legislative year, staff monitors legislation, develops priority lists of legislation for each department, and makes recommendations on letters of support or opposition as bills progress through the legislative process.
- Government relations staff strategizes and coordinates with other jurisdictions, special districts and organizations on key issues of common interest to ensure a stronger voice on legislation, regulatory and policy matters.
- City advocacy letters are signed by the Mayor. In the event the Mayor is not available to sign an advocacy letter, the responsibility will reside with the Vice-Mayor.
- Government relations staff works closely with state and federal legislative staff to ensure the City's position on legislation and critical concerns is clearly understood by Roseville's elected representatives. The development of this relationship and exchange of information with the City's representatives continues throughout the year.
- Proposed City advocacy positions on bills that would result in the issuance of or a vote for a new state bond will be brought to the full Council for its consideration and direction.

Working collaboratively with the Council's Law and Regulation Committee and the City's internal and external partners ensures that the City has the greatest ability to influence legislation and policies that are important to the City. The City has successfully used this process of proactive advocacy and coalition development to take positions on legislation to effectively advance the legislative platform.

Priorities for 2017

Citywide Legislative Principles

1. The City of Roseville believes in local control and the ability of the City Council to make decisions that address the needs of residents and businesses within its jurisdiction. In general, the City of Roseville will oppose legislation that erodes local control and will support legislation that increases local control.
2. The City of Roseville also believes in fiscal responsibility and requires financial flexibility to carry out its mission and objectives for the community. The City will oppose legislation that hinders financial flexibility and will support legislation that encourages financial flexibility.
3. Oppose legislation that requires the City to provide a service or benefit without appropriate and full funding.
4. Oppose legislation that would negatively impact City revenues including but not limited to sales tax, property tax, other General Fund revenues and enterprise fund revenues.
5. Support legislation that protects and maintains City sales tax revenue and oppose legislation that erodes this revenue. Any advocacy on sales tax legislation beyond these guidelines will be brought to the full Council for consideration and direction.

Federal Funding Requests

Projects:

1. Washington Andora Widening Project
2. Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI)
3. Emerging Energy Technologies
4. Further development of the City's recycled water system
5. Water supply reliability improvements such as increased interconnections, expanded conjunctive use capacity, better access to water supplies
6. Expansion of wastewater digestion capacity to handle organics recycling and generate renewable energy

Initiatives: Promoting economic stimulus and infrastructure investment

- a. Projects that provide jobs especially in the areas of energy, water, transportation, public safety and community development.
- b. Assistance for business expansion and formation.

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City's Federal and State Legislative platform

1. Oppose state and federal actions that produce incompatible consequences and/or have an adverse impact on the City's ability to comply with state and federal regulations and/or legislation. The City will inform the community when these situations occur.
2. Support legislation that would further the stated missions of the City's departments and oppose legislation that would impede the ability of each department to effectively meet its operational objectives.
3. Support legislation and regulations that preserve City assets, infrastructure and projects.
4. Support legislation and policies that protect our residents and businesses from inconsistent, unnecessary and costly special district, state and federal regulations, mitigation requirements and permits.
5. Oppose legislation and regulations that would negatively impact or divert any City revenues to the state or any other entity.
6. Support legislation that would require the state to pay for mandates that are unfunded.
7. Oppose legislation that would impose significant compliance costs to the City and where a public benefit has not been identified to justify the costs.
8. Support the City's ability to continue to evaluate traffic on level-of-service basis and not rely solely on a vehicle-miles-traveled analysis.

Administrative Services Goal:

To protect the ability of the City to make decisions unencumbered by onerous policies and regulations that are costly and/or restrictive in how they must be implemented regarding areas of finance, human resources, city clerk, information technology and central services; to ensure the City's positions regarding pension reform are clearly articulated by providing input and expertise in response to future legislative efforts.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

Administrative Services Platform:

1. Support legislation and measures that protect the City's rights in the collective bargaining process.
2. Support legislation, policies and regulations that simplify the administration of public records, election code and Brown Act provisions and provide full-cost recovery.
3. Oppose legislation that diminishes enacted workers' compensation reforms and cost controls.
4. Support legislation that reforms unemployment insurance.
5. Support efforts that engage and include local government in future pension reform discussions and legislation.

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6. Oppose legislation and regulations that place new environmental requirements on local agencies that would inhibit the City's ability to fulfill its mission and are not accompanied by funding necessary for implementation.
7. Support legislation, policies and regulations that simplify public procurement and contracting.
8. Oppose legislation that restricts or diminishes the City's ability to procure goods and services efficiently and effectively.
9. Oppose legislation that alters the tax treatment of municipal bonds such as proposals that would cap or eliminate the current tax-exempt status.
10. Support reasonable and common-sense legislation and regulations that clarify conflict-of-interest rules.

Information Technology Platform:

1. Support legislation and regulations that ensure emergency communication capabilities and interoperability for information technology and public safety departments and agencies.
2. Support legislation that promotes and provides funding for increased ability to manage technology, assistance in adhering to regulatory compliance requirements and reducing the risk of cyber-attacks.
3. Oppose legislation that would require public agencies to share information in public settings that could be used by groups or individuals with malicious intent to compromise the systems, services or private information of public employees or citizens.
4. Support legislation and policies that encourage streamlining of business processes for responding to open records requests and that provide funding for these activities.
5. Support legislation for cost-effective environmental technology initiatives.
6. Oppose legislation that would restrict procurement practices or impact vendor interaction.
7. Support legislation that includes operational expenses as an acceptable use of public, educational, government access (PEG) funds collected from cable franchise fees per the Federal Communications Commission for government access stations.

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Community Development Goal:

The intent of our General Plan policies is to create an attractive, vibrant, well-planned city, demonstrated by balanced land uses with desirable neighborhoods, prosperous businesses, excellent schools, convenient public services and open space and recreation amenities all linked by superior transportation systems that include well-maintained streets, sidewalks, bike paths and transit in a cost-effective and financially sustainable manner. To monitor and act on legislation that would affect General Plan policies and/or restrict local control or impose new regulations that require increased costs and greater demands on the City's General Fund.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

Public Works and Transportation Platform

1. Support continued reauthorization of the nation's highway and transit funding bills.
2. Oppose legislation that reduces or eliminates transportation revenues for transportation purposes.
3. Support legislation that provides additional funding for local roadway maintenance, transportation and infrastructure.
4. Support measures that ensure reasonable and fiscally responsible accessibility of all public and private transportation services.
5. Oppose legislation that reduces the ability to use high-occupancy vehicle (HOV) lanes by transit, paratransit and other high-occupancy use vehicles.
6. Support legislation, policies and regulations that allow the use of Medi-Cal funds for transportation purposes and support Medi-Cal policies that promote the use of transit/ paratransit as Medicaid providers.
7. Support legislation that provides tax incentives for people who use public transit and other alternatives to driving a single-occupant personal vehicle.
8. Support legislation that provides funding for cities to comply with state and federal mandates regarding flood-protection levels.

Development Services Platform

1. Support legislation that strengthens local control in the areas of transportation and land-use policies and assists local governments in integrating new growth.
2. Support legislation, policies and regulations that ensure local governments maintain local land-use control and maintain the ability to address local constituents' concerns.
3. Support legislation that ensures local control and flexibility in determining reduction measures for greenhouse gas requirements.

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4. Support legislation and regulations that streamline permitting processes and require agencies to consider the economic impacts and equities of mitigation measures regarding permits for water supply, flood control, air quality, water quality and sustainability. (This list is representative and not intended to be exhaustive.)
5. Oppose legislation for new wetlands regulations that duplicates similar requirements at the federal level.
6. Support Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) Section 214 permanence and the ability to process public/private projects through WRDA.
7. Support legislation for California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) reform that streamlines the environmental review process and reduces opportunities for "green mail" lawsuits.
8. Support legislation that would purge laws and regulations that are redundant and/or no longer applicable or necessary.

Parks, Recreation & Libraries Platform

1. Support legislation and measures that fund recreation, fitness, and wellness, and prevention programs for youth and adults.
2. Support legislation that protects funding for the State Library Fund.
3. Support legislation and new measures for park, recreation, and library programs, services, and special events.
4. Support new initiatives that provide funding for park and public facilities development, rehabilitation, and operations.
5. Support full funding of state parks, recreation, bike trails, open space, and library grants; including, but not limited to, the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
6. Support legislation and budgets that fund development of capital park and open space improvements or rehabilitation.
7. Support legislation that funds ongoing operational values for recreation and library programming, including fitness, wellness, enrichment, maintenance, and books/technology for youth and adults.
8. Support legislation that would further fair and appropriate access to park and library resources for all persons; including, but not limited to, homeless persons.
9. Support legislation that defines appropriate penalties for incidents of vandalism and property theft.

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Building Inspection Platform

1. Promote public health and safety in building construction through responsible legislation that adopts building codes through the regulatory process and allows for local control of enforcement.
2. Support legislation that enhances code enforcement through a uniform approach at the state level with input from the local authority by going through the regulatory process.
3. Oppose legislation that mandates specific enforcement requirements through the legislative process.
4. Protect the ability to adopt local amendments to fire and building codes.
5. Oppose legislation that places additional burdens of enforcement on local officials but is not directly related to issues of health and safety.

Public Safety Goal:

To protect and enhance the safety and quality of life of our residents, businesses, customers and partners by providing effective responses to all service requests; to promote programs that minimize risk and maximize the safety for our entire community; and to deliver community risk-reduction programs and exceptional solutions as a cohesive team and in a collaborative manner.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

1. Oppose legislation that would decrease state and federal funding for programs and services including Homeland Security.
2. Support legislation that ensures flexibility for and local control of all grant resources and funding for public safety technology and mandatory reporting systems.
3. Protect the ability to adopt local amendments to fire and building codes.
4. Oppose legislation that would reduce or eliminate funding for disaster mitigation.
5. Oppose reductions to the levels of state and federal funding opportunities for public safety programs and/or services.
6. Oppose regulatory policies that negatively affect the police or fire departments.
7. Oppose legislation that reduces or eliminates local law enforcement flexibility or otherwise enacts broad sentencing reforms that reduce sentences for non-violent crimes in a general fashion.
8. Support legislation that provides municipalities with local control to provide para-transport, community para-medicine services and illness-prevention practices and programs.
9. Support legislation that provides adequate funding to cities for realignment services and oppose legislation that reduces or eliminates funding for those services.
10. Support legislation that results in regionalization of public safety functions and local control of regionalization of fire services.
11. Support legislation that requires the state to pay for unfunded mandates related to new public safety training requirements.

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Economic Development Goal:

To create a vibrant business and community environment that enhances the quality of life for our residents and provides outstanding potential for our businesses and partners to flourish. To provide exceptional facilities, programs, services, and affordable housing opportunities in a safe environment by maintaining neighborhoods and commercial districts. To create a vibrant economic development environment by forming effective partnerships for the purposes of supporting legislation that encourages and assists with the development of businesses and manufacturing and to maximize social and economic opportunities.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

Housing and Community Investment Platform

1. Support legislation that fully funds the federal Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME) and Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs.
2. Support legislation and measures that create new state incentives for affordable housing and infill development.
3. Support legislation that increases flexibility in the state housing element process and streamlines environmental statutes.
4. Support appropriation of adequate funding for housing programs including CDBG and HOME.
5. Support streamlining of the requirements for the types of projects that can be funded with state and federal funding.

Economic Development Platform

1. Oppose legislation and measures that create competitive disadvantages for businesses at local and state levels.
2. Support legislation and measures that allow the City to grow the current economic base by providing the tools and resource needed for businesses to expand and flourish.
3. Support legislation, funding and policies that promote Regional Occupation Programs, trade schools, investment in research and development technology, and tax incentives for manufacturing.
4. Support legislation, policies, and regulations that require economic analysis and/or scientific validation of changes to state policies or regulations before modifications can be enacted.
5. Support legislation that promotes the state as an economically viable and strong destination for businesses to locate.
6. Oppose legislation that negatively impacts the City as it relates to the dissolution and wind-down of the Redevelopment Agency.

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Electric and Environmental Utilities Goal:

To protect local control over how utilities provide services to our customers; to protect our customers from state and federal legislation, policies, and regulations that have no clear benefit relative to cost; and to oppose legislation, policies, and regulations that create unfunded mandates and compliance requirements that negatively impact the utilities' ability to provide their services and products in the most safe, reliable and cost-effective manner.

Electric Utility Platform

Roseville Electric Utility's mission is to improve the quality of life in our community and to provide customers with reliable electricity, competitive prices, exceptional service and a culture of safety. With the ever-increasing technological advancements in the electric utility industry, as well as increased legislative and regulatory mandates, the electric utility will continue to transform its business model to best serve its customers in the most efficient, reliable and cost-effective way possible.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

1. Support legislation, policies, and regulations that ensure utility regulation and new environmental laws protect local authority and the ability to serve customers and consider cost/rate impacts.
2. Support legislation that develops cost-effective renewable-energy resources.
3. Support legislation and regulations that streamline permitting for new generating facilities.
4. Support legislation that provides for multiple approaches to meet energy peak usage.
5. Support newly formed joint-power action groups and new municipal power entities.
6. Support legislation that preserves public tax-exempt financing.
7. Oppose legislation that would reduce funding for energy programs.
8. Support legislation that streamlines the regulatory requirements at all levels regarding federal reliability standards and state environmental regulations.
9. Support legislation that improves the process used for evaluating reliability compliance including prioritizing on issues that pose the greatest risks to reliability of the grid and reduce regulatory burdens on users, owners, and operators.
10. Oppose legislation that makes changes to renewable energy regulations without comprehensive analysis, including a cost-benefit analysis and stakeholder input before enactment.
11. Support legislation and efforts that ensure future changes to transmission-system improvements and/or requirements include allocations of the costs for those activities to the parties that impact the systems and/or stand to benefit from those improvements. (The Beneficiary Pays Principle)

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12. Support legislation and reform efforts that require a comprehensive cost-benefit analysis for meeting new environmental regulations.
13. Oppose legislation that mandates power purchases from specific projects and/or specific resources, if other cost-effective opportunities are available.
14. Support legislation that would provide for greater flexibility to meet the Renewable Portfolio Standards (RPS).
15. Support legislation that allows Publicly Owned Utilities (POUs) the flexibility to set energy procurement targets for cost-effective new emerging technologies.
16. Work collaboratively with neighboring utilities on legislative issues that impact the electric utility industry as a whole.
17. Support legislation intended to meet current or future Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction targets in the most cost-effective manner possible.

As part of the legislative and regulatory platform Roseville Electric Utility also takes advocacy positions to promote the City's position before the applicable regulatory agencies. :

Environmental Utilities Platform

Roseville's Environmental Utilities (EU) Department provides water, wastewater, solid waste, stormwater, and recycled water utility services to Roseville's residents and businesses in an integrated and efficient manner that provides high value at some of the lowest rates in the region. EU's mission is to enhance community value by delivering quality environmental utility services. Many external factors influence how EU operates, how much services cost, and the quality of service EU provides to its customers.

A significant portion of the external influence comes from state and federal laws and regulations. It is EU's obligation, in light of the department's mission, to actively monitor, act upon and proactively advocate for policy positions that protect or enhance the integrity of the department's operation and ability to serve EU's rate-paying customers

Solid Waste Management:

Goal: Ensure timely, cost-effective, and continuous performance improvements in all facets of the City's solid waste operation. Maximize the efficient use of resources to minimize costs and increase customer service. Maintain awareness of operational technology development to continuously optimize the city's solid waste operation.

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We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

1. Support efforts to enact a comprehensive statewide Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) law that allocates end-of-life disposal costs with the producer of the product consistent with Council direction as outlined in Resolution 10-278.
2. Support product-by-product EPR laws as a second alternative to a statewide comprehensive EPR law consistent with Council direction as outlined in Resolution 10-278.
3. Oppose efforts to increase recycling diversion rates if determined not to be cost-effective relative to the benefits that could be achieved.
4. Support recycling market development by the state and federal government for recyclables, green waste, food waste, sewage sludge and other organics. 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.
5. Support efforts to streamline the permitting, construction, and funding of facilities that allow the City to transform usable waste into energy/beneficial byproducts; and efforts to provide state and federal funding for any potential City waste-to- energy projects.
6. Support efforts to reuse waste in a beneficial way if cost-effective relative to benefits.
7. Support efforts that protect solid waste worker safety.
8. Oppose efforts to increase statewide tipping fees where there is no clear benefit to Environmental Utilities ratepayers.

Water Supply and Delivery:

Goal: To protect local water reliability, allocate costs appropriately statewide for water infrastructure improvements, and protect ratepayers from state and federal mandates that have no clear local benefit relative to cost. To monitor and act on legislation that would be detrimental to running a financially sustainable water utility, affect quality of service provided, or degrade local control. To proactively develop policy recommendations that help Roseville increase its water supply reliability.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

1. Safeguard Roseville's water supply contracts from outside interests.
2. Support and advocate for efforts to develop, diversify, and fund the city and region's water supply portfolio and achieve a regional water supply that is reliable for generations to come.
3. Advocate for long-term Central Valley Projects (CVP) water service contracts that ensure a secure, long-term and reliable CVP water source from Folsom Reservoir.
4. Support efforts that allocate the costs for Delta and statewide water infrastructure improvements to the parties that either impact the Delta and/or stand to benefit from those improvements, known as the "Beneficiary Pays Principle".
5. Support Delta and statewide solutions that utilize sound science.

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6. Oppose efforts that impose arbitrary flow requirements on the American River that are not consistent with responsible water-supply management and undermine the locally developed flow-management principles under the Water Forum Agreement.
7. Support efforts to implement a locally developed Modified Flow Management Standard on the lower American River that supports the Water Forum effort and provides for a prudent carryover storage at Folsom Reservoir.
8. Encourage proactive and participatory approaches to developing Delta and statewide solutions.
9. Support efforts that help local governments maintain water-efficiency programs that meet state objectives, are cost-effective, and make sense for the local conditions.
10. Support state and federal efforts to increase water-efficiency ratings for common consumer products that use water.
11. Engage in discussions regarding water regulatory requirements that would add cost to the operation without a corresponding perceived benefit.
12. Protect Roseville's and the region's ability to locally manage groundwater resources.
13. Protect the City's land-use authority and its right to make land-use decisions with respect to water supply.
14. Oppose efforts to impose a Water Public Goods Charge where revenue is collected from local ratepayers and monies collected are allocated for statewide projects that have no direct benefit to Roseville's ratepayers.
15. Oppose efforts by the State of California to impose unrealistic water-efficiency targets as "the new normal" for urban water use.
16. Oppose long-term conservation targets that do not consider climate, land-use, and other region-specific attributes, fail to provide a reasonable standard for our customer base (both residential and commercial) to achieve, and fail to recognize previous water-supply reliability and conservation investments by the region and local community.
17. Oppose efforts to standardize water-supply contingency actions
18. Support efforts that allow local agencies to develop practical and locally controlled water-conservation and water-use efficiency solutions.

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Water Quality:

Goal: To protect and improve the environmental integrity of local waterways in a cost-effective manner.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

1. Oppose efforts to impose additional state-mandated stormwater program requirements without commensurate funding for those programs.
2. Support efforts to evaluate cost of compliance and ways to reduce costs to dischargers.
3. Support legislative efforts to reduce potential of third-party lawsuits pertaining to water quality issues.
4. Support legislation that revises the state Constitution to allow for stormwater programs to establish a funding mechanism that is similar to that of the utilities under the Proposition 218 reforms.
5. Support efforts to require pesticide manufacturers to produce products that are less harmful to the environment.
6. Support efforts to implement statewide Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) principles so that manufacturers design their products in a way that has less of an environmental impact upon local waterways (example: car brake pads).
7. Oppose efforts to increase whole effluent toxicity testing for recycled water, stormwater and wastewater when it is not cost-effective, has no clear benefit and/or is not based on sound science.
8. Oppose efforts to add contaminants of emerging concern for regulation and testing for recycled water, stormwater, and wastewater when it is not cost-effective, has no clear health benefit and/or is not based on sound science.
9. Actively track, comment, and advocate for proposed changes in NPDES Permits and Waste Discharge Requirements (WDRs) from the State Water Board and Regional Water Boards.
10. Participate in the Basin Plan Amendments to address proposed changes in the requirements.
11. Monitor and advocate for laboratory standards that are reasonable, cost-effective, and achieve a higher level of performance for the City's water quality lab.

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Greenhouse Gas (GHG) and Sustainability:

Goal: To protect the environment within our community, balancing benefits with cost to our utility ratepayers.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

1. Support efforts that reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the City's utilities where the benefits of the GHG-reduction measures are balanced with cost.
2. Support efforts that allow local governments to develop practical, local solutions to reduce and manage locally generated GHG emissions.
3. Oppose statewide or federal greenhouse gas emission estimating, monitoring, and reporting mandates affecting City utilities unless there is a clear need that provides demonstrated benefits to the environment.

Regulations and Permits:

Goal: To protect our ratepayers from redundant and costly state and federal regulations and permits.

We take the following approaches to accomplish this:

1. Support legislative reform efforts that require a cost/benefit analysis for new regulations.
2. Support legislative reform efforts that require a cost/benefit analysis be completed as part of any permit writing process.

Develop Outside Funding Opportunities:

Goal: To develop outside state and federal funding opportunities for Roseville projects and programs.

We take the following approach to accomplish this:

1. Develop relationships and funding opportunities by actively promoting Roseville projects that provide a mutual benefit for our funding partners.

Critical Concerns for Upcoming Legislative/Congressional Session

- **Cal Water Fix (formerly known as the Bay Delta Conservation Plan)** – Cal Water Fix would significantly affect the City’s water supply and could interfere with future residential and commercial development, undermining the City’s ability to move forward with future land use decisions.
- **Water Public Goods Charge** – The City has increased concerns regarding the state legislature’s interest to impose a Water Public Goods Charge (SB 20) that would collect revenue from local ratepayers and allocate the money for statewide projects that have no direct benefit to Roseville’s ratepayers.
- **Possible Extension of the State’s Emergency Drought Regulations** – The City is concerned that the state will extend conservation targets that do not consider climate, land-use, and other region-specific attributes; that fail to recognize previous water-supply reliability and conservation investments by the region and local community; and that do not account for potential relief from positive weather outcomes.
- **Cost-Effective Utilities** – The ability to provide reliable and cost-effective utilities to the residents and businesses of Roseville continues to be a central concern for the City as new state and federal mandates are proposed that would increase the utilities operational costs.
- **Federal and State Funding for Infrastructure and Transportation Projects** – Maintaining or increasing funding for these types of projects and improvements is critical for the City’s ability to upgrade and maintain roadways and meet future infrastructure and transportation demands.
- **Cybersecurity** – Future state and federal laws regarding cybersecurity will continue to affect the City and the community. Implementing new cybersecurity requirements will add significant expense to the operation of the City’s information technology systems.
- **Changes to Tax-Exempt Status of Municipal Bonds** – Any proposals that would cap or eliminate the tax exemption on municipal bonds would significantly reduce the City’s ability to finance major projects. This would negatively and severely impact the City’s budget, increase rates for utility customers, and have a damaging effect on the community at large.
- **Modifications to Government-Operated Mortgage Programs** – The City will remain active in understanding the changes being considered at the federal level to modify government-operated mortgage programs, tax deductions, and to write new banking regulations regarding mortgage-related lending programs. These all have the potential to impact the fragile housing recovery throughout the region and the state.
- **Challenges with State and Federal Permitting Processes** – The City has concerns with various permitting processes at both the state and federal level that hamper the ability of development projects to gain approval within a reasonable amount of time.
- **Changing Economy** – The City is interested in discussions regarding local tax systems, tax-revenue leakage from internet sales, the fundamental shift from purchasing taxable commodities to purchasing non-taxable services, and how these affect the City’s ability to fund basic services.

- **Homelessness** – The City will remain active in addressing the needs of the City’s homeless population with a primary focus of reducing the population of chronically homeless by providing solutions that address the fundamental causes of homelessness and by supporting solutions that provide permanent housing.
- **Municipal-Based District Elections** – The City has concerns regarding the possibility of legislation that would require all cities to change to a district-based election system and would remove the ability to determine the election system that works best for a specific city from the local community and their elected officials.