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AB 2003

Sanitation Districts: Public Contracting

Fact Sheet

Summary: This will provide sanitation districts with greater flexibility in informing contractors about public construction opportunities. The bill expands the allowable public notification methods for construction bids, to include internet websites, radio, television or other media as bid advertising platforms.

Background: Existing law requires sanitation districts with construction projects costing more than \$35,000 to advertise, at least twice, in a newspaper of general circulation. If a newspaper of general circulation does not exist in its respective area, a sanitation district is required to post the advertisement in at least three public places.

The law requiring publication in a newspaper of general circulation was enacted in 1994. Today, however, advertisements in newspapers may not always be the most effective method for notifying contractors about public construction projects. Other options include online bid advertising platforms such as PlanetBids or BidSync.

Sanitation districts are seeking to expand their outreach efforts with innovative and potentially more cost-effective methods to provide notice to potential bidders.

Problem: Throughout the last 30 years, there have been significant advances in technology that have improved both the efficiency and effectiveness of sanitation district operations. Current law pertaining to bid notification prevents districts from utilizing potentially more cost-effective methods for securing bids and thus protecting taxpayer dollars.

Solution: AB 2003 will give sanitation districts greater flexibility to choose the appropriate notification platform and create a more efficient and effective bid construction process. This bill will also maintain transparency for public construction bid opportunities.

Support:

Orange County Sanitation District

Opposition:

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