

## AUGUST RESOURCES TRAILER BILL SUMMARY – AB 211

*Please note, the below summary only highlights items anticipated to be of interest to local health departments.*

### **Community Resilience Center Program**

- Establishes the Community Resilience Center Program to be administered by the Strategic Growth Council (SGC), in coordination with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR), to provide funding for the construction of new, or the retrofitting of existing, facilities that will serve as community resilience and emergency response facilities.
- Defines eligible entities as nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, coalitions or associations of nonprofit organizations, local agencies, or tribal governments.
- Defines eligible services and amenities offered by community resilience centers as hydration stations, electric charging stations, backup power, public health and mobile health services, cooling, clean air, respite, community evacuation and emergency response, and other services to mitigate the public health impacts of extreme heat and other emergency situations exacerbated by climate change, such as wildfire, poor air quality, power outages, or flooding, on local populations.
- Requires SGC to award competitive grants to eligible entities through an application; requires applicants to demonstrate that the proposed project has collaboration with community members, involvement of community-based organizations and residents, multistakeholder partnerships, and will be accessible and offer eligible services and amenities year-round.
- Authorizes SGC to award grants that include funding for technical assistance, including grant writing support and application assistance.
- Requires SGC to adopt guidelines and selection criteria for awarding of grants, including prioritization of projects in under-resourced communities, prioritization of projects that represent statewide geographic diversity, and the minimum number of years each grant recipient must offer services.
- Requires SGC by January 1, 2025, and annually thereafter until funds are fully expended, to report to the Legislature specified information on the program projects, costs, locations, and descriptions.