

**Attachment 1
Draft of 11/2/09 Minutes**



**County of Santa Barbara
Meeting of the Legislative Program Committee**

MINUTES

Date: November 2, 2009

Time: 10-11:30 AM

Place: **Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Fourth Floor**
105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara

Committee Members: Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor
Janet Wolf, Second District Supervisor
Michael Brown, County Executive Officer
Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller
Dennis A. Marshall, County Counsel

All members were present.

No members of the public wished to speak.

Public Comment

Action Items:

1. Approve minutes from the September 14, 2009 meeting (Attachment 1: Draft 9/14/09 minutes).

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal and seconded by Mr. Marshall to approve the minutes, with the change to items 1, 3 and 6 to reflect a vote of 3-0, not 3-0-1. The motion failed 2-1-2, with Supervisor Carbajal and Mr. Marshall voting "aye" Supervisor Wolf voting "no" and Mr. Brown and Mr. Geis abstaining from the vote as they both were not present at the September meeting. A motion to adopt the minutes on items 1, 3 and 6 to reflect a vote of 3-0, not 3-0-1 and to exclude item #7 was made by Supervisor Wolf and seconded by Mr. Marshall. The motion carried 3-0-2, with Supervisor Carbajal, Supervisor Wolf and Mr. Marshall voting "aye" and Mr. Brown and Mr. Geis abstaining.

2. Discuss the County's legislative principles and provide direction to staff on any modifications to the principles. (Attachment 2(a) 2009 Legislative Principles; Attachment 2(b) Proposed DRAFT 2010 Legislative Principles).

A motion was made by Supervisor Wolf for staff to develop principles related to environment and economic development and the protection of "safety net" programs and bring to the next Committee meeting for review. Motion was seconded by Supervisor Carbajal and passed 5-0.

3. Review the proposed 2010 legislative platform and provide direction to staff as necessary (Attachment 3(a) Draft 2010 Legislative Platform Booklet; Attachment 3(b) Additional Stand Alone Legislative Platform Briefs for consideration for 2010 booklet).

The Committee discussed the proposed draft 2010 legislative platform and directed staff to: (1) update the Goleta Beach and Proposition 10 briefs, (2) further develop the concept of the emission reduction credits for future discussion (3) continue to research the speed limit law for further discussion (4) carry over the Child Support legislative priority for discussion in December and (5) bring EMS to the December meeting for discussion. A motion was made by Supervisor Wolf to exclude the legislative proposal to modify the Williamson Act to include solar energy projects from consideration of the 2010 platform and seconded by Supervisor Carbajal. The Committee voted 5-0 to remove this proposal from the platform for further consideration. The Committee discussed the issue of policy changes to the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program that changes the eligibility of recipients and requires fingerprinting of providers and recipients, including children. Supervisor Wolf requested that the legislative strategy include restoring funding to this program so that previous eligible recipients would again be eligible to receive services. Supervisor Wolf made a motion to include IHSS as part of the 2010 platform, Supervisor Carbajal seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Carbajal made the motion to include child welfare services as part of the 2010 platform, seconded by Supervisor Wolf and the motion passed 5-0. Supervisor Carbajal made a motion to include Social Services Opposition to Centralization and Privatization of statewide eligibility determination and case management process for CalWORKs, Medi-Cal and Food Stamps as part of the 2001 platform. Supervisor Wolf seconded the motion and it passed 4-1 with Mr. Brown voting "no". Supervisor Carbajal made a motion to include TANF Reauthorization in the 2010 platform. Supervisor Wolf seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.

4. Receive an update on federal issues of interest to the County and direct staff to take action as necessary. (Attachment 4: Washington Updates from Tom Walters and Associates, Inc.)

Due to timing, no verbal report was made.

5. Receive an update on State issues of interest to the County including the status of County sponsored-bills and direct staff to take action as necessary. (Attachment 5: State Update from Governmental Advocates, Inc.)

Due to timing, no verbal report was made although Ms. Miller indicated that the Legislature had reconvened on Monday as a special session to discuss water issues.