



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

MINUTES

Date: Monday, January 24, 2011

Time: 2:30 – 3:30 PM

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

Committee Members: Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor
Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor
Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer
Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller
Dennis A. Marshall, County Counsel

Public Comment Judy Ishkanian addressed the Legislative Program Committee regarding the importance of advocacy groups and suggested that the County engage in a personal relations campaign to stress their importance.

Action Items:

- 1. Approve the minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting.**

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Dennis Marshall, that the Legislative Program Committee approve the minutes from the December 21, 2010 meeting. Motion passed by a majority vote of 3-5, with Supervisor Farr in abstention and Chandra Wallar absent for the vote.

- 2. Receive verbal update on State issues of interest to the County including State Budget and direct staff to take action as necessary.**

Governmental Advocates, Inc. provided an update to the Committee.

- 3. Receive an update on State Legislative Bill Filing process and direct staff to take action as necessary.**

- Alcohol licensing
- District Attorney Legislative Enhancements
- Elections Process

- Emergency Medical Services Fund
- Highway 154
- Lake Cachuma - Quagga Mussels

Highway 154:

- Hillary Blackerby of Assembly Member Das Williams' office expressed the Assembly Member's concern that the bill is premature.
- Governmental Advocates, Inc. stated that Caltrans may oppose the Highway 154 bill as written, as they are worried about a lack of statistical data.
- Governmental Advocates, Inc. suggested the possibility of introducing the bill but not moving it until 2012.
- Governmental Advocates, Inc. updated the Committee regarding an effort to change a technicality associated with Google Maps which shows Highway 154 as the recommended route on truck GPS systems.
- The Committee directed Terri Nisich and Monica Miller to follow up on Highway 2 with Assembly Member Williams' office.
- The Committee directed staff to find out who Caltrans is hearing from about the bill.

4. Receive an update regarding *MADDY* and consider whether to request a letter of support and direct staff to take action as necessary.

- Assembly Member Williams provided the Committee with suggested stronger language for the letter of support. The letter discussed placing a revenue measure on the November 2012 ballot. Supervisor Farr clarified with Hillary Blackerby that any revenue measure would suffice without specificity to *MADDY*.
- Assembly Member Williams' suggested language included a recommendation from the Legislative Program Committee that the full Board of Supervisors place a revenue measure on the ballot no later than November 2012.
- Hillary Blackerby informed the Committee that Williams' more strongly-worded proposed language is intended to show that the County is holding up its end of the bargain and would greatly appreciate being allowed to run *MADDY* through the legislature one more time. It was also indicated that the proposed language is necessary to move the item forward given the Sacramento climate.
- The Committee directed Terri Nisich to work with staff to include greater detail regarding the internal measures being taken to close the financial gap.
- Supervisor Carbajal recommended that the letter be amended to include Assembly Member Williams' language for the time being, and have a further discussion when the matter is brought before the full Board of Supervisors.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Supervisor Farr, to send the letter after incorporating Assembly Member Williams' language to include the following sentence: "...the Legislative Committee will again recommend that the full Board of Supervisors place a revenue measure on the ballot to supplement this funding source. We will recommend that it appear on the ballot no later than November 2012," with the provision that Chandra Wallar provide a broader picture of the options and recommendations to the full Board of Supervisors at a later date. Motion passed by a majority vote of 3-5, with Robert Geis and Dennis Marshall in abstention.

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5. Receive an update regarding local child care planning council funding and consider whether to send a letter of support and direct staff to take action as necessary.

Eileen Monahan with First 5's Early Care & Education Division provided an update to the Committee.

- Supervisor Carbajal directed staff to condense the letter from three to two pages.
- Supervisor Farr directed staff to include an example of the repercussions felt in the County as a result of the 50% reduction in Local Child Care Planning Councils, and directed staff to begin the letter with what is being asked for (a 100% restoration of funds).

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Supervisor Farr, to send the letter of support as amended by February 1, 2010. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

6. Receive verbal update on federal issues of interest to the County and direct staff to take action as necessary. (Action Item 6: Federal Update from Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc.)

Thomas Walters provided an update to the Committee.

Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to adjourn the Legislative Program Committee meeting of January 24, 2011. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Note: Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2011 from 10:30AM – 12:00PM.

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