



County of Santa Barbara Meeting of the Legislative Program Committee

MINUTES

Date: Monday, April 2, 2012

Time: 10:00AM – 11:30AM

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

Committee Members:	Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor	PRESENT until 10:40 A.M.
	Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor	PRESENT
	Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer	PRESENT
	Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller	ABSENT until 10:36 A.M.
	Dennis A. Marshall, County Counsel	PRESENT

Public Comment

- Sergeant Brad McVay of the Sheriff's Department introduced Sergeant Mark Williams, who will serve as the new Sheriff's Department legislative liaison.

Action Items:

1. Approve minutes from the January 5, 2012 meeting.

- Dennis Marshall requested that the minutes be amended to reflect more specific language regarding:
 - Action Item 2 – Review & Discuss Priorities for 2012**No. 4) District Attorney Legislative Enhancement**

Chandra Wallar addressed the Committee regarding enforcement difficulties and unintended consequences. Dennis Marshall addressed the Committee regarding the need to ~~distinguish between abuse and neglect~~ resolve the ambiguity of abuse vs. neglect as it relates to the issue of holding private citizens criminally liable for failing to report instances of suspected abuse or neglect. Supervisor Carbajal requested that the DA's office work with Social Services on the issues raised.

Motion made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting as amended. Motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Robert Geis absent.

2. Receive an update on Federal issues of interest to the County and direct staff to take action as necessary.

Tom Walters of Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc. provided an update to the Committee.

- Chandra Wallar asked whether the Senate has played around with funding ratios for MAP-21.
 - Tom Walters replied that the funding ratios will remain the same.

3. Receive an update on State issues of interest to the County and direct staff to take action as necessary.

Monica Miller and Cliff Berg of Governmental Advocates, Inc. provided an update to the Committee.

- **AB 2443:**
 - Chandra Wallar asked whether the diversion of funds from vehicle registration fees to Water Parks and Wildlife would affect that committee's ability to influence vehicle registration fees.
 - Supervisor Farr expressed the need to avoid another unfunded mandate.
 - Monica Miller stated that a portion of any voter-paid fees that go to the State Department of Fish & Game would return to the County in which that voter is registered.
- **Re: Budget Trailer Bill development ad-on**
 - Chandra Wallar asked Governmental Advocates, Inc. to keep the County apprised of those who voice support.
 - Supervisor Farr asked whether the Coastal Commission has voiced support.
 - Monica Miller stated that the Coastal Commission has voiced support, but would face difficulties at the staffing level.

Motion made by Supervisor Farr, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to accept an update on State issues of interest to the County. Motion passed by a vote of 3-1, with Supervisor Carbajal absent.

4. Discussion and potential Federal action items and direct staff to take action as necessary:

- A. **HR 7** – “American Energy and Infrastructure Jobs Act of 2012”: This bill is to authorize funds for Federal-aid highway, public transportation, and highway and motor carrier safety programs, and for other purposes.

Tom Walters of Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc. provided a report on HR 7.

- Doreen Farr asked whether the House has discussed pulling back on oil industry subsidies.
 - Tom Walters stated that this was not discussed.
- **STAFF DIRECTION:** → Supervisor Carbajal directed staff to prepare a letter for submission to Lois Capps and the entire delegation, in keeping with the County's policy on offshore oil drilling. (**Attachment 5-Letter**)
 - The letter should reference the County's position on new leases and local control for the State and the County.
 - The letter should focus on the County's policy position as approved by the Board of Supervisors by Resolution in February 2009.
 - The letter should reference the County's existing legislative principles regarding local control and offshore oil drilling.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Supervisor Farr, to direct staff to prepare a strongly worded letter from the Chair of the Board of Supervisors to Lois Capps and the County's full delegation, in keeping with the County's policy on local control, new oil leases and offshore oil drilling, which focuses on the County's existing principles of local control and offshore oil drilling and the specific policies adopted by the Board of Supervisors in February 2009. Motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Robert Geis absent.

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Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to adjourn the April 2, 2012 meeting of the Legislative Program Committee. Motion passed by a vote of 4-1, with Supervisor Carbajal absent.

Next Meeting date: Monday, May 7, 2012

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