



## COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

Date: Monday, November 5, 2012

Time: Called to order at 10:32AM and adjourned at 11:40AM

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

Committee Members: Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor - Present  
Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor - Present  
Chandra L. Wallar, County Executive Officer - Present  
Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller – Present (arrived at 10:41AM)  
Dennis A. Marshall, County Counsel - Present

### Public Comment

*No members of the public spoke.*

### Agenda Items:

1. Approve minutes from the October 1, 2012 meeting.

*A motion was made by CEO Wallar, seconded by Supervisor Farr to approve the minutes of October 1, 2012. Motion Approved 4-0.*

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

*Report was received from Tom Walters of Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc.*

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

*Report was received from Cliff Berg and Monica Miller of Governmental Advocates.*

4. State Responsibility Area Fire Fee – Discussion

*Committee members discussed the State Responsibility Area Fire Prevention Benefit Fee. Committee raised questions about the lawsuit brought by El Dorado County, what constituted a habitable structure, the nature of the new fire prevention services funded by the fee and who is available to provide county residents with additional information. Staff from Governmental Advocates and Fire Chief Michael Dyer provided additional information and answers to some*

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questions. Members of the public asked if unpermitted structures were included in the fee calculations and if this was a fee or a tax.

A motion was made by CEO Wallar and seconded by Supervisor Farr that:

- a. Staff draft and send a letter to CAL FIRE with CC's to the state legislative delegation, Board of Equalization and Board members requesting additional information and clarification on the SRA Benefit Fee. – Item completed by staff.
- b. Staff draft and circulate a press release on the SRA Benefit Fee – Item completed by staff.
- c. Staff requests a presentation and opportunity to receive answers for the Board at a public hearing in December on the SRA Benefit Fee. – Item to be placed on the December 11, 2012 BOS Agenda.

Motion was approved 5-0.

5. 2013 Legislative Platform. (Agenda Item 5)

- A. Review & discussion of changes made to proposed planks and new/additional planks for 2013 Legislative Platform submitted by Department Directors.
- B. Direction to staff on any other additional content needed for consideration of the 2013 Legislative Platform at the December 2012 committee meeting.

A motion to accept the updated reports for inclusion into the 2013 draft platform was made by Supervisor Carbajal and seconded by CEO Wallar. Motion was approved 5-0.

Motion to adjourn was made and unanimously approved at 11:40am