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County of Santa Barbara Meeting of the Legislative Program Committee

AGENDA

Date: June 1, 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

Committee members present: Wolf, Brown, Geis and Marshall. Committee members absent: Carbajal.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Action Items:

1. Approve minutes from the April 23, 2009 meeting (*Attachments 1: Draft 4/23/09 minutes*).
2. Motion made by Supervisor Wolf, second by Mr. Marshall to approve the minutes. Motion carried 4-0.
3. Receive an update on federal issues of interest to the County including economic stimulus, appropriations process, influenza, homelessness, emergency operations center, public safety funding, elder abuse, healthcare and energy, and direct staff to take action as necessary (*Attachment 2a: May Washington Update from Tom Walters and Associates, Inc. and associated Federal legislation; Attachment 2b: The American Clean Energy and Security Act draft summary and California Capital Bulletin (see pages x); Attachment 2c: Senate Committee on Finance healthcare reform policy options summary and press release*)

Committee received a verbal presentation on the attached Washington Update report. Appropriations process is commencing, the supplemental appropriations for the H1N1 influenza is awaiting review by the Senate. Advocated support for oversight of the economic recovery act, homelessness, EOC, SCAAP funding, COPS funding, elder abuse and women's health care. The American Clean Energy and Security Act of 2009 will be reviewed by nine other committees, but the House and Senate are using the same version of the bill.

4. Receive an update on S132, Gang Abatement and Prevention Act of 2009, and direct staff to take action as necessary (*Attachment 3: S132*)

Committee received a verbal report on the status of S132 and a similar House bill, H.R. 1022. Representative Robert Scott has introduced legislation, H. R. 1064, Youth Prison Reduction through Opportunities, Mentoring, Intervention, Support, and Education Act, which does not emphasize enforcement as much as the other bills. Senator Boxer has introduced S 208 ('Mynisha's Law') to create an Interagency Gang Prevention Task Force to coordinate Federal assistance to High Intensity Gang Activity Areas. The County Sheriff has issued a letter of support for S132. County Probation is waiting for its association to review this bill and determine a position and will report the outcome at the next meeting. A member of the public spoke on Washington DC's efforts at graffiti abatement by requiring offenders to spend 6 months in jail.

5. Discuss the CSAC Legislative Conference, the Constitutional Convention and determine whether to bring a resolution endorsing the convening of a summit of local government leaders on reforming the governance of California to the Board of Supervisors for consideration. (*Attachment 4a: Sample Resolution from the CA League of Cities*)

Motion made by Supervisor Wolf, second by Mr. Marshall to bring the resolution to the Board of Supervisors for consideration to support the summit on governance reform. Motion carried 4-0.

6. Receive an update on the State budget and the status of County sponsored-bills and direct staff to take action as necessary. (*Attachment 4b: State Update from Governmental Advocates, Inc.*)
 - i. SB326 (Strickland): Land Use/Housing Element: Requires the housing element to include as part of the analysis of existing and projected housing needs, a quantification of the locality's existing and projected foreclosure rate and its impact on housing needs.
 - ii. AB359 (Nava): Breast and cervical cancer: early detection screening: digital mammography reimbursement rates: Requires digital mammography screening to be covered when analog mammography services are not available from the provider. It would permit coverage of digital mammography screening where digital and analog mammography are both available and would authorize digital screening eligibility and reimbursement under these programs only for those screenings where the provider agrees to receive reimbursement in full at the analog rate.

- iii. SB619 (Strickland): Flood control: County of Santa Barbara: Lower Mission Creek: Authorizes the state to provide subvention funds, as prescribed, to the County of Santa Barbara, or to local agencies in that county, for a flood control project on the Lower Mission Creek.
- iv. AB486 (Chesbro): Local government: emergencies: Requires any governing body to review the continuing need for a local emergency at least once every 30 days until the local emergency is terminated (as compared to every 14 days as currently exists). Note: The County is not the sponsor of this bill, but supports the bill (this issue was part of the County's 2009 adopted legislative platform.
- v. AB50 (Nava): Disaster relief: Allows homeowner property tax exemption to victims of GAP and Tea Fire and provides state reimbursement to County for loss of local property taxes resulting from reduced tax assessments from damaged homes.

Updated received. No action necessary.

- 7. Receive an update on bills introduced by the County's representative Senator Strickland, determine whether to take a position on these bills and direct staff to take action as necessary. (*Attachment 5: SB County Legislation from Senator Strickland*)
 - a. SB37 Public Employees – Compensation
 - b. SB685 State Boards & Commissions: Salaries: Suspension
 - c. SB739 Political Reform Act of 1974:
 - d. SCA 13 Property Tax: New Construction Exclusion: Small Wind Turbines & Geothermal Heat Pump
 - e. SB462 Income & Corporation Taxes: Credits: Manufacturers of Diesel Exhaust Filters
 - f. SB463 Income & Corporation Tax Credits: Renewable Energy Projects
 - g. SB464 Income & Corporation Taxes: Credits: Diesel Particulate Matter Reduction
 - h. SB534 Property Tax: New Construction Exclusion: Small Wind Turbines & Geothermal Heat Pump

Motion made by Supervisor Wolf, second by Mr. Geis to watch these bills. Motion carried 4-0.

- 8. Receive an update on S810 (Leno) regarding single-payer health care coverage that would establish the California Healthcare System (CHS), an entity that would provide affordable and comprehensive health care coverage for all Californians and direct staff to take action as necessary. (*Attachment 6: Senate Appropriations Committee 5/4/09 Analysis*) Full copy of bill available at http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/09-10/bill/sen/sb_0801-0850/sb_810_bill_20090423_amended_sen_v98.pdf

Motion made by Supervisor Wolf, second by Mr. Geis to watch this bill. Motion carried 4-0.

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