



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

**AGENDA**

Date: February 25, 2010

Time: 3:30 – 5:00 PM

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

**Public Comment**

**Action Items:**

1. Approve the minutes from the December 11, 2009 meeting (*Attachment 1: Draft 12/11/09 minutes*).
2. Review the 2010 CSAC Principles for Reform and determine whether to forward a Resolution to Support a Constitutional Convention to the Board of Supervisors for consideration and whether to recommend a position to the Board of Supervisors (*Attachment 2(a): 2010 CSAC Principles for Reform; Attachment 2(b): Reform Comparison Chart; Attachment 2(c): Draft Resolution in Support of a State Constitutional Convention; Attachment 2(d): News articles regarding status of Constitutional Convention*)
3. Receive an update on federal issues of interest to the County, including an update on the January meetings in D.C and direct staff to take action as necessary. (*Attachment 3: Federal Update from Thomas Walters and Associates, Inc.*)
4. Per a request received from Sonoma County, consider whether to write a letter of support advocating for co-sponsorship of H.R. 3525 (Thompson) and direct staff to take action as necessary. H.R. 3525 is sponsored by Sonoma County in an effort to create tax-exempt financing for the implementation of AB811-creation of financing districts for energy and water efficiency projects and renewable energy retrofits. The AB811 program is voluntary and the federal legislation will help lower the interest rates citizens that participate in the AB811 program pay. (*Attachment 4: Text of HR 3525*)
5. Per a request received by the California State Association of Counties, consider whether to support H.R. 3332 (Connolly)-*Restore the Partnership Act*, and direct staff to take action as necessary. The goal of H.R. 3332 is to “facilitate the fullest cooperation and coordination between all levels of government” by creating a National Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (NCIR). NCIR would establish a permanent,

independent, bipartisan group to study and consider the federal government's intergovernmental relationships and the nation's intergovernmental machination. CSAC is urging each member of the California Congressional delegation to sign on to H.R. 3332 as cosponsors. (*Attachment 5: Text of H.R. 3332*)

6. Receive an update on State issues of interest to the County including the status of the Governor's Proposed FY 2010-11 State Budget and direct staff to take action as necessary. (*Attachment 6 : State Update from Governmental Advocates, Inc*)

**Note: Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 3:30pm-5:00pm.**

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