



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

MINUTES

Date: Monday, March 14, 2011

Time: 10:30AM – 12:00PM

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

Action Items:

1. Approve minutes from the February 7, 2011 meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to approve the minutes from the February 7, 2011 meeting. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0, with Supervisor Farr absent for the vote.

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

Scott McGee provided an update to the Committee.

- Supervisor Carbajal stated that discussions at NACO indicated that there may be a transportation bill, and the County will have to explore what the elimination of earmarks will mean for SAFTEA-LU.
- Chandra Wallar asked staff to confirm with Senator Feinstein that she is opposed to wildfire suppression funding cuts. Ms. Wallar asked Governmental Advocates, Inc. to follow up with Senator Feinstein's office on this issue and inform Terri Nisich of any efforts.

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

- A. **AB 412-** Extension of Maddy Fund
- B. **AB 537-** Highway 154
- C. **AB 765-** Prosecution of sexually violent crimes
- D. **AB 1141-** Elections
- E. **AB 1356-** Wine tasting rooms
- F. **SB 106-** Reimbursement of special elections

Monica Miller provided a report to the Committee.

- State Budget: Terri Nisich discussed Proposition 10 and potential takeaways to First organizations in California.
- AB 1356: Supervisor Carbajal asked whether AB 1356 would be acceptable to Supervisor Farr.

4. Consider whether to send a letter opposing the State's proposed use of Local Maddy EMS Funds for pay for Medi-Cal.

Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, to send a letter opposing the State's proposed use of Local Maddy EMS Funds to pay for Medi-Cal. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0, with Supervisor Farr absent for the vote.

5. Consider whether to take a position on State legislation:

- A. **SB 215**, as introduced, Huff. Invasive aquatic species: mussels. Recommendation to support.

Public Comment: Judy Ishkanian addressed the Committee about whether SB 215 would eliminate sporting boats on Lake Cachuma. Terri Nisich stated that it would not.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to take a support position on SB 215. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0, with Supervisor Farr absent for the vote.

- B. **AB 669**, as introduced, Monning. Taxation: sweetened beverage tax: Children's Health Promotion Fund. Recommendation to support.

Public Comment: Kathy Staples addressed the Committee regarding the need for exercise in schools, and asked that Public Health lead an effort on the subject; Geoff Bard addressed the Committee regarding a bill to ban smoking on apartment complex premises; Judy Ishkanian addressed the Committee regarding taxation pushback and the need to ensure that the public knows that AB 669 funds will go toward children's health programs.

- Chandra Wallar asked whether AB 669 applied to diet sodas as well. Public Health stated that it does not.
- Dennis Marshall stated that AB 669 seems to be designed to regulate sugar-sweetened beverages in the same way as alcohol.
- Chandra Wallar suggested that the Committee take a watch position on AB 669.

Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Supervisor Carbajal, that the Committee take a watch position on AB 669 to see how the legislation unfolds, and that staff bring the item back after working with Public Health to track legislation. Motion passed by a vote of 4-0, with Supervisor Farr absent.

- C. **AB 720**, as introduced, Hall. Public contracts: uniform construction cost accounting provisions: alternative procedures. Recommendation to oppose.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Chandra Wallar, to take an oppose position on AB 720. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Supervisor Farr in attendance).

D. **AB 1297**, as introduced, Chesbro. Medi-Cal: mental health. Recommendation to support.

Motion made by Chandra Wallar, seconded by Dennis Marshall, to take a watch position on AB 1297. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

6. SB 602, Padilla. Food safety. (Adopted by Governor in 2010): Recommendation to provide proposed changes to existing bill/law.

Jennifer Bernstein of Public Health provided a report to the Committee.

- Chandra Wallar asked Public Health how long a video would need to be to adequately cover all of the training information. Public Health stated that it would likely need to be roughly 30 minutes long.
- Supervisor Carbajal suggested that SB 602 be amended to make booth owners responsible for making their volunteers go through education/orientation.
- Michele Mickiewicz of Public Health confirmed that the Committee would like to propose additional language allowing for alternate education.
- Supervisor Farr requested clarification of the term “occasional” as used in SB 602.
- Supervisor Carbajal stated that the Committee needed to provide amendments that take into consideration the occasional handler.
- Chandra Wallar stated that there needs to be a minimum level of training required, even for volunteers.
- Terri Nisich stated that staff would bring SB 602 back to the Committee next month for further review.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Robert Geis, to take a watch position and continue this item to the next meeting of the Legislative Program Committee. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal, seconded by Robert Geis, to adjourn the March 14, 2011 meeting of the Legislative Program Committee. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0.

Note: Next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 4, 2011 from 10:30AM – 12:00PM.

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