



**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Date: Monday, September 8, 2014
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-**Absent**
Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor-**Present**
Mona Miyasato, County Executive Officer-**Present**
Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller-**Absent**
Mike Ghizzoni, County Counsel-**Present**

Public Comment:
No public comment.

Agenda Items:

1. Approve minutes from the August 4, 2014 meeting. **(No approval. Mona Miyasato abstained; no 3rd vote. Hold item to next meeting.**

2. Receive an update on Federal issues of interest to the County and direct staff to take action as necessary. **(Motion to approve made by Supervisor Farr, second by County Counsel, Mike Ghizzoni; 3-0)**
 - 2A. Report on the status of drought relief legislation.
 - 2B. Advocacy letters sent last month.

3. Receive report on State issues of interest to the County and direction staff to take action as necessary. **(Motion to approve made by Supervisor Farr, second by CEO, Mona Miyasato; 3-0)**
 - 3A. Report on the status of drought relief legislation.
 - 3B. Advocacy letters sent last month.

Report provided by Monica Miller, Governmental Advocates. County Counsel, M. Ghizzoni expressed concern on work locally and government role within legislation.

4. Staff Reports:
 - 4A. Review and directed staff on needed changes for the Legislative Platform Development Process in preparation for 2015 Legislative Platform. **(Motion to approve made by Supervisor Farr, second by CEO, Mona Miyasato; 3-0)**

Staff reviewed the revised legislative process and was directed to take platform to full board for review on the following schedule:

 - **October 21** **Proposed Legislation & Funding Requests**
 - **November 4** **Targeted Advocacy**
 - **December 2** **Initial Review of Platform**
 - **January 13** **Consider & Approve 2015 Legislative Platform**

 - 4B. Proposed 2015 Legislative Principles and Platform Planks for acceptance into platform for Board of Supervisors discussion on October 7, 2014. **(Motion to approve made by CEO, Mona Miyasato, second by Supervisor Farr; 3-0)**

Staff reviewed all existing and new planks proposed for the legislative program. Input was received in multiple areas including level of specificity of request. Staff noted that platform statements are generally broad the committee directed further work on several platforms including:

- **Local Governance**
- **Planning & Permitting Fees**
- **Adult & Senior Services**
- **Agriculture**

5. Consider new Committee business for future meetings.

Next meeting: Monday, October 6, 2014