

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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TO: Board of Supervisors

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County Administrator

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SUBJECT: Legislative Program Committee Recommendations

Recommendations:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- A. **Support AB 16** (Hannah-Beth Jackson) Oil and Gas Development: AB 16 would require oil produced offshore in new or expanded oil extractions be transported onshore by pipeline, and that the pipeline be of the best achievable technology. Further, that oil produced offshore be transported to processing and refining facilities by pipeline when it is onshore. For new or expanded oil extraction operations where the crude oil is highly viscous, such that pipelining is infeasible, the bill would permit shipment by other modes of transportation. **AB 16 is substantially the same as AB 1280 which the Board voted to support on January 18, 2000.** (Attachment A)
- B. **Support SB 20** (Sher) Solid Waste: Electronic Waste Products: Recycling and Refurbishment. SB 20 states the intent of the Legislature to ensure that funds are available to safely collect and recycle hazardous waste contained in electronic wastes and to promote the reuse of electronic waste. (Attachment B)
- C. **Support in concept, SB 1 (Speier) Financial Institutions, Non-public personal information, and direct County Counsel to review the "details" of the bill and return to the Legislative Program Committee or to the Board with a recommendation to fully support or support if amended to include or exclude certain provisions.** SB1 enacts the California Financial Information Privacy Act, which would prohibit financial institutions from sharing or selling personally identifiable nonpublic information without obtaining a consumer's consent. This bill requires that a consumer "opt in" for sharing with an unaffiliated third party, and requires that consumers be given the opportunity to "opt out" of sharing with a financial institution's affiliates. (Attachment C)
- D. **Oppose AB 1470** (Vargas) In-home Supportive Service Provider Wages: AB 1470 would authorize an increase in in-home supportive services wages, benefits, or both, by voter initiative rather than by a vote of the Board of Supervisors, which diminishes local budget control. (Attachment D)
- E. **Consider options for responding to a request from a State delegate to: 1) Identify and share the County's top priorities for preserving specific funding and programs; and, 2) Identify how the State might increase revenues to protect important programs and services (Attachment E).** Receive an update on planned meetings with State delegates and/or their staff members and County representatives to discuss the impacts of the State budget on the County.

- F. **Receive a copy of a letter sent to the Honorable Deborah Ortiz, Chair, State Senate Health and Human Services Committee, re: Support for SB 36 (Chesbro).** SB 36 establishes a statutory structure for Medi-Cal payments for services provided by Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and Rural Health Centers (RHCs) in compliance with federal law, changing from fee-for-service to a per-visit basis. SB 36 is consistent with the Board's policy to support State funding for Federally Qualified Health Center, and to provide sufficient funding for Medi-Cal patients and uninsured populations. (Attachment F)
- G. **Receive a report on Federal Legislation S. 578 Tribal Government Amendments to the Homeland Security Act of 2002** (Introduced in the Senate by Senator Daniel Inuoye) (Attachment G).
- H. **Receive an oral update on the proposed Tour of the County and Issues Briefing for our congressional delegates.**

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The Legislative Program Committee met on March 17, 2003. The 2003 Committee is comprised of the following members: Susan Rose, Second District Supervisor, Gail Marshall, Third District Supervisor, Michael F. Brown, County Administrator, Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller, and Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel. Supervisor Marshall was absent from the meeting. On each of the above items, the Committee voted unanimously to forward the stated recommendation to the Board for consideration.

In addition to the above recommended action items, the Legislative Program Committee:

- I. Received a report, from Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates, on the Governors Proposed Budget and on the current Legislative Session, and received copies of ABX1 11, SBX1 18, and SBX1 19, three bills, chaptered into law on 3/18/03, to implement approximately \$8.3 billion of budget reductions for FY's 02/03 and 03/04. The passage of these bills will have an impact on the County and its citizens. The largest impact will result from ABX1 11, which suspends CalWORKs, SSI and SSP COLA increases for FY 02-03 and FY 03-04. As a result of the suspension, many of the County's most vulnerable citizens will not receive a cost of living increase resulting in an erosion of their purchasing power. (Attachment I)
- J. Received a copy of ABX2 1 (Hannah-Beth Jackson) was signed by Governor Davis (Ch. 1, Statutes of 2003, Second Extraordinary Session). ABX2 1 makes clarifying changes to the membership and terms of the Coastal Commission. Specifically, this bill clarifies that members of the Coastal Commission appointed by the Assembly or Senate would serve fixed four-year terms, instead of being at-will appointments. This bill also provides that the term of a member appointed by the Senate or Assembly who is a locally elected official will cease 60 days after their term of office as a locally elected official ceases, if that occurs prior to the end of the four-year term. (Attachment J)
- K. Received a copy of SB 769 (Battin) Indian Gaming Special Distribution Fund: SB 769 would create the Indian Gaming Local Communities Investment Board (Board) and make the Board responsible for determining the eligibility of requests for appropriations of funds from the Indian Gaming Distribution Fund. Further the Bill would establish the composition of the Board and would appropriate (yet unspecified) sums from the Special Distribution Fund to the four purposes identified in the Indian Gaming Compacts. **Note: This is one of approximately 20 bills introduced, relating to Indian Gaming. Staff will monitor these bills as they progress and will bring them to the Committee and Board at the appropriate time.** (Attachment K)

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendations are primarily aligned with actions required by law or by routine business necessity.

Mandates and Service Levels:

The Legislative Program is not mandated.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Any known fiscal and facility impacts are described within each individual recommendation.

C: Legislative Program Committee Members
Cliff Berg, Governmental Advocates
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