

2013 Legislative Update

Santa Barbara County

Board of Supervisors

April 9, 2013

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- Introductions
 - Tom Walters, Thomas Walters & Associates
 - Monica Miller, Governmental Advocates
- Board adopted 2013 Platform on 1/15/2013
- Advocates submitted 2012 wrap-up reports

Emerging Federal Legislative Issues

- FY 2013 Continuing Resolution/Sequestration
- Tax Reform Proposals – Repeal of Tax Exempt Status for Municipals Bonds
- Immigration Reform
- Water Resources Development Act of 2013

County Platform Impacts

- FY 2013 Continuing Resolution/Sequestration
- FY 2014 Federal Funding
- Pending Activity on:
 - Farm Bill
 - Workforce Investment Act Reauthorization
 - Older Americans Act Reauthorization
 - TANF Reauthorization

Emerging State Legislative Issues

- AB 65 by Assemblymember Katcho Achadjian
- “Medi-Cal Optionals” Expansion
- CEQA Reform
- Other legislative issues affecting the County

County Platform's Responses

- Budget for FY 2013-14
 - Implications on county resources
- Major reforms affecting Santa Barbara County
 - CEQA
 - Water Bond 2014
- Social Services safety net
 - CCI/Duals Demonstration Project

Next Steps

- Continuous monitoring of legislation
- August – Evaluate principles; Identify new planks
- September – Adopt principles; Evaluate 2013 planks
- October – Reviews draft 2014 Platform; Sends to Board
- November – Board direction on draft 2014 Platform
- December – LPC review of changes and considers recommendation to full Board
- January – Board hearing on 2014 Legislative Platform

Questions & Recommended Action

- Questions, Discussion and Direction
- Recommended Action:
 - Accept and file a report from Santa Barbara County legislative advocates and staff which updates the status of emerging legislative issues and the 2013 Legislative Platform