

## Legislative Action Committee

June 5, 2009

### ATTENDANCE:

Cliff Hamlow – Azusa Pacific University

Doris Blum-GUSD School Board

Donna Lee – So. Calif. Edison

Mary Martinez – COUSD

Meaghan McLaughlin – Assemblyman Adams

Gene Morrill – Certified Auto

Luis Cetina – Metropolitan Water District

Roberto, Jody – Senator Bob Huff

Marilyn Grinsdale – Citrus College

Bob Cruz – The Gas Co.

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**Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m.**

**Flag Salute**

**Welcome and Self- Introductions**

**Announcements:**

**Chairman's Report, Cliff Hamlow** –The committee was thanked for their help with the May Proposition Overview meeting. Cliff asked the Committee if they would like him to continue as Chairman, as he has chaired for two years. A vote was taken and approved for Cliff to continue as chairman. The committee voted to continue holding meetings throughout the summer months with the Azusa Chamber's legislative committee, even though the two chambers have different senate districts. The next meeting will be on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Glendora Chamber. The Committee will try to get Congressman David Dreier as a speaker for a Fall venue along with the San Dimas Chamber. Senator Bob Huff and Assemblyman Adams will also be asked to speak at upcoming venues. A business community forum will be planned to explain possible parcel tax increases. The Committee was asked to review a list of job-killer bills and to take a stand opposing AB 1000 Paid Sick Days – unreasonably expands employers costs and liabilities for paid sick leave for employees. The Cal Chamber opposes SB 31 which would incur significant costs to implement and requires the Air Resources Board to distribute funds collected under AB 32 for uses such as renewable energy and energy efficient programs. Implementation would require the ARB to develop guidelines or regulations for distribution of the funds, but provides no guidance, limits or controls over the amount the ARB could raise or from whom. Glendora is under mandatory water restrictions.

**Legislative Updates - Please limit reports to 3 minutes or less and bring handouts for the Committee:**

**Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonivich:** No report

**Meaghan McLaughlin, Assemblyman Adams:** The Assemblyman is asking the Governor to call for quick solutions to the budget crisis.

**Jody Roberto, Senator Bob Huff:** Jody reported on *SB 8 Performance Budgeting* : which would establish a pilot plan implementing Performance Based Budgets for the next 3 years. *SB129 District of Choice:* which requires any school district to accept inter-district transfers and become a school district of choice for students not residing within that district. The EDD reported that 235,000 private sector jobs were lost within the first quarter, but over 163,000 government jobs were gained. The annual salary of the governor is \$212,179.00, and other government positions pay more. The Senator will be asked about possible speaking dates for the Committee.

**Richard Rea, Congressman David Dreier:** No report

**Ken Herman, City of Glendora:** No report

**Glendora Unified School District, Catherine Nichols:** Doris Blum reported on the great attendance at the East San Gabriel Valley ROP Job Fair. Summer school is not being held due to lack of funds, although some fee based classes may take place. Funds to keep the schools current on technology have been cut. Funding cuts of 10% per student are expected. It is still unclear what amount of cuts the district will need to make because the state budget is undecided, but the district has until August 15<sup>th</sup> to make layoffs. Since 90% of the budget is for staff, layoffs are likely. Class sizes will increase and program cuts will be made.

**Charter Oak Unified School District, Mary Martinez:** Mary reported that plans for summer school are still moving ahead although the district is still waiting for more information from Sacramento regarding budget cuts. Graduation will take place on June 12<sup>th</sup>. A job fair will be held on June 20<sup>th</sup> along with several other cities. 40 – 45 exhibitors are expected and all are looking for employees.

**Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College:** Marilyn reported that cuts amounting to 6 million are expected in 2010. The college has been very proactive in preparing for the budget cuts, so are fine at this time. However, the level of service being provided to the communities is being diminished.

**Metropolitan Water District, Luis Cetina:** The Committee was asked for their support on six upcoming water mandates including AB 804 Invasive Aquatic Species, AB 900 Statements of Water Diversion and Use, AB 1253 Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta (striped bass) protecting a non-native species and AB 1061 Common Interest Developments: Water Efficient Landscape. After a brief discussion, Luis was asked to provide the Committee with the pros and cons of each mandate, who supports and opposes etc., before the Committee votes on the bills.

**So. Calif. Edison, Donna Lee:** Donna reported that the freak lightning and thunder storm on 6/3/09 created major problems for Edison such as power outages. Edison is currently purchasing renewable power from outside sources. Everyone was encouraged to sign up for the Summer Discount Plan as a way of conserving energy during the hot summer months.

**Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas:** Bob reported that customer assistance programs are available and that the Gas Company is very proactive in working with school districts to decrease energy costs. Legislative fiscal reform is needed as the current system is badly broken.

**Gene Morrill, Certified Auto:** Gene told the Committee that he would keep them updated on HR 2057 the Right to Repair Act regarding emissions on older cars.

#### **Old Business:**

**New Business:** Cliff mentioned that the dedication of the new Azusa Pacific University Science Center is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 pm.  
Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett