



**Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Advocacy Forum
May 24, 2017 Agenda**

Jim Vigdor, Presiding
8:00 a.m. Simi Valley Chamber Boardroom

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| I. | Call to Order | Jim Vigdor |
| II. | Self-Introductions | |
| III. | Approval of Minutes | Jim Vigdor |
| IV. | <u>Legislative Updates</u>
Congresswoman Brownley
Congressman Knight
Senator Stern
Assemblyman Acosta
Supervisor Foy
City of Simi Valley
Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District
US Chamber of Commerce
Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce | Jason Barnes
Katie Varner
Nancy Farias
Taylor Criddle
Brian Miller
Brian Gabler
Elaine Freeman
Jennings Imel
Samantha Shapiro |

Other Agencies:

Cal State Channel Islands, Job & Career Center, Metropolitan Water District,

- VII. Other Business

Next Meeting: June 28, 8:00 a.m.

- VIII. Adjourn

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April 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jim Vigdor, Melanie Vollbrecht, Katie Varner, Harry VanDyck, Nancy Farias, Brian Miller, Denis Weber, Taylor Criddle, Jacquelyn McMillan

Call to Order – 8:05 AM

- I. Denis Weber made a motion to approve the minutes from the March meeting. Harry VanDyck seconded the motion. All in favor. The minutes were approved.
- II. Katie Varner reported for Congressman Steve Knight. The Congressman presented HR 1890, the Workplace Advancement Act related to equal pay. He is also working on the women's business center improvement act. He had a very successful town hall meeting in Simi Valley last week.
- III. Nancy Farias reported for Senator Henry Stern. Marie Lakin retired from the Senator's office and Nancy is stepping in to fill her spot; they are looking to hire a field representative for their office. The Senator is very focused on youth civic engagement. His goal is to visit every high school in his district over his time in office. His office is launching an internship program where they are looking to partner with other offices and businesses to help interns build skills. The Aliso Canyon bill they were working on just passed out of the utilities committee and is now in appropriations. He is also working on SB 596 which deals with youth civic engagement and authorizes schools to have election to nominate students to be representatives on a state board.
- IV. Taylor Criddle reported for Assemblyman Dante Acosta. AB 754 regarding Foster Youth passed appropriations. AB 549 passed Assembly. He will support AB 1583 if it is not changed. He will support AB 912 if it is not changed. Dante will be having a town hall in Simi Valley on May 4th.
- V. Brian Miller reported for Supervisor Foy. The county has not updated their general plan for 20 years. They are currently working on state and local zoning. They are working on consolidating the last county offices at 2900 Madera. There is a mosquito abatement hotline to help deal with the mosquitos that have been increasing lately. They are working on complying with groundwater sustainability agencies. There was no state requirement for regulations on groundwater agencies in the past. Brian shared the State of the County report. The total budget was \$2.16B. There was more than \$27.8M in savings and we are paying the least for borrowed money.
- VI. Samantha Shapiro reported for the Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber has supported a number of bills, including . The Chamber is working on creating and distributing a quarterly legislative update newsletter to the membership with our legislative positions.
- VII. Celina Zacarias reported for California State University, Channel Islands. The investiture of President Beck will take place on May 5th. The provost of CSUCI took a position as the President of CSU, Chico. The new provost is Jeffrey Chase, who has 36 years of experience in higher education.
- VIII. Jacquelyn McMillan reported for the Metropolitan Water District. We are officially out of the drought but conserving should be a way of life. They are waiting for the California Water Fix to be finalized. Restrictions on water conservation are not as severe, but there is still an emphasis on conserving and remaining conscious of doing so.

Adjourn: 8:50 AM