



Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce Legislative Advocacy Forum November 16, 2016 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 Pavley
Assemblyman Wilk
Supervisor Foy
City of Simi Valley
Rancho Simi Recreation & Park District
US Chamber of Commerce | Jason Barnes
Mary Bandini
Marie Lakin
Pam Campeau
Brian Miller
Brian Gabler
Elaine Freeman
Jennings Imel |

Other Agencies:

CalState Channel Islands, Job & Career Center, Metropolitan Water District,

- VII. Other Business
Next Meeting: December 21, 8:00 a.m.

VIII. Adjourn

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Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce – Legislative Advocacy Forum
October 26, 2016 Minutes

Present: Jim Vigdor, Marie Lakin, Elaine Freeman, Rudy Gonzales, Harry VanDyck, Melanie Volbrecht, Pam Campeau, Rana Ghadban, Samantha Shapiro

8:10 am –Jim Vigdor called the meeting to order.

- I. Jim Vigdor moved to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Melanie Volbrecht and Pam Campeau.
- II. Representing Senator Pavley, Marie Lakin reported that the Senator is finishing up her last term in office. She has co-authored two bills related to the Porter Ranch gas leaks with Assemblyman Wilk. The first bill was an urgency bill in Aliso Canyon to give the residents peace of mind. The second bill was a statewide bill that would impact all gas facilities. The Senator also passed a climate bill that was signed by the Governor (SB32, formerly AB32). It limits greenhouse gases and was inspired by the green industry. Marie Lakin reported that California has a strong balanced budget and rainy day reserve fund. The Senator also worked on bills to provide a victim restoration fund and allow for state parks to partner with nonprofits to repair the parks.
- III. Representing Assemblyman Wilk, Pam Campeau also reported on the bills co-authored with Senator Pavley in regards to the Porter Ranch gas leaks. She reported that Aliso Canyon is still an issue—twenty families/homes still have open issues—but the issues is no longer as large as it once was. Assemblyman Wilk is currently campaigning and if he wins, his district will no longer represent Simi Valley.
- IV. Elaine Freeman with the RSRPD reported on the dedication of Runcle Canyon Park, a three tiered park with a picnic pavilion, sand volleyball courts, and other recreational activities. The cost of this was \$2 million. The RSRPD is also working on Chumash Park near Yosemite/Mt. Sinai. It will include a parking lot, hiking trails, and a play area. The park district is about 60 days away from closing escrow on Alamos Canyon but have an internal county issue between the fire district and the planning department. This canyon is between the 118 freeway and Oak Park and they plan to build a parking lot to open up new hiking trails.
- V. Rudy Gonzales from Southern California Edison reported that the company underwent reorganization last year and their corporate location moved to Rosemead. Southern California Edison obtained a permit to construct on the Moorpark/Newbury Construction Line. They have opponents seeking to have the process re-heard and stopped, but do not foresee any issues with that. The project is about 60% complete. The company was asked to provide an alternative to the Presidential Substation on the border of Simi Valley and Thousand Oaks and so they decided to upgrade the facilities of the Royal Substation (on First Street and Cochran Street)—which should product little community impact—and one Substation in Thousand Oaks. Between the upgrades of those two Substations, there should be enough capacity to sustain the areas for now, but there will eventually be a need for an additional Substation to be built. Rudy reported that there is a requirement that 33% of all power be renewable by 2020. California is home to 50% of all solar power in the country.

VI. The next LAF meeting is moved to Wednesday, November 16, 2016 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

8:48 AM - Adjourn