



**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 8:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**  
**Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce**  
**MINUTES**

**John Heffernan, Sherry, Kramer, Wanda Love, Lou Baglietto, Olivia Valentine, Kim MacMullan, Janice Webb, Mark Lipps, Jill Jrunckhardt, Marilyn Lyon, Alex Maruszko, Matt Garth, Donna Duperron, Dan Hoffman, Geoge Kivett, Mark Waronek, Erick Holly, Michael Jackson, Chris Cagle, Britt Huff, Serena Josel, Joe Ahn, Vartan Djihanian, Andrew DeBlock, Mark Waroneck, Henry Rogers, Weston LaBar**

1. Welcome Dan Hoffman, Chair
  - a. Flag Salute
2. Self-Introductions and Sign-In All Participants
3. Approval of Minutes Janice Webb, Secretary
  - a. March 2017 and April 2017
    - i. Motion to Approve- W. Love
    - ii. 2<sup>nd</sup>: B. Huff
    - iii. Motion Carrie
4. Presentation- Betsy Brien- PBF Energy
5. Government Affairs Report PEAR Strategies
  - a. AB 445 (Cunningham) California Career Technical Education Grant Program- This bill permanently extends the CTE Incentive Grant Program authorized and funded in the 2015-2016 budget which assists schools by providing relevant, industry-aligned skills training and instruction to address the demand in California’s changing job market. This bill changes the name of the California Career Technical Education Incentive Grant Program to the California Career Technical Education Grant Program, increases funding for the program in 2017-18, and extends funding for an additional three years.
    - i. Motion to Support:
  - b. AB 600 (Cooper) Manufacturing incentives. Sales and use taxes: exemption: manufacturing and research: useful life: electric power generation.- AB 600 would enhance the existing manufacturing and research-and-development incentive program to draw to the state high-paying jobs from across multiple industry segments and to fuel

our economic expansion into the next decade. This measure furthers the objectives of the manufacturing/R&D equipment sales tax exemption program that was the cornerstone of the bipartisan Governor's Economic Development Initiative (GEDI) enacted in 2013 to "strengthen the state's economic development programs to bolster the business environment"... so the state "can encourage manufacturing investment and increase employment in high poverty areas across the state".

- c. AB 669 (Berman) Economic development: California Community Colleges Economic and Workforce Development Program- The EWD program funds both long-term and short-term program activities in strategic priority areas including advanced transportation, biotechnology, environmental technologies, health care delivery, and international trade. Extension of the program will help ensure that students continue to have access to programs targeted towards employable careers paths and that employers have access to a growing pool of qualified workers trained in subject areas in highest demand
- d. AB 913 (Gray) Construction-related accessibility claims: extremely high-frequency litigants- This bill would authorize a court to enter a prefilling order prohibiting an extremely high-frequency litigant, as defined, from filing any new litigation in the courts of this state without first obtaining leave of the presiding justice or presiding judge of the court where the litigation is proposed to be filed. **AB 913** seeks to target this small group of trial attorneys by allowing any party, or the court, to issue a prefilling order against an extremely high frequency litigant to preclude that litigant from pursuing additional claims for alleged construction-related accessibility violations without approval of the court.
- e. AB 1645 (Muratsuchi) Hydrogen fluoride: notice of use: substitution- Requires a refinery that handles, stores, or maintains more than 250 gallons of hydrogen fluoride to, if possible, convert to a known, significantly less hazardous substitute by January 1, 2020. Jeopardizes the production of California-based fuel by banning the use of hydrogen fluoride and hydrofluoric acid at refineries that use more than 250 gallons and are located within two miles of a residence, notwithstanding the fact that there are significant safety regulations in place at the local, state and federal levels.

- f. SB 49 (De León and Stern) California Environmental, Public Health, and Workers Defense Act of 2017- This bill would establish certain minimum federal environmental, public health, and labor standards as baselines. It would prohibit the corresponding California standards from falling below those baselines. The baselines would be the federal standards applicable as of January 1, 2016, or January 1, 2017, whichever is more stringent. SB 49 would expressly authorize private citizens to petition the courts to make state and local government agencies comply with its terms.
- g. SB 224 (Jackson) California Environmental Quality Act: baseline conditions- This bill would require the OPR, on or after January 1, 2018, at the time of the next review of the guidelines, to prepare, develop, and transmit to the secretary proposed changes or amendments to determine the baseline physical conditions by which a lead agency determines whether a project has a significant effect on the environment. The bill would require the office, in developing the recommendations to limit the consideration of modifications to the environment at the project site cause by certain actions. The bill would require the secretary to certify and adopt the recommended proposed changes or amendments.
- h. SB 300 (Monning) Sugar-sweetened beverages: health warnings- This bill would establish the Sugar-Sweetened Beverages Health Warning Act, which would prohibit a person from distributing, selling, or offering for sale a sugar-sweetened beverage in a sealed beverage container, or a multipack of sugar-sweetened beverages, in this state unless the beverage container or multipack bears a health warning, as prescribed. The bill also would require every person who owns, leases, or otherwise legally controls the premises where a vending machine or beverage dispensing machine is located, or where a sugar-sweetened beverage is sold in an unsealed container, to place a specified safety warning in certain locations, including on the exterior of any vending machine that includes a sugar-sweetened beverage for sale.
- i. SB 436 (Allen) California STEM Professional Teaching Pathway Act of 2017- This bill seeks to address the shortage of science and mathematics teachers by creating the California STEM Professional Teaching Pathway to recruit, train, support, and retain qualified science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) professionals as mathematics and science teachers in California.

- j. SB 524 (Vidak) Employment violations: good faith defense- This bill would reduce litigation and encourages compliance with labor laws by allowing employers to rely in good faith on written advice received and published by the Labor Commissioner regarding the interpretation of California's complex labor and employment laws and regulations.
6. Office Holders, Administrative Agencies and Community Partners- *Please limit your reports to no more than 3 minutes.*
- a. U.S. Chamber of Commerce- Jennings Imel- House Dems and Reps came together to avoid a government shutdown. It was a \$1B funding package. There will likely be a healthcare vote in DC.
  - b. League of Cities- Jeff Kiernan- NA
  - c. Los Angeles Air Force Base- Carla L. Rosepryor- NA
  - d. Base Support Advisory Council- Michael Jackson- Andreas Mueller Chief of Federal Policy State of CA will be at the Redondo Beach Chamber of Commerce on Friday, May 26, 2017 10:00 AM.
  - e. South Bay WIB- Chris Cagle- SBWIB had a job fair on April 28, 2017 at the Carson Community Center, they had 1000 participants in 2016.
  - f. South Bay Council of Governments- Hon. Britt Huff- SBCOG is hosting a seminar regarding broadband at the COG office. May 25 they will be having Sherriff Jim McDonnel presenting.
  - g. Office of Congresswoman Waters- Blanca Jimenez- NA
  - h. Office of Congresswoman Barragan- NA
  - i. Office of Congressman Lieu- Nicholas Rodriguez- NA
  - j. Office of Senator Allen- Sam Liu - NA
  - k. Office of Senator Bradford- Nital Patel- NA
  - l. Office of Senator Lara- Tonya Martin- NA
  - m. Office of Assemblymember Burke- Robert Pullen-Miles- NA

- n. Office of Assemblymember Gipson- Chris Wilson- NA
  - o. Office of Assemblymember Muratsuchi- Andrew DeBlock- Asm Muratsuchi has now been appointed to the budget committee. 1645 is now a 2-year bill. 1648 will now just be a budget request. 1517 crowdfunding bill has passed committees. The Assemblymember will be honoring small businesses monthly.
  - p. Office of Assemblymember O'Donnell- Allison Gallaher- NA
  - q. Office of Supervisor Hahn- Hon. Mark Waronek- Sup. Hahn was in DC meeting with the Pentagon to discuss the important of LAAFB. M. Johnson is taking up a social host ordinance. The homeowner is held responsible if there is a party with underage drinking. This will be presented to the board on Tuesday.
7. [Officeholder representatives, non-chamber members, and guests are respectfully asked to leave the meeting at this point]
8. Chair's Report Dan Hoffman
9. Financial Report George Kivett, Treasurer
10. Committee Reports
11. Announcements All
- a. Special thanks to the Torrance Area Chamber of Commerce for hosting us