



Legislative Committee Minutes

Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Conference Call: 562-263-7112

Committee Present: Dana Reed, Victor Preciado, Gary Boyer, Juan Garza, Hany Fangary, Sam Pedroza, Jennifer Perez, Lori Woods, Mark Waronek, Steve Hofbauer, Catherine Marcucci, Nanette Fish

Members Present: Pico Rivera, Bellflower, Glendora, Palmdale, Rolling Hills, Norwalk, Lomita, Rosemead, Temple City, Industry, Hermosa Beach, Bell, Indian Wells, Duarte, Industry

Others Present: Marcel Rodarte, Lynda Johnson, Tina Andolina, Richard Averett, Alejandra Hernandez, Michael Vuong,

V. Approval: December 11, 2019 Minutes

Juan Garza motioned to approve December 11, 2019 minutes. Steve Hofbauer seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

VI. Action Items

a. SB 54/AB1080

Tina Andolina, Senator Allen’s Senior Policy Consultant presented on SB 54. She explained that AB 1080 by Lena Gonzalez and SB 54 are identical bills aimed to express the collaborative effort in both houses to pass legislation they aim to reduce single-use plastic from entering landfills and waterways. The bills would set goals to reduce waste from single-use packaging and products and ensure the remaining items are effectively recycled and establish a comprehensive framework to address the pollution and waste crisis. The aim is for all materials to be compostable by 2030, waste haulers will clean, and reuse items collected making plastics “truly compostable.” The bill gives producers an opportunity to choose their path to adopt the regulations of the bill and give penalties to encourage compliance for industry groups.

Steve asked which groups support or oppose the bill. Tina explained that the grocers were initially opposed but following amendments they are now in support. Steve asked how the bill would affect the current accumulation of recycled materials. Tina stated the hope is for the bill to significantly reduce the influx of materials to these facilities by creating new compostable versions and portions that are not broken down must be bought by a producer. Steve asked who will face the financial penalty, Tina stated either the following will be held responsible the producer, packing manufacturer, lastly, they retailer may be held liable. Stores are to send CalRecycle a list of producers to hold liable for the materials. Lori asked what implications of SB 54 will have on cities, she responded this bill would have no effect on cities or counties. Juan thanked Senator Allen for presenting a solution to tackle this issue of addressing recycling.



Tina departed the call and the committee engaged in closed session to discuss their position on the bill. Staff stated member cities that are in support include Norwalk and Los Angeles among others. Los Angeles County is also attempting to address the issue of food packaging recyclability. As discussion began, Marcel asked the committee to hold conversation, as industry members have requested amendments. Steve motioned to hold discussion until more information is available Juan seconded.

b. SB 795

This is a bill previously introduced as SB 5 to create community reinvestment to support affordable housing options. Steve stated the bill was amended thoughtfully with Governor Newsom's comments. Steve motioned to support seconded by Juan.

c. SB 50 (Informational)

During the call the bill was on the floor being heard on the Senate floor. Staff stated in the days prior, CCCA provided Senator Allen a letter of opposition and encouraged all member cities who opposed to provide letter to their state representatives. Gustavo encouraged members to call their representatives along with sending letters. Juan stated the bill has evolved into being the "only housing solution" though there is no guarantee it will work, there are other alternatives that will help. Juan recited Senator Anthony Portantino's comments that strong messaging from residents and/or city officials may help change a legislator's position.

VII. Other Discussion Items from the Committee

a. VSAP

CCCA opposed the system and sent a letter to Los Angeles County Registrar-Recorder expressing the issues with the system's functionality. They responded with a letter countering CCCA's recommendations, stating no changes will be made to the system prior to the March 3, 2020 election. Marcel stated that according to Dean Logan, after the election the results will be reviewed by the Secretary of State. Staff is considering drafting another letter and provide examples of close contests. The City of Beverly Hills is suing the County of Los Angeles to impede use of the system until changes are made.

VIII. Adjournment: January 29, 2019 at 3:51 p.m.