**Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday, May 25, 2022

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Via Zoom

**Committee Present**: Co-Chair Jennifer Perez, Steve Hofbauer, Bea Dieringer, Bill Uphoff, Cathy Marcucci, Dana Reed, Gary Boyer, Kimberly Ann Cobos-Cawthorne

**Member Cities Present**: Norwalk, Palmdale, Rolling Hills, Lakewood, Lomita, Industry, Indian Wells, Glendora, Santa Clarita, Montebello, Diamond Bar, Avalon, West Hollywood

**Others Present:** Marcel Rodarte, Alejandra Hernandez, Kendall Klingler, Lindsey Skolnik, Paolo Beltran, Steve Tye, Maddie Moore, Yesenia De La Rosa, Mark Waronek, Jeff Wood, John Erickson, Mark Waronek, Masis Hagobian, Sam Pedroza

1. **Call to Order: 3:02 pm**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

Ali Sajjad Taj motioned approval of the April meeting minutes, motion seconded by Bill Uphoff. Steve Tye abstained, motion passed.

1. **CCCA Updates**
   1. **Annual Municipal Seminar Recap**

Executive Director Rodarte provided an overview of the Annual Municipal Seminar (AMS) held May 12-15 in Indian Wells, CA. AMS’s 400 attendees included city leaders, associate member representatives, and county partners from across Southern California. Sessions focused on water infrastructure, enhancing social media presence, and collaboration across County lines. Director Rodarte received positive feedback and welcomes suggestions for future programming.

1. **Legislation Consideration Review** 
   1. **Save Our Water Campaign**

Kendall Klingler discussed California’s drought stating January – March 2022 were the driest months on record. In July 2021, Governor Gavin Newsom called for a voluntary 15% reduction in water consumption by citizens. California’s reservoirs are largely depleted. The Save Our Water Campaign’s goals are to drive meaningful change, raise awareness of the drought, and increase the sense of urgency. Campaign representatives ask that the committee support the state’s call for water conservation. No further action taken by the committee at this time.

* 1. **SB 960 - Skinner, Nancy - Public employment: peace officers: citizenship.**

Existing law establishes the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training within the Department of Justice to perform various functions involving the training of peace officers. Existing law requires peace officers in this state to meet specified minimum standards, including, among other requirements, being at least 18 years of age, being of good moral character, as determined by a thorough background investigation, and being either a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship. This bill would remove the provision that requires peace officers to either be a citizen of the United States or be a permanent resident who is eligible for and has applied for citizenship and would make conforming changes.

During the discussion, Yesenia De La Rosa inquired about protections for applicants. Diana motioned to support if amended; the candidate must be a permanent resident or citizen but can strike that they must be on the path to citizenship. Motion seconded by Bea Dieringer. Dr. Julian Gold abstained, motion passed.

* 1. **AB 2097 – Friedman, Laura – Residential and commercial development: remodeling, renovations, and additions: parking requirements.**

The Planning and Zoning Law requires each county and city to adopt a comprehensive, long-term general plan for its physical development and the development of certain lands outside its boundaries, which includes, among other mandatory elements, a land-use element and a conservation element. Existing law also permits variances from the parking requirements of a zoning ordinance for nonresidential development if the variance will be an incentive to the development and the variance will facilitate access to the development by patrons of public transit facilities. This bill would prohibit a public agency from imposing a minimum automobile parking requirement, or enforcing a minimum automobile parking requirement, on residential, commercial, or other development if the development is located on a parcel within one-half mile of public transit. When a project provides parking voluntarily, the bill would authorize a public agency to impose specified requirements on voluntary parking. The bill would prohibit these provisions from reducing, eliminating, or precluding the enforcement of any requirement imposed on a new multifamily or nonresidential development to provide electric vehicle supply equipment installed parking spaces or parking spaces accessible to persons with disabilities. The bill would exempt specific commercial parking requirements from these provisions if the requirements of the bill conflict with an existing contractual agreement of the public agency that was executed before January 1, 2023.

Diana Mahmud motioned to oppose, seconded by Bea Dieringer. No abstentions, motion passed.

* 1. **AB 2234 – Rivas, Robert – Planning and zoning: housing: post-entitlement phase permits.**

This bill would require a local agency to compile a list of information needed to approve or deny a post-entitlement phase permit, as defined, to post an example of an ideal application and an example of an ideal complete set of post-entitlement phase permits for the most common housing development projects in the jurisdiction, and to make those items available to all applicants for these permits no later than January 1, 2024. The bill would define “local agency” to mean a city, county, or city and county. No later than January 1, 2024, except as specified, the bill would require a local agency to require permits to be applied for, completed, and stored through a process on its internet website and to accept applications and related documentation by electronic mail until that internet website is established. The bill would require the internet website or electronic mail to list the current processing status of the applicant’s permit by the local agency, and would require that status to note whether the agency or action is reviewing it is required from the applicant.

Bea Dieringer motioned to oppose, seconded by Steve Hofbauer. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

* 1. **AB 2142 – Gabriel, Jesse – Income taxes: exclusion: turf replacement water conservation program.**

The Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law, in conformity with federal income tax law, generally define “gross income” as income from whatever source derived, except as expressly excluded, and provide various exclusions from gross income. Existing law provides an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate or voucher from a local water or energy agency or supplier for the purchase or installation of a water conservation water closet, energy-efficient clothes washers, and plumbing devices. This bill would, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2022, and before January 1, 2027, under both of these laws, provide an exclusion from gross income for any amount received as a rebate, voucher, or other financial incentive issued by a public water system, as defined, local government, or state agency for participation in a turf replacement water conservation program.

Diana motioned to support, seconded by Bea Dieringer. No abstentions, motion passed unanimously.

1. **Adjournment: May 25, 2022, at 3:56pm**