



# ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Tuesday,  
January 8th  
12:00pm

Chair  
Jim Knight

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2008

- 10 - Board Meeting  
Chamber  
Conference Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Ave., Ste 104  
8:00am - 9:30am
  - 21 - Executive  
Board Meeting  
Chamber  
Conference Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Ave., Ste 104  
12:00pm - 1:30pm
  - 23 - Business After  
Hours Mixer  
Kinecta Federal  
Credit Union  
145 Santa Felicia  
5:00pm - 7:00pm  
(Info on back)
  - 24 - Issue & Policy  
Roundtable  
Bishop Ranch  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
12:00pm - 1:15pm
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- ### February
- 7 - Board Meeting  
Chamber  
Conference Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Ave., Ste 104  
8:00am - 9:30am
  - 12 - Issue & Policy  
Roundtable  
United Way  
Jean Blois  
Community Room  
271 N. Fairview  
Suite 104  
12:00pm - 1:15pm

## Tajiguas Conversion Technology

The City of Santa Barbara and County are jointly studying the feasibility of siting a facility at Tajiguas Landfill that would utilize "conversion technology" to convert portions of our waste stream into energy. The goal is to reduce the amount of material that would otherwise be landfilled, which not only would reduce the environment caused by landfilling, but also help to extend the life of Tajiguas.

While recycling efforts and increasing diversion rates will continue to be a priority, the amount of waste being landfilled is still significant and isn't expected to decrease substantially given the projected growth in population; thus, The City of SB believes it's appropriate to consider alternative solutions to landfilling.

The purpose of our presentation is to provide elected officials and the community with a summary of the issues, what City Staff's doing to evaluate alternatives through conversion technology, and the goals the have developed to guide the City through this process.



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## INTEREST ITEMS

### ITEM 1: City Council General Plan Amendments

The Goleta City Council will be holding a special hearing on January 17th to discuss the outcome of staff's analysis of the feedback and input from the community throughout the workshop process last fall. Staff have recommended proceeding with the majority of the proposed amendments, many with additional edits and modifications.

### ITEM 2: Chamber letter on behalf of Venoco, Inc.

Member Venoco has asked the Chamber to send a letter to the State Lands Commission urging them to issue the Final EIR for their Ellwood Oil Pipeline Installation and Field Improvements project by the March deadline so that the community can review and discuss the proposal.

### ITEM 3: Prop 91

**Transportation Funding** - Prohibits retention of funds earmarked for the Transportation Investment Fund in the General Fund for use unrelated to transportation after July 1st, 2008.

- The group that was originally hired to put this on the ballot is now asking people to vote no on it. The original effort was done in case Prop 1B was not passed by the voters to allocate transportation funds. Since it did pass, this proposition is now obsolete.

#### ACTION TAKEN:

- SUPPORT
- OPPOSE

### ITEM 4: Prop 92

**Community College Funding** - Requires minimum levels of state funding for school districts and community college districts to be calculated separately, using different criteria, and separately appropriated. Allocates 10.46% of current Prop 98 school funding maintenance factor to community colleges.

- Business is interested in this proposition because it takes funding away from K-12 programs to put them at the college level. The measure would, in effect, split the existing Prop 98 funding guarantee for

K-14 schools into one guarantee for K-12 and a separate guarantee for community colleges.

- The potential increase in state spending on K-14 education is about \$135 million in '07-'08, \$275 million in '08-'09 and \$470 million in '09-'10.
- The California Community Colleges would maintain the benefit of a minimum funding guarantee under Prop 98 without assuming the risk, like other public institutions of higher education, of being a separately funded public entity.
- Prop 92 would further aggravate the state's budget crisis and threaten California's ability to address other pressing needs, like funding health care, public safety, and education.
- Prop 92 seeks to lock into California's constitution a new spending mandate for community colleges, but includes no way to pay for it.
- The measure also requires no public audits, contains no penalties for misuse of funds, and includes no guarantee money will be spent on students.

#### ACTION TAKEN:

- SUPPORT
- OPPOSE

### ITEM 5: Prop 93

**Term Limits** - Reduces the total amount of time a person may serve in the state legislature from 14 years to 12 years, either in the Assembly, the Senate, or a combination of both.

- Most aren't convinced that the amount of time in office needs to be reduced, but that the people currently in office need to be moved out while offering an opportunity to change the mix, which involves redistricting, not term limits.
- Daniel Weintraub wrote the following piece which was found to be helpful: <http://www.sacbee.com/110/story/522480.html>

#### ACTION TAKEN:

- SUPPORT
- OPPOSE

Since the IPR last voted on prop 93 the Cal Chamber has voted to oppose.  
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## ITEM 5 (CONT.)

## NOTES

ITEM 6: Props 94, 95, 96, and 97

ACTION TAKEN:  
No Position

### California Chamber Positions

Indian gaming on tribal lands is a key contributor to the California economy and jobs. These agreements will allow four tribes in San Diego and Riverside Counties — the Agua Caliente, Morongo, Pechanga and Sycuan tribes — to expand the number of slot machines at casinos on their existing tribal lands. In turn, this expansion will create thousands of new jobs and generate billions of dollars in new revenue to local economies, revenue that benefits local residents, small businesses and local governments.

“The CalChamber Board voted today to support a series of initiatives that would allow previously negotiated tribal compacts between the State of California and four tribes to go into effect,” said Zaremberg. “We are encouraging voters to support Propositions 94, 95, 96 and 97 because approval of these measures will protect a steady and significant revenue source to the state’s general fund and help pay for schools, roads and bridges, public safety and health care.”

These agreements will provide the state with approximately \$293 million in the first year (with revenues increasing significantly in future years) and an estimated \$9 billion over the next two decades to help balance the budget and pay for schools, roads and bridges, public safety and health care -- without raising taxes or increasing debt.

The CalChamber Board of Directors had voted at its September 7 meeting to oppose Proposition 92, the Community College Governance Funding Stabilization and Student Fee Reduction Act.

## CHAMBER MIXER

### January Business After Hours

**WHO:**  
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce

**WHEN:**  
Wednesday, January 23rd,  
5:00pm - 7:00 pm

**WHAT:**  
Business After Hours Mixer — great networking, entertainment, food and beverages, and door prizes.

**WHERE:**  
Kinecta Federal Credit Union  
145 Santa Felicia DR  
Goleta

**COST:** Chamber Members - \$5  
Non-Members - \$10

## LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

### January

17 - Special City Council Meeting  
6:30pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

22 - Design Review Board  
2:30pm  
Goleta City Hall  
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

*IPR is the Chamber's forum for governmental and business concerns. The IPR committee will endeavor to study and take positions, when appropriate, on local regional and state issues that affect business and commerce in the Greater Goleta Valley.*

*The Chamber is the largest and most broadly based business representative in the Goleta Valley. It is the Chamber's role to promote a platform of economic health and vitality for the Goleta Valley on behalf of our members. IPR meetings and discussions are open to all Chamber members. When voting on an action item, all members present will be asked to vote. To be valid, votes must include a majority of the committee members listed below:*

Kristen Amyx  
Jean Blois  
Mark Dispenza  
Mark Ingalls  
Jim Knight  
Bill Macfadney  
Tim Mahoney  
Bill Redding

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