



ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Thursday,
January 24th
12:00pm

Chair
Jim Knight

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

UPCOMING EVENTS

January

30 - Executive Board Meeting
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview Ave., Ste 104
12:00pm - 1:30pm

February

7 - Lemon Festival Committee Meeting
Jean Blois
Community 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

14 - Board Meeting
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview Ave., Ste 104
8:00am - 9:30am

18 - Chamber Office Closed
President's Day

21 - Ready, Respond, Recover
Goleta Partnership for Preparedness
Disaster Prep (info on back)

24 - Business After Hours Mixer
Bargain Network
6330 Hollister Ave.
5:00pm - 7:00pm

An Update from Bishop Ranch

Today's discussion focuses on specifically what Bishop Ranch planners learned from the community during their recent public outreach effort. Michael Nolte will be here to describe the outreach process and to present highlights of the Bishop Ranch Working Group's findings to the Chamber.



Michael Nolte

Managing Director

Talking points will include:

- General Description of the Bishop Ranch
- Summary of the Community Outreach Approach
- Description & Results of the individual participant exercises of the Community Outreach Program
- What Bishop Ranch has learned in the process

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INTEREST ITEMS

ITEM 1: Measure D 2008

Gregg Hart, Public Information and Government Affairs Coordinator for SBCAG will bring the Roundtable up to date on the latest developments in the proposed Measure D for the 2008 ballot. SBCAG is in the process of conducting public outreach and polling for feedback and input regarding the viability of the current plan.

ITEM 2: Goleta Beach Park

Tuesday, January 22, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to forward the permeable pier beach stabilization proposal to the California Coastal Commission for approval. The GVCoC has led the community effort to support this decision. Kristen Amyx and Tom Blabey from the Chamber spoke in favor of the proposal on behalf of the Chamber and residents of Goleta, respectively. This move by the BOS culminates almost a decade of community focus group input, studies, environmental review conducted and commissioned by the County Parks Department.

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 meas-

ure 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.)

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.

NOTES

LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

February

5 - City Council Meeting
1:30pm & 6:00pm
Goleta City Hall
130 Cremona Drive, Ste. B

12 - Design Review Board
3:00pm
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

MEMBERSHIP MEET

2008 Annual Membership Meeting

WHO: achievements in 2007, and endorse our goals for 2008.
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce

WHAT: The Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to the 2008 Annual Meeting; an elegant, professional luncheon provided each year for our members.

At this business presentation we will unveil the new Goleta Magazine, install our new board of directors, acknowledge our

WHEN: Friday, February 29th, 11:30am - 2:00 pm

WHERE: Holiday Inn
5650 Calle Real
Goleta

COST: Chamber Members - \$35
Non-Members - \$45

DISASTER PREP

Disaster Preparedness for your Business

WHO: Goleta Partnership for Preparedness:
Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce; City of Goleta; Santa Barbara Red Cross

WHEN: Thursday, February 21st, 7:30am - 11:00 am

WHERE: Doubletree Resort
633 East Cabrillo Boulevard
Santa Barbara

WHAT: Experts from around the State will provide inside on how to best prepare your business for an emergency.

COST: \$30
Each additional Employee - \$25

THE GOLETA VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IS A MEMBER OF THE FOLLOWING ORGANIZATIONS:



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