



ISSUE & POLICY ROUNDTABLE

Thursday,
March 27th
12:00pm

Chair
Mark Dispenza

THE CHAMBER'S FORUM FOR GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS CONCERNS

UPCOMING EVENTS

March

28 - Lois Capps
Presentation
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
12:30pm - 2:00pm

April

3 - Lemon Festival
Comm. Meeting
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
8:00am - 9:00am

8 - Issue & Policy
Roundtable
SBCC Construction
Bond Measure
Jean Blois
Community Room
271 N. Fairview
Suite 104
12:00pm - 1:15pm

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

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

23 - Business After
Hours Mixer
El Capitan Ranch
(see flyer for info)
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Prop. 98 vs Prop. 99



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June's ballot will include two propositions for the voter's consideration: 98 and 99. Both address important private property rights and eminent domain issues, but offer two very different approaches. Millions of dollars and countless hours have been spent promoting both propositions by their respective supporters. But which should you vote for, if either?

Dave Mullinax, from the League of California Cities, and Joe Armendariz will debate the pros and cons of both propositions and answer your questions about them. Will Prop 98 eliminate rent control in California? Does Prop 99 more effectively address eminent domain and protect the rights of property owners? What are the implications for the local business community if either passes?



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INTEREST ITEMS

ITEM 1: Lois Capps Friday, March 28

Lois Capps is visiting the Chamber tomorrow, March 28th, to discuss the economic stimulus package, provisions for homeowners and small business owners, as well as her ongoing promotion of green jobs. All Chamber members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to anna@goletavalley.com as space is limited. Cost to attend is \$10 and lunch will be provided.

ITEM 2: Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee

The Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors is now accepting applications for positions on the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC). The GVPAC shall advise County staff during the update of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan. The role of the GVPAC shall be to receive community input, develop Community Plan goals, and review and comment on the Draft Goleta Valley Community Plan. Composition of the GVPAC will be based upon many factors including geographic areas, professional affiliations, community segments, and other interest groups that are representative of the community. GVPAC members must be residents, property owners, or business owners within the Goleta Valley Community Planning Area ZONE 2. Please visit: <http://www.countyofsb.org/plandev/comp/planareas/goleta/default.asp> to see if you are located within this boundary.

ITEM 3: San Jose Creek Flood Control Update

On March 18th, Steve Wagner, Community Services Director for the city, reported to the City Council that the San Jose Creek Capacity Improvement Project now includes a fish passage component. The project was due to begin this spring, but the additional engineering, environmental review, and design process will delay that start until spring of 2009. However, the new design no longer requires a new bridge over the creek at Hollister Ave., so the timeline for completion is shorter. Wagner reported that he still expects the project to be completed in the fall of 2009, as originally planned prior to the fish passage addition. The County, a project funding partner, had identified a need for fish passage provisions in the improvement plan.

ITEM 4: Venoco Royalty Revenue Sharing

The Chamber sent a letter to Supervisor Firestone and Mayor Bennett formally requesting the two parties to work on a mutually beneficial plan to share the millions in potential revenue from Venoco production off the coast of Goleta. The Chamber suggested that this revenue sharing could play a part in the renegotiation of the revenue neutrality agreement between the city and county. City officials are meeting with County officials on March 31st to discuss the current Revenue Neutrality agreement.



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NOTES

LOCAL POLITICAL CALENDAR

April

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

8 - 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
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Bill Macfadyen
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