

**Legislative Action Committee**  
**October 1, 2009**

**ATTENDANCE:**

Dr. Cliff Hamlow – Azusa Pacific University  
Doris Blum – GUSD School Board  
Bob Cruz – The Gas Company  
Marilyn Grinsdale – Citrus College  
Donna Lee – So. Calif. Edison

Meaghan McLaughlin – Assemblyman Adams  
Brian Mejia – Supervisor Antonovich  
Gene Morrill – Certified Auto  
Dr. Catherine Nichols - GUSD  
Jody Roberto – Senator Huff  
Dr. Christine Smith - COUSD

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**Meeting called to order at 12:10 p.m.**

**Flag Salute**

**Welcome and Self- Introductions**

**Approval of the September 3, 2009 minutes**

**Chairman's Report, Cliff Hamlow** –Cliff reported that the Senator Huff luncheon was well attended and Bob Cruz did a great job of moderating the event. It is a benefit to our members and the members of other chambers, when we join forces and work together on events.

Jody Roberto commented that Senator Huff appreciated the venue and the opportunity to discuss the issues with his constituents.

Cliff continued by discussing the briefing at the AQMD with Senator Huff where water issues and the Delta were discussed. Only 11% of water usage is for human consumption, 41% is used for agriculture and 48% is used for environmental protection. On October 22<sup>nd</sup> a Goldline meeting is being held to discuss a long range transportation plan and funding. At the September Legislative meeting, the committee suggested that it was time to hold another State of the Schools luncheon, possibility in November. However, it appears that the Chamber is hoping to combine their January State of the City forum with a State of the Schools address. Kathy Hodge, Director of Operations for the Chamber was introduced and asked to update the committee on that plan.

Kathy Hodge reported that the Chamber hoped to combine the State of the City Address in January 2010 with a State of the Schools address with the Glendora Unified and Charter Oak school districts. She asked Dr Nichols and Dr. Smith for their opinion on the combined venue.

Dr. Nichols said she was open to the idea as it would allow her to address a different audience. However, she would also like the committee to consider doing a round table discussion in the spring of 2010 with Ken Kay President of Partnership for 21<sup>st</sup> Century as the presenter. This presentation could be with the San Gabriel Valley Coalition Chamber and open to the community as well.

Bob Cruz suggested that the schools do a small presentation at the State of City address, and look into the cost of hiring Ken Kay and his availability. A venue would need to be selected and the possible involvement of other chambers in the event should be considered.

Cliff Hamlow suggested that higher education be involved in the conference.

Jody Roberto suggested the possibility of merging the round-table discussion with the Senator Huff education summit planned for March 2010. It could be open to educators from K-12 thru college level. She said she would discuss the issue with Senator Huff and get back to the committee at the November meeting.

Catherine Nichols said she would contact Ken Kay regarding his availability and what the cost would be to hire him.

***Legislative Updates - Please limit reports to 3 minutes or less and bring handouts for the Committee:***

**Brian Mejia, Supervisor Antonovich:** Brian reported on the Fire Recovery Task Force and the C.A.R.E. multi-agency program launched by the Supervisor to protect life and property for fire-impacted communities during the upcoming

rainy months. A \$50,000 reward is being offered for anyone forwarding information on the person responsible for the Station Fire. Issues are rising concerning the erroneous taxation of some residents and businesses by L.A. County, because they are not actually part of the County. Remember the Supervisor's annual "Trail Dusters Trail Ride and Camp Out" on Saturday and Sunday, October 31<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>, and the hazardous waste roundup on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Covina K-Mart.

Cliff Hamlow questioned Brian on the Supervisor's stand on the proposed "Subway to the Stars." Several newspapers have reported that his position on the project have flip-flopped.

Brian asked where the above mentioned articles were published and said he would check into it and get back to the committee.

**Meaghan McLaughlin, Assemblyman Adams:** The Assemblyman has a 100% voting record reported Meaghan. A special session of the legislature will take place on October 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. Some legislation on the Governor's desk includes AB 1084 regarding local planning project fees. AB 1368 regarding childcare in small child care facilities. AB 753 regarding updating and clarifying the Election Code. AB 595 regarding criminal background checks and AB 167 regarding graduation requirements. The Assemblyman has sent five bills to the Governor.

**Jody Roberto, Senator Bob Huff:** Jody reported that a special session of the legislature is scheduled for the middle of October. Six agencies of the federal government including the Department of the Interior and the Army Corps of Engineers may be becoming involved in California's current water issues, which is not a good idea. The state budget is still in bad shape. Changes to taxation rates for businesses and services are being considered. The Senator has a 100% voting record.

**Richard Rea, Congressman David Dreier:** No report

**Ken Herman, City of Glendora:** No report

**Glendora Unified School District, Catherine Nichols:** Dr. Nichols reported on the School Board Candidate Forum on October 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at the Event Center. Four candidates are running for the three open seats. L. A. County has selected a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher at Cullen Elementary as "Teacher of the Year."

**Charter Oak Unified School District, Christine Smith:** Christine also reported on their School Board candidate forum being held on October 7<sup>th</sup>. Four incumbents are running for the two open seats. Charter Oak Partners in Education is holding an open house mixer on October 14<sup>th</sup> from 5 – 7 pm at the Masonic Home.

**Marilyn Grinsdale, Citrus College: Metropolitan Water District, Luis Cetina:** Marilyn reminded everyone of the Taste of Autumn later this month. Lots of great restaurants are participating.

**So. Calif. Edison, Donna Lee:** Donna reported that Edison is implementing an automatic meter reading program in Whittier and they are a sponsor of the Fair Energy House.

**Bob Cruz, So, Calif. Gas:** Bob reported that the Ontario Chamber is currently revising their Legislative Priorities and commented that it has been several years since Glendora updated theirs. Cliff suggested that we review them at the November Legislative meeting. Plans are underway for the conversion to automated meters, eliminating the need for meter readers.

**Gene Morrill, Certified Auto:** Gene reported that the "Cash for Clunkers" program inflated the number of cars sold for a short period of time. The AQMD continues to focus on the cleaning materials used by auto repair shops, making the use of certain materials illegal to use. The right to repair concerning manufactures not giving repair information to private auto shops is becoming an issue. Gene also reported on cool-cars and the recall of certain models of Toyotas.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:25 pm.

Minutes recorded by V. Thompsett

