



**COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA
LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

MINUTES

Date: Monday, December 2, 2013

Time: **Called to order at 10:34AM – Adjourned at 11:25AM**

Place: **Board of Supervisors Conference Room, Fourth Floor
105 E. Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara**

Committee Members: Salud Carbajal, First District Supervisor - **Present**
Doreen Farr, Third District Supervisor - **Present**
Teresa Maus-Nisich, Interim CEO - **Present**
Robert Geis, Auditor-Controller - **Present**
Dennis A. Marshall, County Counsel - **Present**

Public Comment - None

Agenda Items:

1. Approved minutes from the October 7, 2013 meeting. ***(Motion made by Supervisor Farr and Seconded by Supervisor Carbajal; 4-0-1; Interim CEO Nisich abstained due to absence from October Meeting)***
2. Received an update on Federal issues of interest to the County and direct staff to take action as necessary. ***(Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal and Seconded by Supervisor Farr; 5-0)***
3. Received report on State issues of interest to the County and direction staff to take action as necessary. ***(Motion made by County counsel Marshall and Seconded by Auditor-Controller Geis; 5-0)***
4. Staff Reports:
 - 4A. Recommended adoption of the 2014 Legislative Platform to the Board of Supervisors at the January 14, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting and direct staff to complete preparation and docket the Legislative Platform.
Mr. Pappas commented and provided copy of a letter (attached) on the Tribal Gaming and Land Use plank. *(Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal and Seconded by Supervisor Farr amended by adding immigration reform plank and removing Goleta Beach and Background Check planks as requested; 5-0)*
 - 4B. Adopted the 2014 Legislative Program Committee Meeting Schedule ***(Motion made by Supervisor Carbajal and Seconded by Supervisor Farr; 5-0)***
5. Consider new Committee business for future meetings. **Committee suggested a briefing on public safety realignment legislative actions.**

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November 19, 2013

Congresswoman Lois Capps
301 E. Carrillo St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: Fee-to-Trust Application by the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians

Dear Congresswoman Capps,

My name is Steve Pappas and I live in the town of Los Olivos, CA. Los Olivos is located in the Santa Ynez Valley. I am writing you today regarding the attempt by the Santa Ynez Band of Mission Indians (The Tribe) to annex 1400 acres of "Williamson Act" agricultural land (also known as Camp 4) via the Federal Fee-to-Trust process. I am working very closely with Nancy Crawford-Hall on this issue and she is copied on this letter. Nancy owns the 10,000 acre San Lucas Ranch which is contiguous to the 1400 acres in question.

To put it succinctly, we thank you for your opposition to HR 3313 which is a back-door attempt to take the 1400 acres into Trust via a Legislative Bill. In a correspondence to several of your constituents dated November 8, 2013 you stated:

"As you also know, my colleague Rep. Doug LaMalfa (R-Richvale) recently introduced H.R. 3313, the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Mission Indians Land Transfer Act, which would authorize the U.S. Secretary of the Interior to transfer the Camp 4 land into trust for the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians. Currently, this bill has been referred to the House Natural Resources Committee where it awaits further action."

You went on to state: "I do not support this legislation because I believe the issues surrounding Camp 4 should be decided between the Tribe and the County."

We now ask that you extend your opposition to include the Fee-to-Trust acquisition of Camp 4 by any method (legislative, administrative, Executive Order, etc.) in support of Santa Barbara County's position on this issue.

Additionally, in support of Supervisor Farr (whose 3rd district jurisdiction covers the Santa Ynez Valley) we also ask you to join her in opposing the initiation of a Government to Government discussion and dialog with the Tribe for all the reasons she stated below during the Board of Supervisors Meeting held on October 15, 2013:

“I think it’s important to note that the chairman also reiterated that the Tribe is seeking approval of this Fee to Trust not only through the regular formal application process, which we are discussing now, but also through a piece of legislation or part of another piece of legislation in Washington, D.C. that would be carried by a member of Congress or two. And the Tribe has actually been trying to do this, my understanding for at least the last three years. They have approached several members of Congress and starting with Congressman Gallegly when they first approached him, my understanding is that any potential sponsor has asked that there be some sign that the community, that the County supported this action. **And so this speaks to the idea of Government to Government discussion and dialog about mitigations because it’s very clear to me that if the County would initiate that, that would be seen as a very strong sign that this County supports the Fee to Trust application and that would be conveyed to a potential Congressional sponsor. And if a piece of legislation to take Camp 4 into trust directly would happen there would be no mitigation unless it was written into it, no process as we have now.**”

Ms. Farr then made the following motion that was approved 4 to 1 by the Board of Supervisors (Supervisor Lavagnino voted No).

“Direct the County Executive Officer to provide written comments to the Bureau of Indian Affairs by November 7, 2013 in accordance with 25 Code of Federal Regulations Part 151, **that oppose the fee-to-trust application and acquisition**, and describe in detail the negative potential impacts on the County of Santa Barbara from: jurisdictional problems and potential conflicts of land use which may arise; and financial impacts if the property is removed from the County’s tax rolls, from both lost real property taxes and any special assessments.”

Thank you for your consideration of our request; we look forward to your response and continued support.

Steve Pappas

Cc: Nancy Crawford-Hall
Governor Jerry Brown
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
Representative Doc Hastings
Representative Doug LaMalfa
Representative Paul Ruiz
Representative Jeff Denham
Representative David Valadao
Representative Tony Cardenas
Representative Joe Garcia
Representative Don Young
3rd District Supervisor Doreen Farr, County of Santa Barbara