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## **Economy & Efficiency Commission**

# **Meeting Minutes**

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### **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING ECONOMY AND EFFICIENCY COMMISSION**

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 1999  
ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER OF THE COMMISSION MEETING**

With the presence of a quorum of commissioners Chairman Abel called the Commission meeting to order at 10:22 a.m.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF COMMISSIONER'S ABSENCES**

##### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

David A. Abel  
Richard D. Barger  
Hope J. Boonshaft  
Ben Breslauer  
John Crowley  
David W. Farrar  
Chun Lee  
Tony Lucente  
Carol Ojeda-Kimbrough  
William J. Petak  
Robert Philiposian  
H. Randall Stoke

##### **COMMISSIONERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Gunther Buerk  
Jonathan Fuhrman  
Chris Hammond  
Michael Jimenez  
Roman Padilla  
Marc A. Seidner  
Julia E. Sylva  
Tony Tortorice

##### **COMMISSIONERS NOT REQUESTING AN EXCUSE**

Fred Balderrama

## **QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION LIAISON**

Jaclyn Tilley Hill

It was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The Commission members noted above be excused.

### **III. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES**

It was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: The minutes of the February 4, 1999 Commission Meeting be approved.

### **IV. INTRODUCTIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

NONE

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Stoke brought the Commission's attention to a memorandum dated February 8, 1999 from Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) David Janssen to each department head concerning the five-year facility asset management plan. In his opinion, this memorandum is not consistent with the work of the EEC. He stated that he wants the EEC to be aware that the CAO's Office would take the possible benefits and use them in departments.

Chairman Abel responded that he is aware that the County has hired a Real Estate Manager. Commissioner Hill briefed the Commission on a recent meeting of the Real Estate Commission, the Quality & Productivity Commission representative, and the EEC representative. Commissioner Farrar is currently working on a mission statement for this committee. The report received from Sharon Yonashiro was very encouraging. The Department of Beaches and Harbors came before the Productivity Investment Fund (PIF) requesting funding for building large docks for lease. There is a tremendous shortage of dock space in Marina del Rey. Commissioner Thorton Ibbetson is the gentleman in charge of this Task Force.

Commissioner Stoke stated that he believed that the CAO is using the real asset management plan to focus on deferred repairs. This is not the primary purpose of the real asset management program. Chairman Abel agreed to invite the person who has been hired as Real Estate Manager (working under Sharon Yonashiro) to come and speak to the EEC.

### **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

Commissioner Breslauer mentioned his concerns about the EEC following up on Grand Jury investigations and recommendations. The EEC has only addressed this on an ad hoc basis as specific issues have arisen. Commissioner Breslauer stated that San Diego County has addressed the problem in a different way, and suggested that the EEC consider a variation of the process used in San Diego County. San Diego County has, by ordinance, a separate unpaid commission staffed by people selected by the Grand Jurors Association (GJA) this Commission has the authority to follow-up with, and contact, the different County agencies to determine whether or not they are following the recommendations of the Grand Jury. This separate unpaid Commission makes reports to the San Diego Board of Supervisors. He suggested that the EEC consider a similar subcommittee of the EEC that could be composed of (if ordinances permit) EEC commissioners and a staff of individuals selected by the GJA. The Grand Jury should be willing to participate because they have a vested interest in seeing whether their recommendations are being followed.

Chairman Abel asked if it would be a step in the right direction if the EEC created a Task Force on its own, relying on its own members. Commissioner Breslauer responded that his recommendation would require Chairman Abel select a committee to explore and address the pertinent issues involved, such as structure, management, potential legislation, approval and role of the Board of Supervisors, et cetera. Commissioner Hill added that what this proposed Task Force would do is to put some teeth into Grand Jury recommendations. If it were kept within the EEC, the EEC could review issues it believes to be appropriate.

Chairman Abel suggested that the EEC create a temporary Task Force, with Commissioner Breslauer as the chairperson, to follow up on the suggestion of exploring and addressing the pertinent issues involved Grand Jury recommendation follow-up. He also requested that Commissioner Farrar and Commissioner Hill, as well as any other Commissioners who wish to participate, come forward in the April 8, 1999 meeting with a recommendation. His initial instinct is to use EEC commissioners rather than going to outside people (former grand jurors), but he would be willing to reevaluate that notion as the Task Force develops its proposal.

Commissioner Crowley cautioned the EEC about whose priorities will be respected most. In his opinion, he would seek to have a rank ordering of issues determined by the Task Force and the EEC, not by the Grand Jury. Chairman Abel clarified that this new Task Force proposal is an opportunity to cull through the most recent annual Grand Jury report and pick those issues to bring to the EEC for review. He also recommended that Commissioners Breslauer and

Farrar report back to the EEC on the workers compensation issue.

## VI. PRESENTATION -

[Mr. Ben Williams, Executive Director, State of California Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century.](#)  
[Topic: : Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century](#)

Mr. Williams made comments to the Commission concerning the scope and direction of the California State Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century (CLG) as it pertains to the needs and direction of Los Angeles County government.

[Mr. Dan Wall, Chief Legislative Representative, Intergovernmental Relations Unit--Chief Administrative Office, Los Angeles County](#)  
[Topic: Status of Los Angeles County Lobbying in Sacramento](#)

Mr Wall discussed the current status of the efforts of his office to effectively present the County's position on issues to the state legislatures.

## VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

## IX. ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Abel adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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