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## **Economy & Efficiency Commission Meeting Minutes**

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1999

ROOM 830, KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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

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

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

##### **COMMISSIONERS PRESENT**

David A. Abel  
Fred Balderrama  
Hope J. Boonshaft  
John Crowley  
Michael Jimenez  
Jeanne L. Kennedy  
Tony Lucente  
Royal F. Oakes  
Roman Padilla  
William J. Petak  
Marc A. Seidner  
H. Randall Stoke  
Julia E. Sylva

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

David W. Farrar  
Chun Lee  
Robert H. Philiposian

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

Johnathan Fuhrman

Carol Ojeda-Kimbrough  
Tony Tortorice

### **QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY COMMISSION LIAISON**

Jaclyn Tilley Hill

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

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After noting that his name had been misspelled at several places within the minutes, Chairman Abel asked if there were any other corrections. Hearing none, the following motion was Moved, Seconded and Adopted: **The minutes of the October 7, 1999 Commission meeting be approved.**

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

Chairman Abel asked that Mr. Wall and Mr. Shires, both of whom were at the meeting to make presentations to the Commission, introduce themselves.

### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

Chairman Abel updated the Economy & Efficiency Commission on the Constitutional Revision Commission's work on state and local finance, which inspired the creation of the Speaker's Commission for State and Local Finance. He stated that the Speaker's Commission for State and Local Finance has had ten meetings and were scheduled to issue a report at the end of this year on the State/Local fiscal relationship. He went on to say that after conducting hearings throughout the State, the Commission identified three primary issues for consideration at its November meeting; the swapping of the half cent local sales tax for an equivalent amount of property tax from the State; pooling the growth of the remaining half cent sales tax into a regional fund that local entities could use for infrastructure improvement; and transferring the vehicle license tax to the State for an equivalent amount of dedicated personal income tax. Chairman Abel commented that the concept of taking the growth from one of the core taxes and putting it into a fund that local entities can draw upon, assuming agreement on infrastructure issues, appears acceptable to more than three quarters of the Speaker's Commission for State and Local Finance members.

Chairman Abel asked if there were reports from any of the task forces. Vice Chair Lucente replied that the Asset Management Task Force was scheduled to present a report to the Commission at this meeting, but that some issues still had to be resolved before making this report.

Chairman Abel then asked Vice Chair Lucente to clarify the efforts of the Asset Management Task Force. Vice Chair Lucente explained that the task force had last issued a report concerning County Asset Management in 1995. This task force, in conjunction with other Commissions who have an interest in County Asset Management, is currently following up on that report. Chairman Abel added that it would be fair to say that there are substantial sums of money to be gained as a result of improvements in this area. Commissioner Oaks asked about the Asset Management consultant that had been retained. Chairman Abel explained that the consultant provided support in completing the Commission's study. This Commission is attempting to move forward with the recommendations made to its study.

Vice Chair Lucente went on to say that the Commission's Web Page development is continuing. He stated that a contractor had been hired for the purpose of transferring all of the Commission's reports to the web site by the end of the year.

### **VI. PRESENTATION (a)**

Chairman Abel introduced the first presentation by suggesting that Mr. Wall share all the pertinent recent actions of the Legislature with the Commission.

[Mr. Dan Wall, Chief Legislative Representative, Los Angeles County.](#)  
[Topic: Recent Actions of the California Legislature and Future Directions](#)

Mr. Wall opened his presentation by thanking Chairman Abel and the Commission for asking him back to address the Commission. In providing background on the Legislature's most recent session, Mr. Wall felt that it could be characterized as unusual. He then provided an explanation of the major issues that were considered by the Legislature over the recent months.

## **VI. PRESENTATION (b)**

Chairman Abel welcomed Mr. Mark Baldassarre and Mr. Michael Shires to review the efforts of the Public Policy Institute in determining the role of Los Angeles County in it's delivery of local government services.

[Mr. Mark Baldassarre and Mr. Michael Shires, Public Policy Institute of California.](#)

[Topic: Progress Briefing on the Role of Los Angeles County Government in Providing Local Government Services](#)

Mr. Baldassarre explained that his presentation was a progress briefing that was being given to the Commission prior to the issuance of the final report. In addition to Mr. Baldassara's efforts to summarize the major focus of the report, Mr. Shires explained the financial data used to support its conclusions.

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

## **VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Upon a motion from the floor, Chairman Abel adjourned the meeting at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted.



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Executive Director

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