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Government Relations Committee MINUTES

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 - 6:30 PM

Erwin Street Elementary School

13400 Erwin Street

Valley Glen, CA 91401

1. Call to Order and Roll Call - Meeting called to order at 6:33 p.m. Quorum with J.D'Antonio, R.Pisani and J.Price. V.Viereck arrived at 6:37 p.m. and S.Myrick at 7:15 p.m.
2. Approval of Minutes for August 26, 2014 - Motion to approve by J.Price, R.Pisani 2nd - approved by unanimous vote
3. General Public Comments on non agenda items (see rules above) - none
4. Committee Member Comments on non agenda items - none
5. Presentation by Kent Minault, representing Food&WaterWatch Org. regarding (1) proposed moratorium/ban on fracking and (2) opposition to the twin tunnel proposal
Item (1) Committee discussion and Motion by J.Price, J.D'Antonio 2nd: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports a moratorium on fracking until an ordinance is prepared as proposed by Councilmembers Mike Bonin and Paul Koretz's motion to change the zoning code to prohibit all activity associated with well stimulation, including, but not limited to, hydraulic fracturing, gravel packing, and acidizing, or any combination thereof, and the use of waste disposal injection wells in the City of Los Angeles. Council File No. 13-1152-S1 - The Greater Valley Glen Council supports a moratorium on fracking until an ordinance is prepared to change the zoning code to prohibit all activity associated with fracking. Fracking contributes to pollution, higher risk of earthquakes and extremely high usage of one of our most precious commodities, water which is already in short supply due to the drought. Council File No. 13-1152-S1. Motion passed with J.D'Antonio and J.Price ayes, R.Pisani and V.Viereck abstained, S.Myrick not present yet.
Item (2) Committee discussion and due to lack of information on issue, J.Price motion to table until further research is done, R.Pisani 2nd - tabled by unanimous vote
6. Presentation by Douglas C. Arseneault, *Senior Legislative Affairs Manager*, Valley Industry & Commerce Association regarding "Valley on Track" coalition.
Committee discussion and motion by S.Myrick, R.Pisani 2nd: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the "Valley on Track" coalition proposal to expand the Metro Rail system along the Orange Line and other planned transit corridors in the San Fernando Valley. They include updating the Orange Line to light rail (east-west from North Hollywood to Chatsworth); build the East San Fernando Valley Transit Corridor as a rail system (north-south between Sylmar and Van Nuys); and build the Sepulveda Pass Corridor as a rail system, with a tunnel through the Santa Monica Mountains (from Sherman Oaks to the Westside). The Valley has 20% of the L.A. County population yet has only two rail transit stations representing 2.5% of all of the stations in L.A. County. We urge that these projects be prioritized in future ballot measures, federal funding requests, and other funding resources by the Los Angeles Metropolitan Transportation Authority in order to maintain the Valley's support. Motion passed with 4 ayes - J.D'Antonio nay
7. Discussion regarding the Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG) Consensus Statement
Motion by J.D'Antonio, S.Myrick 2nd: The Greater Valley Glen Council supports the Recycled Water Advisory Group (RWAG) Consensus Statement in support of purified recycled water to augment the groundwater supply that Los Angeles draws on for its drinking water, for irrigation, and for industrial and commercial purposes. In pursuing the increased use of recycled water, we urge the City of Los Angeles to maintain the highest levels of safety, assure cost-effectiveness, and communicate with the people of Los Angeles in a timely, open and transparent manner. Motion passed with 4 ayes - V.Viereck abstained
8. VANC update, V.Viereck: VANC asking for neighborhood councils to contribute to Oct.9 debate between Sheila Kuehl and Bobby Shriver and Dec. 11 mixer
9. Discussion regarding next meeting agenda items: J.D'Antonio re TPP (Fast Track)
10. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. by J.Price, R.Pisani 2nd

The next meeting will be at 6:30 pm. on Tuesday, October 28, 2014