

# SWCLC Southwest California Legislative Council

**MEETING AGENDA: Monday, August 21, 2023**

**Presiding: Erik McLeod, 2023 Chair**  
**Legislative Consultant: Chris Collier, Rincon Strategies**  
[Join Via Zoom](#)

Call to Order, Roll Call & Introductions  
Chair Report  
Legislative Report #8

1. Speaker: Riverside County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Matthew Jennings
2. Unemployment Insurance Eligibility Discussion (Bill TBD)
3. AB 1567 (Garcia): Safe Drinking Water, Wildfire Prevention, Drought Preparation, Flood Protection, Extreme Heat Mitigation, Clean Energy, and Workforce Development Bond Act of 2024.
4. Update on positions Already Taken

Chambers/Tribal/Legislative Reps Announcements  
Adjourn- Next Meeting 9/18/23 at 11:30am

## Remaining 2023 SWCLC Meeting Dates

September 18<sup>th</sup>

October 16<sup>th</sup>

November 27<sup>th</sup> (Exec)

*All meetings at 11:30am at 26529 Jefferson Ave, Murrieta, CA 92562*

## The Southwest California Legislative Council Thanks our Partners:

Southwest Riverside County Association of Realtors  
Metropolitan Water District of Southern California  
Elsinore Valley MWD  
Western MWD  
CR&R Waste Services  
Abbot Vascular  
Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce  
Lake Elsinore Valley Chamber of Commerce  
Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce

Hemet San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce  
Southwest Healthcare Systems  
Temecula Valley Hospital  
Economic Development Coalition  
The Murrieta Temecula Group  
Southern California Edison  
The Gas Company  
California Apartment Association  
Western Municipal Water District

**Corona Chamber of Commerce**  
**Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce**  
**Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
**Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce**  
**Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce**  
**Hemet/San Jacinto Valley Chamber of Commerce**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday, July 24, 2023**

2023 Chair: Erik McLeod

Legislative Consultant: Chris Collier

Call to Order, Roll Call & Introductions: **11:33 AM**

**Chair Report:**

- Initiative by the end of year to have Chris and Erik attend chamber board meetings in an effort to increase local engagement with chamber leaders

**Kelly Seyarto:**

- Bills are currently parked in appropriations.
- August 15 return date
- Emphasis on housing, public safety and business
  - Housing mandates can present challenges to communities trying to meet the demand
  - Mandates encourage low-income, entry-level housing and apartments
    - A flow of different housing levels should be established for residents who are ready to move out of entry-level housing
- Business Climates
  - Employer mandates for hospitals calling for a \$25 minimum wage
    - \$150 million has currently been allocated to keep hospitals open
  - Employment
    - Labor demands challenged by popularity of remote work
    - Cost of living in California discourages new families and pushes qualified residents out of state
- Water
  - Dams are still required to retain water
  - Water agencies in California seeking ways to conserve water
- Energy Policy
  - Pushing too fast for a 100% renewable energy future
- Public Safety
  - Human Trafficking bill progressing, currently in appropriations
  - Forward movement in tackling fentanyl-related issues
- Transportation
  - Plan to build high-speed, low-speed, and revitalize mass transit systems in urban centers
  - Emphasis on building roads in developing areas to accommodate growth

## **Legislative Report #7**

### **Budget Trailer Bills**

- **SB 145, SB 146, SB 147, SB 149 & SB150**
  - Speed construction, expedited court review, streamline permitting, address cumbersome CEQA processes, maximize federal dollars

### **Current active bills – “job Killers”**

- **AB 524, AB 647, SB 399, SB 525, SB 616, SB 627**

### **Recap**

- Assembly Positions
  - 8 Support 16 Oppose
  - 9 Oppose bills active
  - 5 Support bills active
  - 2 Opposed bills dead
- Senate Positions
  - 6 Support
  - 22 Oppose
  - 2 support bills alive 2 support bills dead
  - 16 opposed bills active
  - 2 opposed bills dead
- County Treasurer next month
- Sacramento Insurance spokesperson for September meeting

### **Lake Elsinore Chamber of Commerce**

- State of the City – Oct 5 @ Launch Point
- Young Professional Luncheon – Aug 2 @ Emilios
- August 16 – Michi Tacos 3-year anniversary

### **Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce**

- Coffee with a city 7/25 morning
- Aug. 3 – Ashley’s furniture remodeled and monthly mixer
- Chamber Breakfast – guest speaker Chris Colier Aug. 10
- August 3 – La Michoacana x2 ribbon cutting
- Aug 7-9, WACE Academy training – Staff will be in Sacramento

### **Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce**

- Midday Mixer @ Pacifica Senior Living – Wed, 11:30 a.m.
- Ribbon Cutting @ Chef for Seniors – Fri, 11 a.m.
- Ribbon Cutting @ Melody Thai Cuisine – Mon, 10:30 a.m.

### **Temecula Valley Chamber of Commerce**

- State of the City August 10 – reservations available, Pechanga
- Legislative Summit October 12 – more info tba
- Temecula Valley Premier Job Fair – October 28, 11 am to 2pm at the Temecula Mall (free employer booths)

### **Hemet/San Jacinto Chamber of Commerce**

- Monthly Mixer on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. HCN Bank
- August 23 – Business Expo

**San Manuel Band of Mission Indians**

- Thank you for support on opposing Prop 27

**Assemblymember Kate Sanchez**

- Office in Murrieta now open (brick building on Washington)
  - Will be holding an open house
- Assemblywoman is joining Kelly Seyarto at next meeting
- Bill signed by governor (Sex Trafficking hotline bills)

**Assemblymember Bill Essayli****Water**

- One bill is moving forward that the water districts are keeping track of
- Will seek collaboration with the SWCLC to look into potential water bond solutions

**Congressman Ken Calvert**

- Wildlife map coverage has been substantially reduced
  - Utilities have pushed to retain access to conduct necessary maintenance

**Congressman Darrel Issa**

**Adjournment: 12:36 PM**