

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