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APPROVED MINUTES

Summary of Board of Directors
Legislative Committee Meeting
9:30 a.m., Monday, November 17, 2003

1. **Call to Order - Roll Call:** Chairperson Wagenknecht called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.
Present: Brad Wagenknecht, Chairperson, Maria Ayerdi, Mark DeSaulnier, Pam Torliatt.
Absent: Chris Daly, Liz Kniss, Dena Mossar, Mark Ross, John Silva.
2. **Public Comment Period:** There were none.
3. **Approval of Minutes of June 9, 2003:** Due to the lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes was deferred to the next meeting.
4. **Summary of 2003 Legislation:** *Staff presented a summary of bills that the District adopted positions on, and how those bills fared this year.*

Tom Addison, Advanced Projects Advisor, presented the report and stated that the 2-year legislative session is about halfway through and noted that over 3,000 bills were introduced this year. Mr. Addison reported that most of the bills that had significant costs associated with them failed to become law. There were more air quality bills introduced this year than is typical, and the District adopted formal positions on 26 of these bills. None of the bills that the District opposed became law. Mr. Addison highlighted several bills for the Committee.

Mr. Addison reported on the State budget and noted that the District had a slight increase in subvention funds (5%), which had been cut by a third in 2003. The District did not lose any property tax revenues in 2003, despite a number of proposals that would have cut multi-county special district property tax funds. It is likely that the District will experience cuts in both subvention funds and property tax revenues in the 2004-2005 budget year.

Committee Action: None. This report provided for information only.

5. **Potential Legislative Proposals for 2004:** *Staff presented potential legislative measures for consideration by the Committee to for the District's legislative agenda for 2004.*

The Committee discussed potential ideas for a legislative agenda for 2004, and ultimately settled on the following ideas:

1. Attempt to mitigate any loss of funds in the 2004-2005 budget year.
2. Attempt to find a stable, long-term source of funding to reduce emissions of diesel particulate.
3. Continue to support clean air measures without significant costs.

On the second point in the agenda, the discussion focused on: 1) Higher registration fees for diesel vehicles; an increase in the diesel fuel tax with new funds targeted to cleanup measures; or a per-barrel petroleum fee. 2) An increase in the Transportation Fund for Clean Air (TFCA) (an additional dollar-per-vehicle in the Bay Area). The Committee believed an increase in the TFCA would prove more politically feasible.

Committee Action: The Committee endorsed a legislative agenda for 2004 as stated above.

6. **Committee Members' Comments:** There were none.
7. **Time and Place of Next Meeting:** At the Call of the Chair.
8. **Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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