



Tri-Counties Chapter Meeting

Location: The Harbor Restaurant

Date: Monday January 19, 2016

Time: 1830-2030

Minutes

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PERSON RESPONSIBLE</u>	<u>TIME</u>
I. Call to Order	Mike McGrew	1 min
Mike not present today. Meeting moderated by Secretary Antunez		
II. Approval of Minutes	Mike McGrew	1 min
<i>Motion to accept minutes from previous meeting was made by Roger Garcia and seconded by Scott Petterson. With no further discussion, the motion passed by unanimous vote of all present members.</i>		
III. Treasurer's Report	Roger Garcia	5 min
Balance = \$7828.28 (pending 4th quarter reimbursement)		
IV. PORAC Officer's Report	Tony Sanders	5 min
Director Sanders began his report by listing several of the associations that are 30+ days delinquent on their PORAC dues. As a reminder, those agencies that are delinquent hold up reimbursements to the chapter. Please make sure your associations pay their dues on time.		

PORAC Directors meeting was held the 11th of this month (January).

The Reed/DeMaio pension reform initiative has not gained traction (fundraising) for a 2016 ballot. Regardless, we need to continue our fundraising to fight pending future ballot measures. Information has it that Reed/DeMaio have tabled their pension reform initiatives until the 2018

ballots; but are free to hold on to all current ballot signatures until then. This allows them to focus on signature gathering for the next 2 years.

Recent *Friedrichs* ruling will affect the ability for some associations to contribute to political fights. The decision in Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association aims to overturn a nearly 40-year precedent which allows the use of “fair share” fees for public sector unions, wherein all union members must pay for the costs associated with collective bargaining and contract administration. Since all workers in unionized workplaces share the benefits of unionization—and since unions are legally compelled to represent all of those workers, which requires use of unions’ financial resources—unions say that workers who choose not to become members of unions must at least pay these fees in order to not become “free riders,” gaining benefits from union representation without paying for them.

The 2016 Death Penalty Initiative appears to be moving forward.

PORAC Active Support for following proposed legislation:

U.S. SB2401 (“Cops on the Beat” Enhancement Bill)

U.S. SB2348 (Rapid DNA Testing)

U.S. SB992 (“Comprehensive Justice and Mental Health Act of 2015)

CA. AB898 “Gonzalez Bill” (Parole Suitability Notice)

Bill would require notice be given to employing agency of LEO or Firefighter that was murdered by the convicted, that the convicted is up for parole.

Legislative Bill for Probation Officer weapons and hi-capacity magazines still in the works.

New proposal/initiative called the “Over-policing rights act of 2016”

Allows people to sue agencies for racial profiling and over-policing in certain areas.

V. President’s Report

Mike McGrew

5 min

Mike McGrew not present.

VI. Committees

A. Insurance and Benefits

Bill Daniels

5 min

Not present. Currently in Sacramento at an I&B meeting

B. Legal Defense Fund

Chris Coulter

5 min

Horse Thief Case (San Bernardino)

At some point there were 10 LDF Panel Attorneys

Deputies arraigned on the 8th.

LDF approved video expert

Feb 22nd Prelim

3 Sheriff’s Custody Deputies from Southern California have been arrested for Murder for an in custody death that occurred in SLO. All 3 out on bail. Preliminary Hearing scheduled for February 29.

DA’s continue to try and take 2nd bite of the apple with respect to criminal allegations against LEO’s.

107653 members

1155 associations

38 States and 2 Territories
\$16.8M assets
4860 calls for service
300+ after hours calls.

Ken Yuwiler (SHS&L)

RE: OIS and video review

Have gone to 2 OIS's recently where both depts did not allow attorneys to view video. Agencies want officers to give voluntary statements. Attorneys stated they would NOT allow officer to give voluntary statements without opportunity to view video Both times, the agency relented.

Santa Barbara Custody Deputy case (Kirsch/Johnson)

State cases dismissed after recent acquittal in federal cases.

Civil cases settled. As part of settlement, approximately \$55k will be paid to LDF by the county to lower the DSA's "experience rating".

SBCDSA driving - course and scope

Deputy recently involved in TC (county vehicle) while out of county to attend training. SB BOS decided that deputy was not acting within course and scope because he was out to eat at the time. **Rule of thumb – Have agency approve in writing that deputy allowed to drive to "X, Y, Z" while in training.

C. Retiree Medical Trust Tony Sanders 5 min

RMT is having a meeting February 22nd in Los Angeles. Meeting with accounting firm.

D. Political Action 5 min

Nothing

VII. Directors' Reports

A. Tri-Counties Director Chris Corbett 5 min

Chris Corbett not present

Mike Durant

Every Chapter has a PORAC director attached to it.

Chris Corbett is the chatter director; Tony Sanders is an at large director because of his association's size. We have not had the TC director at a any mtg since memorial 2014. Mike MCGrew represented Chris at conference in Chris' absence. This chapter is not represented, and has not been for almost 2 years.

MMC Sanders/Roger to remove Chris appoint a replacement until May. Unanimous.

MMC Sanders/Petterson to appoint MCGrew interim Chapter Director. Unanimous.

B. Executive Board Director Tony Sanders 5 min

In 2017, the Annual Conference will be our responsibility (REGION III). It will be held in San Diego.

NOBLE (National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Officers)

Would like to see the 2017 conference be well attended.

VIII. Vice Presidents' Reports

A. San Luis Obispo County 5 min

No report

B. Santa Barbara County Chris Corbett 5 min

Javier Antunez (SBDSA)

Impasse reached with county. Mediation and Fact-finding coming up. We expect the county to impose a contract on us, as we have been working without a contract for almost one year. We have recently hired a PR firm to help us focus on improving our community image and outreach for the next contract.

C. Ventura County Don Douglass 5 min

Thanked OPOA and VPOA for making it. Sent emails out about date change recently. Don has stepped down as president of VCPPOA recently, but will remain as a Tri-Counties PORAC Ventura VP.

Misti Henderson (VPOA)

Contract negotiations; "we remain optimistic". Health costs have skyrocketed. Employees cannot opt out of city's health care unless they sign up for a group plan.

IX. Unfinished Business Mike McGrew 5 min

None

X. New Business

A. David Pollock - Candidate CA Senate District 27

Currently on City Council for Moorpark. Prior School Board Experience. Considers himself a "Moderate Democrat". 27th District is roughly from Moorpark to Encino to Magic Mtn area. Several candidates competing for the seat, but generally "seen" as a race between David Pollock and Henry Stern. Running on a mainly (public) education platform, along with environment and healthcare. Indicated our endorsement is important to him because he has the best shot at being elected. Stated he has done a lot of work with LE. Record of support for LE in Moorpark, and stated he is supportive of pensions. Involved County wide with "CAUSE" (group that fights for social justice). Supports Sheriff Dean's body worn camera initiatives.

Q&A:

Q. Sanders – BWC: What is your position of LEOs being able to view the video prior to writing report?

A. Sounds "crazy" that officers would not be allowed to view before writing reports. Wants reports to be as accurate as possible, so LEOs should be able to view available video right away.

Q. Sanders – What is your feeling on funding to offset the costs of BWC's such as data storage?

A. Believes departments should be provided funding for data storage.

Q. Petterson – Death Penalty initiatives; which do you support?

A. Death penalty is too costly. We need to consider just putting prisoners in prison without parole.

Marijuana Dispensary issues:

"Always thought it was strange that we live in a world where alcohol and tobacco are legal and Marijuana is not. Supportive of decriminalization, but we need to take a sensible approach.

Gun control: Believes current California gun laws are already pretty good, but thinks that ordinary citizens have access to some weapons that they probably should not. Stated we, "need to nibble around the edges of gun control". In favor of universal background checks for gun purchases.

B. Henry Stern - Candidate CA Senate District 27

Currently Senator Fran Pavely's Aid. Grew up locally. Has stopped some "bad bills" while in office. Take very seriously their support of LEOs. Currently has endorsement from ALADS. Supportive of retirement security. LEOs need strong leadership to stand with them in politics. Many family and friends in LE. Public safety and Environmental platform.

Q&A:

Q. Sanders – BWC's; viewing video before report writing.

A. Burden is on opponents of the practice to prove why it is NOT beneficial for video to be viewed beforehand.

Q. Sanders – Will you be supportive of getting us funding for BWC's and associated costs.

A. This is good for LE, and will help with moving forward. If the public wants it, we need to pay for it. Will stand against the Weber Bill.

Q. Petterson – Death penalty bill?

A. Not comfortable with DP so much. There are instances in cases where DP is warranted and appropriate. Not a fan of ballot measures. (7:18) Do not know enough about the language of the ballot measure to speak conclusively, IT is too easy to have a ballot measure and campaign ads. Pro DP, only in egregious circumstances.

Q. Sanders – What is your stance on marijuana decriminalization

A. There needs to be some changes in how we treat those offenses. But those changes have already happened. Skeptical both of the language of the current measure and how the measure will actually result in beneficial changes.

Q. Have you met with any CA LE agencies about the Marijuana Measures?

A. Have met with VC Sheriff Dean, ALADS, and Public Health agencies,

Q. Garcia – Stance on Public Safety Pensions

A. Reed/DeMaio are way off base. 'Not interested in Legislative intervention on contracts and highly supportive of not breaking promises with employees. We should let the latest PEPR work itself out first, and reassess the need for additional reform.

XI. Good of the Chapter

Round Table/Member Comments

Tim Wedemeyer (SVPOA)

BWC's are coming soon. Storage issues currently holding things up. Not hiring any laterals above step 4 (3yr officer step).

Scott Petterson (VCDSA)

BWC pending... waiting on Weber Bill.

Internal issues between VCDA and VSP with morale.

OIS recently in Camarillo. The suspect came within 2-3 feet of a deputy while armed with a knife.

Raul Alarcon (AFLAC)

Anna couldn't be here, is in Sacramento for the I&B mtg.

Realignment taking place in AFLAC at the moment. Recruitment for 4 full time Police Officers to work with AFLAC will take place soon. Not sure what areas will be focused on.

Mike Johnson (OPOA)

Issues with City continue. City cutting lines (FTE's)

Forensic accountant has reviewed the city's finances for last 10 yrs has shown the city has 100+M of available unrestricted funds.

Have been working without a contract for almost 2 years.

Tony Sanders (VCDSA)

PORAC is pushing hard for us to give a recommendation for the senate seat; which we interviewed two candidates for tonight. Sterne appears to be more polished and smooth but younger and less experienced. Sterne also has backing of ALADS, but it may have been a political favor for Fran Pavely. Pollock has been around longer, politically, and goes on ride-alongs with LEO agencies.

Motion by Scott Petterson, and seconded by Javier Antunez, to take a no position until after primary. With no further discussion, the motion passes by unanimous vote of all members present.

~ Adjournment ~

**Next meeting: Monday March 21, 2016
Harbor Restaurant in Santa Barbara, CA.**



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