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INFORMATIONAL HEARING

Goods Movement in California: *What do we need to support a vibrant economy?*

Monday, August 24, 2015
1:30 p.m. ♦ State Capitol, Room 4202

Hearing Participants' Biographies

Brian P. Kelly

Secretary, California State Transportation Agency

On July 1, 2013, Brian P. Kelly was sworn in as the first secretary of the new California State Transportation Agency (CalSTA), which has replaced the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency (BT&H) with a new agency focused solely on transportation. Kelly had previously been running BT&H since March 2012 when Governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. appointed him to lead that agency.

As Acting Secretary, he oversaw 12 departments and several economic development programs and commissions consisting of more than 45,000 employees and a budget of \$18 billion -- a budget larger than most states in the nation.

The new CalSTA portfolio remains one of the largest in the State of California. Its operations address the myriad transportation issues that directly impact the state's economic vitality and quality of life including public safety, construction and maintenance, and intercity and high-speed rail.

Kelly has been at the center of most of the major transportation policy decisions in the state of California for the past decade and a half, having served as chief transportation policy consultant for four successive Senate President pro Tempores.

Kelly was executive staff director for Senate President pro Tempore Darrell Steinberg since 2008. He was executive principal consultant for Senate President pro Tempore Don Perata from 2004 to 2008, principal consultant for Senate President pro Tempore John Burton from 1998 to 2004, and assistant consultant for Senate President pro Tempore Bill Lockyer from 1995 to 1998.

Richard Corey

Executive Officer, California Air Resources Board

Mr. Corey has 28 years of professional experience in the air pollution field with over 20 years of that experience in a management capacity at ARB. Prior to his appointment as Executive Officer, he served as Deputy Executive Officer and Chief of the Stationary Source Division.

Mr. Corey's team of over 1200 professional managers and staff are responsible for a broad range of programs including those concerning fuels, climate, incentives, and air toxics. Some of the key programs that his team is responsible for implementing include the low carbon fuel standard, cap-and-trade regulation, measures and incentives to reduce emissions from a variety of goods movement sources, including port trucking, transport refrigeration units, cargo handling operations, maritime operations, rail-related goods movement, and measures to reduce emissions from stationary and portable diesel engines as well as several strategies to reduce toxic air contaminants from a wide variety of sources. In addition, Mr. Corey oversees the Board's administrative services and information technology operations.

Mr. Corey has an undergraduate degree in Environmental Toxicology as well as an MBA from the University of California, Davis.

Cheryl Viegas-Walker

President, Southern California Association of Governments

Cheryl Viegas-Walker has served on the El Centro City Council since 1997, with three terms as Mayor. As the President of SCAG and Regional Council Member, she represents District 1 including the cities of Brawley, Calexico, Calipatria, El Centro, Holtville, Imperial and Westmorland. She has served as Chair of the Energy & Environment Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee and the Legislative/Communications & Membership Committee. Cheryl is also President of the El Centro Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees; a member of the Workforce Development Board and member of the Imperial Valley Breakfast Rotary Club.

Cheryl's community service extends to many organizations and agencies, including Rotary, the Juvenile Justice Commission, Imperial Valley Food Bank and San Diego State University Dean's Advisory Board (Imperial Valley Campus).

Recently, Ms. Viegas-Walker was hired as Manager of Imperial County's Area Agency on Aging.

Hasan Ikhata

Executive Director, Southern California Association of Governments

Considered one of the preeminent transportation planning experts in the nation, Hasan Ikhata is the Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the largest metropolitan planning organization in the United States. Appointed in January 2008, Mr. Ikhata

has over 25 years of public and private sector experience in Transportation Planning in Southern California. At SCAG Mr. Ikhata implements the policies of an 83-member Regional Council and directs day-to-day operations of the agency. He is credited with being a transformational and unifying leader who has enhanced SCAG's value to member agencies and fostered unprecedented levels of public input and participation in the development of regional transportation plans.

Prior to joining SCAG in 1994, Mr. Ikhata worked for the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA), the South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD); and Mr. Ikhata also worked abroad for the USSR government, Moscow Metro Corporation.

Mr. Ikhata has received several awards and honors from various organizations and agencies including MOVE LA, for Outstanding Leadership as Executive Director of SCAG in preparation of the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. He has also been recognized by the American Society of Public Administration (ASPA), Southern California Leadership Council (SCLC), Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA), Orange County Council of Governments (OCCOG), Orange County Business Council, Orange County Division, League of California Cities, California Legislature 49th District Assembly Resolution by Hon. Mike Eng, City of Los Angeles, State of California Certificate of Recognition, Association of the San Bernardino County Special Districts, Four Corners Transportation Summit, City of Big Bear Lake and numerous others.

Mr. Ikhata holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Civil and Industrial Engineering from Zaporozhye University in the former Soviet Union; a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from UCLA and a PhD Candidacy in Urban Planning and Transportation from USC.

GARY L. GALLEGOS

Executive Director, San Diego Association of Governments

Gary Gallegos is the Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG). He is a nationally recognized expert in transportation, land use, regional public policy making, and bi-national planning and diplomacy.

SANDAG is the leading research, planning, and transportation agency for the San Diego region. The agency builds consensus; makes strategic plans; obtains and allocates resources; plans, engineers, and builds public transportation, and provides information on a broad range of topics pertinent to the region's quality of life. Agency policymakers are elected officials from each of the area's 18 cities and the county.

Mr. Gallegos leads a staff of about 350 professionals who develop public policy initiatives for elected officials on numerous issues encompassing population growth, transportation, environmental management, economic development, municipal finance, binational coordination, and public safety.

Mr. Gallegos' recent accomplishments at SANDAG include overseeing the completion of the Interstate 15 Express Lanes, a \$1.3 billion expressway within a freeway, and spearheading the acquisition of the State Route 125 toll road, commonly known as the South Bay Expressway, for \$341.5 million.

In January of 2003, Mr. Gallegos ushered SANDAG into a new, expanded role. State Senate Bill 1703 consolidated the responsibilities of SANDAG with many of the functions of the Metropolitan Transit

Development Board and the North County Transit Development Board, allowing SANDAG to assume regional transit planning, funding allocation, project development, and eventually construction.

In 2004, Mr. Gallegos led the charge to extend TransNet, a regional half-cent sales tax for transportation; 67 percent of county voters approved the extension. Administered by SANDAG, the original 20-year TransNet program generated \$3.3 billion to fund highway, transit, and local road projects. The 40-year TransNet extension will raise another \$14 billion for similar improvements. Gallegos also led the effort to create the TransNet Early Action Program, which focuses on jump-starting construction of the top priority transportation projects and programs identified in the Regional Transportation Plan.
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Most recently, Mr. Gallegos has worked with partner agencies toward securing the federal and state approvals necessary to create a third international border crossing in San Diego County – Otay Mesa East – and a short connecting highway. SANDAG will administer a toll that will generate funds to pay for the facility.

In addition, Mr. Gallegos is the Chief Executive Officer of the SANDAG Service Bureau, the nonprofit public benefit corporation chartered by SANDAG.

Prior to joining SANDAG in 2001, Mr. Gallegos held the position of District Director for Caltrans District 11, covering San Diego and Imperial Counties. Mr. Gallegos holds a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of New Mexico. He is a registered civil engineer.

David Libatique

Senior Director, Government Affairs, Port of Los Angeles

David Libatique joined the Port of Los Angeles in January 2011 as senior director of government affairs, where he oversees the Port's engagement with local, regional, state, federal, and international levels of government.

Prior to joining the Port, Libatique served as Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's director of energy policy, where he was responsible for advancing the Mayor's environmental policies at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. Before assuming that role, he served as the Mayor's senior policy analyst, and acted as a liaison with the Port of Los Angeles, where he advanced the Mayor's Green Growth policies, including the Clean Air Action Plan and Clean Truck Program.

Before joining the Villaraigosa Administration, Libatique served as senior deputy for Councilmember Martin Ludlow, where he led policy development and legislative strategies to reform City of Los Angeles anti-gang efforts.

Libatique has extensive experience in economic research, including working as a research analyst at the World Health Organization in Geneva, Switzerland. There, he was a part of Working Group VI of the Commission on Macroeconomics and Health that analyzed the economic impact of investment in improved health outcomes for poor and middle-income countries.

Libatique holds a bachelor of arts in economics from the University of California, Berkeley and a master of public policy from Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government. He lives in Los Angeles, Calif.

Mike Jacob

Vice President and General Counsel, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

Mike Jacob is Vice President & General Counsel to the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association, an independent, not-for-profit maritime trade association with offices in Oakland, Long Beach and Seattle and represents owners and operators of US and foreign-flagged ocean-going vessels, marine terminal operators, tug and barge operators, cruise ship lines, and steamship agents, operating on the West Coast.

Mike joined PMSA in 2005, and as Vice President and General Counsel he manages legal, public, and regulatory affairs for the Association. He regularly appears before state, local and federal governmental bodies in various administrative and legislative capacities, and in state and federal courts on behalf of PMSA and its members.

Prior to joining PMSA, he was Managing Member of a government affairs and campaign consulting firm in Oakland from 1999-2005, with clients including the Bay Area Rapid Transit District and Port of Oakland. In 2003, Mike served the Port of Oakland as Acting Manager of Government Affairs.

Previously, Mike worked for the California State Legislature in several capacities, including as Chief Consultant to the Assembly Information Technology Committee, as Legislative Director to Assemblymembers John Dutra (D-Fremont) and Elaine Alquist (D-Santa Clara) and briefly as an aide to Senator Alfred Alquist (D-Santa Clara). Prior to working in the Legislature, he was a contributor to the Silicon Valley Business Journal

Mike is a member of the Alameda County Planning Commission, serving as Chair on three occasions since his appointment in 2003. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Satellite Affordable Housing Associates, a non-profit developer of award-winning affordable housing throughout Northern California, and its predecessor Affordable Housing Associates, since 2007. He also co-founded and maintains the cancer research fundraising website, FathersDayFund.org.

Mike holds a JD from the University of California, Hastings College of the Law and a BA in Economics from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a member of the California State Bar, United States Supreme Court Bar, and the Maritime Law Association of the United States. Mike lives in Oakland with his wife and daughter.

R.J. Cervantes,

Director of Legislative Affairs, California Trucking Association

RJ Cervantes is the Director of Legislative Affairs for the California Trucking Association. Previous to his time at the Trucking Association, RJ lived and worked in Portland, Oregon where he served in a few as Policy & Constituent Relations Liaison for Multnomah County Commissioner Deborah Kafoury and as a Government Relations Representative for the Portland Business Alliance. RJ got his start in the policy arena by working for longtime transportation advocate Congressman Earl Blumenauer. A native of Chico, California RJ holds a BA in Political Science from the University of Portland.

Liisa Lawson Stark

Director of Public Affairs, Union Pacific Railroad Company

Liisa L. Stark is the Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific Railroad Company for Northern California and Nevada. She oversees the company's legislative affairs and community relations programs in both states, as well as community and philanthropic endeavors on behalf of America's largest class one freight railroad.

Prior to joining Union Pacific, Liisa was a lobbyist specializing in transportation issues at the federal and state levels which resulted in securing millions of dollars in funding for large infrastructure projects on behalf of local agencies.

From 2003-2008, Liisa was a legislative representative working on local government issues at the League of California Cities, where she represented city interests to the Governor, Legislature, state agencies and commissions in the areas of transportation and public safety. Liisa also directed policy development in these areas.

Liisa began her career in 1999 as a communications analyst at the Cities, Counties & Schools Partnership, where she worked for five years on coordinating inter-governmental collaboration and joint planning among California's cities, counties and schools.

Liisa currently serves as a board member for the Roseville Chamber of Commerce, Fueling California, and the Nevada Taxpayers Association and is an advisory member of the Cleaner Air Partnership.

Weston LeBar

Executive Director, Harbor Trucking Association

Weston LaBar is an entrepreneur and government affairs professional with more than a decade of experience overseeing the government affairs for a variety of trade associations. After spending three years as the Director of Government Affairs for PMAR, he moved to Long Beach, CA in early 2012 and founded PEAR Strategies, a full service public affairs and digital strategy firm.

His experience working with more than a dozen trade associations led to the Harbor Trucking Association retaining him as the Executive Director starting in January 2015. As Executive Director, Weston works with each of the organizations committees. He also leads the advocacy and public relations efforts for the HTA, serving as the chief lobbyist and spokesperson on matters of public policy.