Meeting of the Legislative Subcommittee of the Low Income Oversight Board

**Friday, August 11th, 2017**

1:00pm -3:00pm

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Members of the Legislative Subcommittee:

Jose Atilio Hernandez, Benito Delgado-Olson, and Jason Wimbley

California Department of Community Services and Development (CSD)

Shriver Room

2389 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 100

Sacramento, CA 95833

Alternate Public Teleconference Location:

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| Board Member Benito Delgado-Olson  SupplyBank.Org  (1st Floor Main Conference Center)  7730 Pardee Lane  Oakland, CA 94621 |

Draft Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome/Introductions  - Subcommittee Chair

**Board Members:** Board Members Jason Wimbley, Jose Atilio Hernandez (CSD location) and Benito Delgado-Olson (participating via conference- Quorum established)

**Participants:** Zaida Amaya, CPUC; Matt Lewis, PG&E Representative; Savanna Riley, Ideate

**Teleconference Participants:** Gabriella Sandoval, Utility Reform Network; Emma Ponco, SoCalGas;

**Motion:** Motion to appoint Board Member Hernandez as the LIOB Legislative Subcommittee Chair, moved by Board Member Hernandez, seconded by Board Member Wimbley (Yes vote by roll call, Board Members Wimbley, Delgado-Olson and Hernandez)

1. Review of Guiding Principles for Sub Committee

The purpose of the Legislative subcommittee is to have a deeper discussion on Legislative bills and to have a more structured framework around Legislation. Once the subcommittee reviews and discusses the bills of interest, the subcommittee will prepare a list of recommended Bills for the full Board to review and provide recommendations. Once the Board takes action on the suggested Bills, the Board will then advice the CPUC on the Board’s recommendations on pending Legislation that might impact any programs under the LIOB’s statue. The Legislative subcommittee will create a timeline/process to ensure promptness, and to meet deadlines. Chairman Hernandez noted that individual Board members are not precluded from providing input on any Legislative bills, as long as they don’t use the mantra of the LIOB. For future Legislative sessions, the Legislative subcommittee will ask Board members to provide them with input on any Bills that might be of interest to the LIOB and that may affect the low income community. For each presented Bill the Legislative subcommittee will take position to either: Support, Oppose; Neutral; No Action; Watch, if more information is required, individual Board members can reach out to the author for clarification.

1. LIOB Presentation on recommended bills
   1. \*[**AB 523**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB523)(Reyes)

Comments/discussion from the Leg Subcommittee: The LIOB is always interested in increasing access for underserved communities and funding that benefit residents of low-income or disadvantaged communities.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Support***

* 1. \*[**AB 797**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB797)(Irwin)

Comments/discussion from Leg Subcommittee:

Board Member Wimbley suggested an update from the IOU’s on how the CSI program is performing, particularly in renewable energy programs with earmarks for low income, as there are issues and challenges that need to be identified. CSD has attempted to leverage these resources within its programs, and as a result, there has been an increase in utilization of low-income CSI financial incentives. Chairman Hernandez will follow up with the author for additional information. The Legislative subcommittee recommended for this item to be included in a future LIOB meeting.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Neutral***

* 1. \*[**AB 803**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB803)(Quirk)

Comments/discussion from Leg Subcommittee: Board Member Delgado-Olson expressed concern about the transitions of the LINA from a 3 year to a 5 year study. He suggested discussing this issue with the full Board and Energy Division to clarify the role the LIOB plays on the LINA, on whether it advises or oversees the LINA report. There was also a question on how the CPUC communicates proposed changes to the LINA, other stakeholders and decision makers, and whether or not the LIOB is included. Chairman Hernandez will follow up with the author for additional information and for clarification on the intended language.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Support***

* 1. \*[**AB 1082**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1082)(Burke)

Comments/discussion from Leg Subcommittee: Chairman Hernandez questioned the origin of the funds and how does it connect with prop 98 funds, he will follow up and provide an update.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Support***

* 1. \*[**SB 598**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB598)(Hueso)

Comments/discussion from Leg Subcommittee: Background, the IOU’s agreed to a moratorium on service disconnections beginning December 21, 2009, through January 3, 2010. Edison subsequently extended their moratorium to January 21, 2010. During this time, customers did not have their electric or natural gas service disconnected for non-payment.

Ms. Gabriela Sandoval from TURN commented that there were over 868,000 shut-offs in 2016 and numbers continue to rise and that communities that are medically vulnerable should not be shut-off, and that there needs to be a more humane way for the utilities to recover revenue as opposed to shutting people off. There has not been a discussion about basic need or amount of energy that can be allocated to individuals as they try to pay off their bills.

Chairman Hernandez offered to be the point of contact/resource on this issue. Board Member Delgado-Olson commented that the utilities will be providing a new granular report in relation to penetration rates by zip code; he will suggest adding disconnections to the report. There also a need to look at the resources that are available to assist the customer. The Leg subcommittee recommends for this to be a continual discussion at a future LIOB meeting and work with state holders and utilities on how to address this issue.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Support***

* 1. \*\*[**AB 1070**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1070) (Gonzalez-Fletcher)

Comments/discussion from Leg Subcommittee: Board Member Wimbley commented that solar penetrating to low income and disadvantaged communities continues to be a challenge and that the LIOB need to start thinking about the impacted communities as it comes to the evolution of new technologies and renewable energy systems.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Support***

* 1. \*\*[**SB 700**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB700) (Wiener)

Comments/discussion from Leg Subcommittee: This a 2 year Bill, the Legislative subcommittee will monitor this Bill. If necessary Board Member Hernandez will invite the author for more information.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: No Position required at this time – Standing Item***

* 1. \*\*[**SB 692**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180SB692) (Allen)

Comments/discussion from Leg Subcommittee: This is a study Bill which deals with the cost shifting. Is there a cost shifting element that is going to negatively impact low income, and who is going to ultimately be left paying some of the legacy charges? The Legislative Subcommittee will keep monitoring this Bill study and keep the LIOB informed on any new developments.

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Neutral – Study Bill***

* 1. \*\*[**AB 1431**](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201720180AB1431) (Arambula)

***LIOB Legislative Subcommittee position: Held Bill***

1. Public comment

No additional comments were offered.

1. Conclusion/Next steps

Due to the time constraints, the Legislative Subcommittee will submit today’s recommendations to Commissioner Rechtschaffen’s office, collectively with the full LIOB. The LIOB will take a formal vote at the September 27th, 2017 LIOB meeting.

For the next Legislative Session, the Legislative subcommittee plans to meet early next year, once the Bills are introduced and provide recommendations to the CPUC by April 2018.

Board Member Wimbley mentioned that due to his position with CSD, he will abstain from taking any formal position on Legislation, but will continue to serve to provide his expertise and comments.

It was agreed that the Legislative subcommittee has to have a consensus on the Bills, if there is no consensus, the Legislative subcommittee will seek more information from the author to clarify any issues and consult with the full LIOB.

\*Bills of Interest from OGA

\*\*Bills recommended from LIOB