

Memorandum 2017-41

Meeting Schedule

As noted at the Commission's August meeting, the terms of Commissioners Capozzola and Kihiczak are ending on September 30 and they have not applied for reappointment to another term. Commissioner Miller O'Brien's term is also ending and it is not clear whether she will be serving another term.

It is not known whether the Governor will be able to make appointments to fill the resulting vacancies before the Commission's December meeting. If not, the composition of the Commission will tilt substantially toward the north. Commissioner King might be the only Commissioner from the Los Angeles area.

Because of that shift, it may make sense to change the location of the December meeting.

The staff had considered Burbank as a possible meeting location, but the most convenient Burbank meeting facility is fully booked. **If the Commission wishes, the staff will look for alternative venues in Burbank.**

The other possibility would be to move the meeting to Sacramento. The advantages and disadvantages of such a move are discussed below.

Advantages

There are two significant advantages to meeting in Sacramento in December:

- The costs and delay associated with air and surface travel would be greatly reduced.
- The Commission's law student externs would be able to present memoranda in the study that they are staffing. They will not have enough material prepared to make a meaningful presentation at the September meeting. They do not have the resources to travel to Los Angeles to make a presentation.

Disadvantages

There are two significant disadvantages to meeting in Sacramento in December:

- It is not clear whether the Commission's legislative members, Assembly Member Chau and Senator Roth, could easily attend a

Sacramento meeting. The Legislature will not be in session on December 1, so both legislative members are likely to be in their southern California districts at that time. This could affect the Commission's ability to establish a quorum, which could be critical if final recommendations are ready for approval at the December meeting. This issue could be moot, if the legislative members are unable to attend regardless of the meeting's location. **The staff will inquire about that and report back orally.**

- Because the Commission serves the entire state, it is desirable to meet in a variety of locations. Moving the meeting to Sacramento would undermine that goal.

Commission Decision

Should the staff look for other meeting venues in Burbank? If such venues are unavailable, should the meeting be moved from Los Angeles to Sacramento?

How would the Commission like to proceed?

Respectfully submitted,

Brian Hebert
Executive Director