# APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING

## CALIFORNIA LAW REVISION COMMISSION

# APRIL 9, 2015

#### **SACRAMENTO**

A meeting of the California Law Revision Commission was held in Sacramento on April 9, 2015.

#### **Commission:**

*Present:* Victor King, Chairperson

Crystal Miller-O'Brien, Vice Chairperson Diane F. Boyer-Vine, Legislative Counsel

Damian Capozzola Xochitl Carrion

Assembly Member Ed Chau Judge Patricia Cowett (Ret.)

Taras Kihiczak Susan Duncan Lee

Absent: None

**Staff:** Brian Hebert, Executive Director

Barbara Gaal, Chief Deputy Counsel

Kristin Burford, Staff Counsel Steve Cohen, Staff Counsel

**Consultants:** None

#### **Other Persons:**

Lazaro Cardenas, Office of Assembly Member Ed Chau

Edmundo Cuevas, Office of Assembly Member Ed Chau

Andrew Doan

Lawrence Doyle, Conference of California Bar Associations

Rachel Erlich, Ehrlich Mediation

James Ewert, California Newspaper Publishers Association

Daniel Felizzatto, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office

Robert Flack, California Dispute Resolution Council

Barbara Gill

Amelia Green, Stanford Law School

Ron Kelly

Janet Martinez, Stanford Law School

Nicole Moore, California Newspaper Publishers Association

Jordan Rice, Stanford Law School

Paul Rieker Harold Thomas, Butte County District Attorney's Office John S. Warnlof, California Dispute Resolution Council

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#### APPROVAL OF ACTIONS TAKEN

Unless otherwise indicated, the Commission decisions noted in these Minutes were approved by all members present at the meeting. If a member voted against a particular decision, abstained from voting, or was not present when the decision was made, that fact will be noted in connection with the affected decision.

#### MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 12, 2015, COMMISSION MEETING

Memorandum 2015-7 presented a draft of the Minutes of the February 12, 2015, Commission meeting. The Commission approved the Minutes without change. (Commissioner Carrion abstained; Commissioners Boyer-Vine, Chau, and Kihiczak were not present when the decision was made.)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

#### **Report of Executive Director**

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18 19 The Executive Director reported on the following matters:

• Former Commissioner Forrest Plant died on February 20, 2015, at the age of 90. Mr. Plant was remembered and honored for his excellent service as a member of the Commission, which was distinguished by his high degree of diligence, intelligence, and personal warmth.

- Chairman King and the Executive Director attended an event, organized by common interest development stakeholder groups, that recognized and honored the Commission for its work to recodify the Davis-Stirling Common Interest Development Act.
- The facilities contract with King Hall School of Law is up for renewal.

The Commission also discussed ways in which the Commission could further improve its collaboration with King Hall School of Law. The Commission authorized the staff to take any of the following actions:

- Assign law student employees relatively modest and uncontroversial law reform projects, within the Commission's study authority. When this work is included within a recommendation, the staff should look for opportunities to allow student employees to assist in supporting implementing legislation.
- Hold a reception for King Hall law students at the beginning of each academic year, to encourage interest in working for the Commission and to discuss careers in the lawmaking process.
- Expand the current practice of holding one meeting per year in the law school, to holding two meetings per year in that location. The staff will raise this issue more formally in a memorandum prepared for the June 2015 meeting. The staff will also investigate the feasibility of broadcasting these meetings over the Internet.
- (Commissioners Boyer-Vine, Chau, and Kihiczak were not present when these decisions were made.)

#### **Open Government Laws**

The Commission considered Memorandum 2015-8, discussing open government laws applicable to the Commission.

The Commission made the following decisions regarding the public reporting of votes:

- The Minutes will include a general statement along the lines proposed at the top of page 7 of the memorandum. If any Commissioner votes against a particular decision, abstains from voting, or is not present when the decision is made, that fact will be noted in connection with the affected decision.
- Rule 2.4.5 of the Commission's *Handbook of Practices and Procedures* will be revised as proposed on page 7 of the memorandum.
- (Commissioners Boyer-Vine, Chau, and Kihiczak were not present when these decisions were made.)

1	2013 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM			
2	The Commission considered Memorandum 2015-9, reporting on the			
3	Commission's 2015 legislative program.			
4	The Commission assented to the differences between AB 139 (Gatto) and the			
5	Commission's recommendation on Revocable Transfer on Death (TOD) Deed, 36			
6	Cal. L. Revision Comm'n Reports 103 (2006), and approved conforming revisions			
7	to the Commission's Comments. (Commissioners Boyer-Vine, Chau, and Kihicza			
8	were not present when these decisions were made.)			
9	STUDY G-300 — STATE AND LOCAL AGENCY ACCESS TO CUSTOMER			
10	Information from Communication Service Providers			
11	The Commission considered Memorandum 2015-10 and its First and Second			
12	Supplements, presenting and discussing a staff draft tentative report.			
13	The Commission approved circulation of the draft as a tentative report, with			
14	a public comment deadline of June 15. The Commission made one change to the			
15	content of the report. The sentence beginning on page 1, line 30, was revised to			
16	insert a word, as shown in underscore below:			
17 18 19	In addition, this report does not address access to information through discovery in a civil, criminal, or administrative adjudicative proceeding.			
20	(Commissioner Boyer-Vine was not present when these decisions were made.)			
21	STUDY J-1314 — TRIAL COURT UNIFICATION: PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICE			
22	The Commission considered Memorandum 2015-11, presenting a draft of			
23	proposed legislation using the "City Plus" model to describe districts. No			
24	Commission action was required or taken. The staff will prepare a draft tentative			
25	recommendation for consideration at the June meeting.			
26	Study K-402 — Relationship Between Mediation Confidentiality and			
27	ATTORNEY MALPRACTICE AND OTHER MISCONDUCT			
28	The Commission considered Memorandum 2015-4 (further discussion of			
29	federal law), Memorandum 2015-5 (empirical data), and Memorandum 2015-13			
30	(public comment). Paul Rieker submitted written materials at the meeting. No			
31	Commission action was required or taken			

### STUDY R-100 — FISH AND GAME LAW

The Commission considered Memorandum 2015-12, discussing the Commission's study of fish and game law.

The Commission made the following decisions:

- At appropriate intervals, the staff will post cumulative drafts of the proposed Fish and Wildlife Code on the Commission's website. The drafts will not be distributed in hard copy form. The availability of these drafts will be noted, as appropriate, in staff memoranda. (Commissioners Chau and Kihiczak were not present when those decisions were made.)
- At appropriate intervals, the staff will post lists of proposed Fish and Wildlife Code provisions that assign duties and grant authority to an agency. The lists will not be distributed in hard copy form. The availability of these lists will be noted, as appropriate, in staff memoranda. (Commissioner Chau was not present when those decisions were made.)
- The organizational structure set out on pages 7-8 of the memorandum was approved. (Commissioner Chau was not present when that decision was made.)
- In general, provisions that govern multiple types of animals should be duplicated, with the copies distributed to the parts of the proposed Fish and Wildlife Code that relate to the affected types of animals (with any appropriate adjustments to the content of the duplicated provision). (Commissioner Chau was not present when that decision was made.)
- The Comments in this study should generaly not list technical changes that would be made to the former law. (*Commissioner Chau was not present when that decision was made.*)

☐ APPROVED AS SUBMITTED	Date
APPROVED AS CORRECTED (for corrections, see Minutes of next meeting)	Chairperson
	Executive Director