

BEFORE THE
CALIFORNIA CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

In the matter of
Full Commission Business Meeting

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APPEARANCES

Commissioners Present

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Gabino T. Aguirre

Angelo Ancheta

Vincent Barabba

Cynthia Dai

Michelle DiGuilio

Stanley Forbes

Connie Galambos Malloy

M. Andre Parvenu

Jeanne Raya

Michael Ward

Peter Yao

Commissioners Absent

Maria Blanco

Jodie Filkins Webber

Staff Present

Dan Claypool, Executive Director

Kirk Miller, Legal Counsel

Rob Wilcox, Communications Director

Janeece Sargis, Administrative Assistant

Deborah Davis, Budget Officer

Lisa Halterman

APPEARANCES (CONT.)

Also Present

Public Comment

Jim Wright

Laura Choate

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P R O C E E D I N G S

CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. So, I think we're ready. Let me convene our full CRC Commission meeting. It is 9:15, I believe.

So, first up we'd like to ask anyone from the public if you'd like to come up and speak on any issue that's not on the agenda. Please come up.

Mahalo. Now, I was trying to find a smaller cup, where did you find that?

(Laughter)

MR. WRIGHT: Good morning, Commissioners. I brought that one from home.

For people that didn't see, I had a red cup I was holding up.

Good morning. I wanted to tell you that last Saturday I went to the training session that was held in Fresno. Karen and Nicole managed the session and presented a lot of information to about 20 people.

It was very interesting and very appropriate for what they're trying to do.

I talked to several of the people afterwards and you can expect an audience when you get to Hanford, okay, these people are very interested in giving you some information.

They also handed out this booklet, which has been

1 published by the -- the group down in Orange County, I
2 forget the name of them. Which is interesting, it doesn't
3 have a great deal of information, but it's useful as a
4 resource to tell you where to go get things.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, is that the same
6 brochure that --

7 MR. WRIGHT: Yeah, you're going to use the same
8 brochure, fantastic. Okay. It was a good session.

9 Thank you, thought you ought to know that.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you.

11 Anyone else? Okay, we'll start with our advisory
12 committee reports.

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Roll call.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, I'm sorry. Let's have a
15 roll call. Janeece?

16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
17 Aguirre?

18 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Here.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
20 Ancheta?

21 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Here.

22 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
23 Barabba?

24 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Here.

25 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

1 Blanco?
2 Commissioner Dai?
3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Here.
4 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
5 DiGuilio?
6 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Here.
7 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
8 Filkins Webber?
9 Commissioner Forbes?
10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Here.
11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
12 Galambos Malloy?
13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Here.
14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
15 Ontai?
16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Here.
17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
18 Parvenu?
19 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Here.
20 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
21 Raya?
22 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Here.
23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
24 Ward?
25 COMMISSIONER WARD: Here.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner
2 Yao?

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: Here.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: A quorum is
5 present.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you, Janeece.

7 Okay, so our second agenda item are reports from
8 the advisory committees, and we'll start with the Legal
9 Advisory Committee. So, let's see who that will be?
10 Commissioner Ancheta.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Good morning. We did
12 cover, yesterday, the discussion we had regarding the
13 disclosures of Gibson Dunn, and that took up a fair amount
14 of time in our committee meeting.

15 But we did cover a couple of other matters. One,
16 I'll ask Mr. Miller to give you some more specifics on
17 this, we did have a discussion of the current status of
18 the Q2 contract and, in particular the firewalling
19 provisions, and the wordage regarding Professor Cain's
20 status.

21 And Mr. Miller, can you fill us in?

22 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Sure. At the request
23 of the Commission we included language in the Q2 contract
24 that specifies that Mr. Cain will not be involved in any
25 way, whatsoever, with Q2's work on behalf of the

1 Commission.

2 And also have included language that specifies
3 that employees of Q2 will work within the same parameters
4 as the Commissioners, themselves, with respect to
5 discussing redistricting issues outside of a public
6 meeting, and specifically public meetings with the
7 Commission.

8 Now, that is a little bit tricky because the --
9 all or most of the employees of Q2 are also associated
10 with the State Database and have certain speaking
11 responsibilities associated with that work that encompass
12 the concept of redistricting.

13 And so what we've tried to do, working with them,
14 is tailor that language so that they are free to discuss
15 what's in the database, and the approach to redistricting,
16 how to give input, those general concepts that we really
17 want people to be aware of.

18 But not talk about how lines would be drawn with
19 respect to any particular district, which is the area that
20 we want to be very cautious about limiting to this
21 particular public forum.

22 And one other fact, interestingly, internal to Q2,
23 Mr. Cain has decided to leave that organization
24 altogether. So, in some respects that changes the purpose
25 of where we started with this language was to remove him

1 from the process, and by leaving the company I think he's
2 taking care of that.

3 Nonetheless, the language that you requested has
4 been agreed to and will appear in the contract.

5 Does that satisfy your --

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and if there are any
7 questions for Mr. Miller at this point, he can entertain
8 them.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So is there some action you
10 want to take?

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I don't think we need an
12 action, it's more of a report of the staff. We'd already
13 adopted a motion, previously, regarding the firewall.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: There's a couple other
16 matters that we covered and we had a little bit of
17 discussion regarding -- I think it was a proposal that
18 Commissioner Filkins Webber had proposed earlier, but we
19 didn't quite -- since she wasn't present, we weren't quite
20 able to get our hands around all of it.

21 But it was a concern that had been raised
22 regarding the Commission -- Commissioner's access to
23 certain types of online software and certain websites in
24 terms of specifically the Advancement Project, I think
25 Healthy Cities website.

1 And I don't know if any other Commissioner here
2 had a similar -- because we can simply push it back until
3 the next committee meeting and we can get Commissioner
4 Filkins Webber to collaborate more on it.

5 And then the last major thing that we covered had
6 to do with VRA -- Voter Act Right compliance and the need
7 for a technical consultant.

8 Now, the Technical Committee didn't get to this
9 issue in its meeting. However, we did have some
10 discussion regarding what we think the needs will be for
11 VRA compliance and the need to get some racially polarized
12 data and some analysis by a consultant.

13 One thing that did come out of our discussion of
14 the Legal Committee was simply asking Mr. Miller to work
15 with Gibson Dunn regarding what the legal standard should
16 be, or what they would determine to be the legal standards
17 for a redistricting body to conduct this kind of analysis.

18 Normally, when you're doing litigation, this is a
19 key part of the case if plaintiffs are suing under Section
20 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

21 We're in a different position because we're
22 drawing the lines and not necessarily trying to litigate a
23 case, but you still have to have some -- some degree of
24 analysis in order to actually sort of say, well, this is a
25 Section 2 type of problem, or if there's a majority

1 minority district that will be drawn here, here are the
2 various data that will justify it.

3 My sense is that we will get some of that
4 information from testimony and submission of maps. It may
5 not be a complete analysis or be all that we need, so I
6 think there's still -- we still feel there's a need for an
7 ongoing -- and ongoing need for a consultant at this
8 point.

9 But I think we wanted to make sure that we got the
10 right level of analysis and what the appropriate legal
11 requirements would be.

12 So, Mr. Miller is going to work with Gibson Dunn
13 on getting that information to us.

14 Do we have anything else beyond that, just sort
15 of -- I think we wanted to move forward on the -- at least
16 on the development of a --

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That was it, we thought that
18 the staff should start getting this person or persons
19 identified and potentially hired because of the length of
20 time it takes to get a contract in place. We really
21 didn't want to wait because we thought it might be way too
22 far down the road before we actually hired somebody, so
23 we've encouraged the staff to take a look at this.

24 And then we also turned it over to the Technical
25 Committee to create great standards.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

2 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and I don't think
3 this is a motion on the floor, simply a direction to staff
4 to start sort of the process and investigating and --
5 yeah, and work with Gibson Dunn, and perhaps with Q2 as
6 well in terms of what the needs would be, and then
7 starting to get the whole bid process going for going that
8 route.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And then, Commissioner
10 Ancheta, we had also talked about -- we don't have any
11 business meetings in the next two months, so we thought
12 about -- because of the 14-day noticing, that we might
13 want to --

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: You said two
15 months, I think you meant two weeks.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sorry, two weeks. So would
17 that be enough time for you to -- is that something that
18 requires the Commission to look at?

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: A two-week time
20 period for the next session?

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, we can do
23 that. But may we suggest that we have a contact with
24 the -- someone with the Advisory Committee, perhaps
25 Commissioner Ancheta, that we can work this -- that we can

1 take this statement of work through and perfect it in time
2 to present it to the Commission.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that all right with you?

4 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Sure, as long as the
5 leads for each of those committees are okay with that. I
6 think Commissioner DiGuilio is the Technical lead and
7 then --

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: I feel like I'm so short that
10 I have to reach over to the microphone to --

11 (Laughter)

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Perhaps, as a matter of
13 standard operating procedure we should put in every week,
14 during one of the outreach meetings, to have an
15 opportunity to conduct Commission business, so that we
16 don't really have to tie ourselves to the two-week
17 schedule.

18 I know we have to have at least 14 days for the
19 next one, but perhaps we can do that so we don't have to
20 address the --

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, I think that would be
22 safe. We don't have to follow up, but at least we've got
23 that requirement for the 14-day notice.

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So just for a
25 point of clarification, then we will go -- right now we're

1 going every two weeks, but we'll go ahead in between and
2 we'll take one of those days, perhaps a Thursday or
3 whatever day that we're meeting, the first day, and we'll
4 go ahead and make sure that we agendize that for any
5 Commission business so that we can follow on.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: What do you guys think?

7 COMMISSIONER YAO: I would perhaps take a day in
8 the middle so that if people miss the first day, and they
9 plan to participate, that they'll be there.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: My suggestion is actually we
12 just agendize every day because we can always cancel it.
13 I mean, we have a problem with, you know, not having the
14 flexibility and I think we need to maximize our
15 flexibility because we're going to be making a lot of
16 decisions and it would be a shame to not take advantage of
17 the fact that most of the time all of us are going to be
18 together. And then not to be able to meet about the
19 issues, I think would be quite frustrating for the
20 Commission.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: It will be an
22 issue with the venues. Right now we've actually, for the
23 two-week spread, we've picked venues that will allow the
24 long, the six hours before and then -- so we're going to
25 run into some venues that simply won't accommodate us, but

1 we'll do what we can.

2 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I have my red cup up.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes, of course.

4 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I mean, I'm basically with
5 Commissioner Dai that we should agendize as many as we
6 can. But I do think it's important that we do it on a
7 Thursday. I mean at least not on the last day of the
8 week, if we can only do once, because I would like to have
9 the staff to have the opportunity to what we do, to what
10 we suggest. And if they do it on a Friday, then they
11 won't have the opportunity until the following Monday to
12 do something.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Commissioner Yao?

14 COMMISSIONER YAO: As far as the business
15 meeting is concerned what I had in mind is not to have a
16 full-blown six-hour type of business meeting, but maybe
17 allow one hour before the event or after the event to
18 allow us to discuss the business.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Oh, I see.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, so would that --

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And it can be just
22 tacked on, right.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

24 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Oh, I was just saying
25 if you could tack it on, I mean to that meeting, it

1 doesn't have to be a whole day's things, but it gives us
2 the flexibility to have a discussion, even if it's for an
3 hour.

4 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai?

6 COMMISSIONER DAI: -- I mean we actually spent a
7 lot of time developing, you know, the generic schedule
8 before we knew what business items, you know, we were
9 going to discuss and I think we should just use that kind
10 of high-level schedule that would allow, potentially, even
11 committees to meet. I mean it may be very short, we just
12 need a chance to be able to talk to each other and then we
13 can -- I mean, hopefully, the 14 days before we will have
14 a better idea of whether we're going to need that meeting
15 or not, but at least that gives us the flexibility. We
16 can always cancel it a few days beforehand.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Short meetings, business
18 meetings, perhaps at all of our venues to give us that
19 flexibility to meet anything that comes up that was not
20 necessarily --

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Without the
22 benefit of a red cup, I think --

23 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: I really feel very
24 tongue tied without a red cup.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I'll loan you mine.

1 (Laughter)

2 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Well, we can stake
3 out, if you will, the broadest terms that we can, but I
4 think it's useful to keep in mind the spirit of Bagley-
5 Keene, which is trying to give people a sense of it is
6 that's actually going to occur at a meeting.

7 And when you think about the fact that we do
8 have four days of meetings already plugged in every month,
9 perhaps we could be a little more strategic and identify
10 one day in between, as opposed to every day, where we
11 actually will have that meeting.

12 It's hard to imagine at this point a real
13 emergency that would require the ability to meet every day
14 that the Commissioner is formed together for public
15 hearings.

16 And I think it would facilitate things like the
17 arrangement of streaming earlier, if we want to maintain
18 that practice, if we've actually had some certainty the
19 Commission was going to meet.

20 So, I'd just ask that you consider choosing a
21 day, rather than trying to agendize each day and I think
22 that would permit us to be more -- express more certainty
23 about the subject matter if we did it that, rather than
24 comprehensively covering each day the Commission's
25 meeting.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So a more balanced approach.
2 Okay. Is there a suggestion then, along that line?

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: I think Commissioner Forbes'
4 suggestion is fine, let's pick, you know, kind of a day or
5 two. I would actually suggest two days just because
6 sometimes we get information in a meeting and we're not
7 able to digest it until we've had a chance to look at it,
8 and sometimes it would be nice to be able to think about
9 something and be able to meet the next day.

10 That would just be a suggestion that we try to
11 actually meet two days.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So, Commissioner
13 Forbes, would you repeat that again?

14 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Well, my suggestion was
15 that we certainly meet on a Thursday, so I would say that
16 we notice the Thursday and Friday meetings.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thursday and Friday
18 meetings.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, right. And that
20 would give us an opportunity of Thursday and let the staff
21 operate.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And this is to the extent
24 we can, that the facilities allow it.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Would that be a good

1 balance?

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly. And
3 again, it's going to depend on the facility. But we can
4 always, after the end of the input meeting, we can always
5 add it on, knowing that that may be very, very late in the
6 evening when we are adding it on, and that it will create
7 some problems with the language, but we'll work with Kirk
8 on that.

9 But so every -- so I understand, we want to
10 agendize every week Thursday and Friday, or whatever days
11 that you are meeting, because you're not always meeting on
12 a Thursday and Friday. Okay.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Uh-hum.

14 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Just perhaps this
15 is redundant, but if we could just reconfirm that those
16 days which are presently marked for business meetings
17 would be the principal meetings that we will -- we know
18 we're going to have a business meeting on those days and
19 we'll really work our agenda around those already so-
20 identified, and the new ones are -- I'll call extra.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, good point. Is that
22 everybody's understanding?

23 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Perhaps we can asterisk
24 those things.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. So, that is

1 everybody's understanding.

2 Commissioner Yao?

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: I think in order to comply
4 with the spirit of the Bagley-Keene, maybe we should
5 really further these type of business meetings to address
6 items that have schedule or personnel impact. In other
7 words, decision that needs to be made in order not to --
8 not to allow the situation to get out of hand, and then
9 not discuss anything that normally would be discussed in
10 a -- let's say all-day business meeting.

11 I don't know whether that would further --
12 further show our compliance to the Bagley-Keene.

13 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: No, I don't think
14 so. We'll undertake to provide a -- the most informative
15 agenda we can, given the uncertainty associated with the
16 actual agenda topics and treat them similarly to those of
17 our earlier meetings where we relied on broader buckets of
18 subject matter as agenda items. And I think we'll just
19 incorporate that practice into what we'll call the
20 asterisked meetings.

21 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We are currently
22 without the video, but do have the audio, and adding
23 greater emphasis to the fact that we might need to get a
24 still shot of you, as was suggested yesterday.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, while we all know

1 technology, can you turn your signs around, I know you
2 know yourselves.

3 (Laughter)

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: For the public.

5 Okay, any other comments. So is that clearly
6 understood?

7 All right, so let's -- any other comments on the
8 Legal Committee?

9 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: No, I think that was it.
10 You get two lawyers in the room, rather than four, you get
11 a lot more --

12 (Laughter)

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Since we're missing two,
14 so I think we got through a lot of material.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, you still have three
16 lawyers in the room.

17 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And the thing is we're a
18 lot cheaper.

19 (Laughter)

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, do you have all of the
21 decisions made regarding the contracts regarding any legal
22 issues, signatures, follow ups for Commissioners to do to
23 get the consultant contracts going?

24 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Q2 is anticipated
25 to be approved by 5:00 o'clock this afternoon through the

1 Office of Legal Services, which I always throw them a
2 pitch, they continue to work very, very hard on our
3 behalf. And they've shortened their minimum deadlines for
4 us, and so we're confident there.

5 We have the statement of work almost perfected
6 for the in-line process review. We had hoped to have it
7 for you at this -- at this meeting, but just ran out of
8 time. We'd like to have a lead on that, that we could
9 perfect that document through, and so that it would be
10 ready for the Commission at its next -- at its next
11 session.

12 And I'll leave the VRA to Kirk.

13 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Just reconfirm it's
14 our understanding that the motion yesterday, with respect
15 to the VRA attorney, contained all the necessary terms and
16 that we're authorized to conclude and execute that
17 contract in accordance with the motion.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And just for the record,
19 again, could you repeat the actions that are required, the
20 motions that we passed?

21 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Well, the motion
22 was that the Commission accepted the report of the Legal
23 Advisory Committee and, as such, authorized us to go
24 forward with Gibson, Dunn and Crutcher.

25 And two, that we would include in the contract

1 language dealing with the firm's PAC and any lobbying
2 activities that it may undertake that involved
3 redistricting issues, specifically.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And compensation?

5 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: A maximum of
6 \$299,000.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Not to exceed that.

8 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: That's correct.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, is that clear to
10 everybody?

11 All right. So, let's go on to the next -- yes,
12 Commissioner DiGuilio?

13 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I just had a question
14 for the Legal, and I don't know if this is Legal or if
15 this was Finance and Administration.

16 But I know Ms. Johnston, yesterday, gave us a
17 little bit of training on Public Records Act, but also
18 some on the records retention. And I thought that we
19 were -- do we need to have a policy or adopt something? I
20 don't know if that was a Legal --

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: It was Finance and
22 Administration. Okay, I'm sorry.

23 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: The short answer
24 is, yes, I think we're just going to do it with a
25 different committee.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, I just didn't
2 understand where --

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: The Finance and
4 Administration Committee will come with some discussion
5 and a formal recommendation around adopting the policy
6 manual.

7 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, thank you. And
8 that's included in the manual, yes.

9 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: It's -- it's sort of a legal
12 issue, but it doesn't -- it's not exactly the legal issue
13 we've been discussing.

14 Previously, we have designated a particular
15 individual to be authorized to sign a contract on behalf
16 of the entire Commission.

17 Can we have language in our operating procedure
18 to allow the standing chair to approve any changes to the
19 contract or contracts so that we don't have to wait for
20 the full Commission in order to get something as simple as
21 the contract signed?

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I would really endorse that
23 approach because then we won't run into these time -- time
24 constraints. And it really should be a statement along
25 that line, with whoever the standing chair is, that should

1 be a representative voice for the Commission.

2 So would you like to make a motion?

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: I would move that the
4 standing chair is authorized to sign any contract or
5 contract changes on behalf of the Commission.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I'll need a second, first.

7 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I'm sorry, second.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Who said the second?

9 Commissioner Barabba seconds.

10 Okay, discussion.

11 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Thank you, Mr.
12 Chairman. We welcome your motion and would just ask that
13 you consider a change to say that the standing chair would
14 be authorized to approve, rather than to sign.

15 One of the challenges we have is that
16 Commissioners, of course, are located broadly throughout
17 the State. And if it actually requires a personal
18 signature, that becomes quite cumbersome as the DGS
19 requires original signatures.

20 So if we could simply operate in that manner,
21 with the Executive Director signing the contracts, I think
22 that would be in the best interest of the Commission.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I agree with that.

24 Commissioner Yao?

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: I would modify my motion to

1 have the Executive Director approve the contracts --

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: No, the Chair of the
3 Commission approve, with the --

4 COMMISSIONER YAO: Oh, the Chair. All right.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The staff would have to sign
6 on our behalf, with the approval of the Chair, the
7 standing Chair.

8 COMMISSIONER YAO: Janeece, do you have all
9 that? Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Do you want to read the
11 motion, please? Don't rush.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: The motion is
13 that the standing Chair be authorized to approve any
14 contract or contract change and that staff will be able to
15 sign on behalf of the Commission, with the Commission's
16 approval.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that all right?
18 Commissioner Dai?

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I would support this
20 motion with the understand that, as usual, we would have
21 discussion in the full Commission about any expected
22 contracts that are coming up, because we've been kind of
23 doing that on an ad hoc basis but --

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, I like that last part
25 where it says with the Commission's approval.

1 Okay, any others? To the left of me. No?

2 Public comment. Please come up.

3 Oh, all right. So, Janeece, could you call the

4 roll call, please?

5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

6 Aguirre?

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Yes.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

9 Ancheta?

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

12 Barabba?

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

15 Dai?

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

18 DiGuilio?

19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yes.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

21 Forbes?

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

24 Galambos Malloy?

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

2 Ontai?

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

5 Parvenu?

6 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

8 Raya?

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yes.

10 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

11 Ward?

12 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yes.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

14 Yao?

15 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yes.

16 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: The motion

17 passes.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Okay, we're done

19 with the Legal Advisory Committee, let's go onto Technical

20 and Outreach Advisory Committee.

21 So I will ask Commissioner DiGuilio to take the

22 lead on that.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay, thank you. Okay,

24 we had a number of things that I'll fill you in, in terms

25 of our discussion that we had. And we do have one action

1 item relating to the public access to redistricting, that
2 I'll wait until the end for.

3 But to go over our meeting yesterday, the first
4 item that we had discussed was the calendar, and we
5 again -- and I don't know, Ms. Sargis, if you wanted to
6 pass around the spread sheet for meeting format as well,
7 or did you intend to or not?

8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: I hadn't
9 planned to. I can give a recap, or were you going to give
10 a recap?

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm just going to give
12 a recap that we were -- Ms. Sargis had passed around all
13 the venues that had been secured for upcoming meetings.
14 There's still a few holes that staff is working on, but a
15 number of the venues and our business meetings, actually,
16 are booked, or planning to be booked, so they're well on
17 their way to securing those venues.

18 The only thing in relationship to the calendar
19 was the -- as you're all probably aware, was a switch of
20 the San Francisco input hearing, due to the PRIDE parade
21 that's taking place over -- well, the events they're
22 having that whole weekend, it was switched with the
23 Sacramento meeting. So, on June 26th we will be in
24 Sacramento and June 27th, Monday -- oh, I thought you
25 switched.

1 Oh, I'm sorry, what happened, I apologize. San
2 Francisco was -- that's why you gave me a strange look
3 yesterday when I was -- there was a switch, it was that
4 the June 26th meeting is going to be a break. We'll switch
5 San Francisco, still, to the 27th, on Monday, but
6 Sacramento will be moved over to the 28th.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So we just shift everything.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry we
9 switched -- shifted, and Sunday, June 26th, is an open day.

10 And then we moved on and we had some discussion,
11 as well, on some material related to the public hearings.
12 But before we go into that, for handouts, I'll give you a
13 brief overview.

14 We went over the technology needs in terms of
15 some individuals or organizations may want to have
16 PowerPoint presentations. Staff brought up that if that's
17 the case, we would probably need a computer designated for
18 that, so that there's not viruses and whatnot that's on
19 another Commission -- but knowing that these are
20 Commission issue computers, I think a couple of us can
21 speak that they're not high on the technology scale.

22 So, it was suggested that the options would
23 include if individuals had a presentation they'd like to
24 do is to submit that ahead of time to the Commission, with
25 a note saying which meetings it's for, if it's going to be

1 for Bakersfield, to let us know at least a day in advance.
2 To bring you your own laptop so you can simply plug it
3 into the overhead, which would probably be the easiest, I
4 think. Some of our members of the public had suggested
5 that.

6 The other option is to bring a flash drive but
7 know that things happen with technology, that we will do
8 our best to load that, but you're not guaranteed. So to
9 always encourage, if there's something they would like to
10 hand out, to bring enough copies to hand out.

11 We also discussed translation at the hearings.
12 Currently, we do have a request in San Luis Obispo and we
13 are accommodating individuals in terms of translating
14 their public testimony.

15 And we also trying to look at the option, to set
16 up that translation service so if the individual is not
17 actively translating that they would be available to
18 community members and the public, but that's -- I believe
19 staff is trying to work on setting that up, so that we
20 have a little broader translation requirement in here.
21 I'm not sure if it's a bid, your agreement.

22 The cost and the logistics of broadcasting our
23 events in other languages is just too much at this point,
24 so we're going to see what happens for the first couple
25 meetings, if we're able to meet the needs in person as

1 opposed to, I think, some of the other options I discussed
2 before, headsets and other things. So, that was
3 translation.

4 We also discussed some of the prioritizing of
5 public testimony and we really see this as an opportunity
6 for the chair to kind of set a tone for the meeting, but
7 that we recognized there could be some situations where we
8 could -- we're trying to anticipate some of the things
9 that we might run into.

10 There could be individuals or organizations that
11 just go from meeting, to meeting, to meeting and would
12 like to have something to say. So, obviously, we can't
13 deny them the opportunity. But what we'd like to do is
14 recognize that there are individuals or people that have
15 not had a chance to speak, yet.

16 So, if you are someone who's going to multiple
17 meetings, first we'd encourage you to speak, of course, on
18 the region at hand, there are opportunities to do
19 statewide speaking. But to allow individuals who have not
20 had an opportunity, yet, to provide public comment to go
21 first.

22 There's still a five-minute limit. There is the
23 opportunity -- we had discussed whether or not if there is
24 an organization that is there, that would need additional
25 time, should we extend it to 10 or 15 minutes. I believe

1 the final discussion point on that was simply you have
2 five minutes. If you're organized and you have more than
3 one person in your group and you'd like to take back to
4 back, you may end up with 10 or 15 minutes.

5 But again, it's a courtesy thing that you try
6 not to monopolize the time. There may be a lot of
7 individuals or people, members of the public that would
8 like to give their input so, again, to remind them to be
9 courteous of that.

10 Let's see, the only other mention was that
11 security will be provided, will be present at all
12 hearings, whether it's provided on site or we contract it,
13 there will be security at all of our input hearings.

14 And the only other thing in relationship to kind
15 of the public hearings that we mentioned was a reminder of
16 the code of conduct for Commissioners in these meetings.

17 Originally, there was some discussion that there
18 should be no laptops. I think Commissioner Raya brought
19 up a good point is that there are some of us who maybe
20 it's harder to capture people's comments in written form,
21 whether it's for physical reasons, or simply we can't
22 write as fast as we can type.

23 I think, again, this goes back to the chair of
24 the meeting setting the tone, saying that -- letting the
25 public know that we're trying to capture what they're

1 saying, we're not surfing the internet, you know, to again
2 be respectful of them.

3 But I would say that to always keep in mind the
4 line of vision, particularly if we're ever on podiums, or
5 if we're up on a stage and if the public member's down
6 further, it becomes very hard to see over to the public.
7 So, always try to keep a line of vision and to be mindful
8 of your other Commissioners, that a Commissioner may not
9 see a member of the public if your laptop is open.

10 And the only other thing was -- a couple of
11 things. It was an idea for the chair to put his or her
12 laptop away so that the chair could be most engaged with
13 the public.

14 And Commissioner Dai made one last point about a
15 reminder of active listening, but also to maintain
16 neutrality while listening to public comments. There may
17 be things of all nature, we need to be respectful, listen,
18 but to not try and react to those comments.

19 And I guess at this point the only two things --
20 before we go into the action item, Commissioner Raya and I
21 had had a discussion in the interim between this meeting
22 about some of the material that we'd be handing out to the
23 public. And Commissioner Raya had worked with staff, in
24 discussions, in terms of the welcoming address.

25 And as the Technical/Outreach -- the Technical

1 lead, I'd done some things in terms of a handout that we
2 could provide. So maybe at this point we could take an
3 opportunity for -- Commissioner Raya, would you like to
4 talk about your opening statements?

5 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I apologize, it is hard when
6 you're short to stand up here.

7 (Laughter)

8 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I apologize because I didn't
9 send this, the revised to Janeece until this morning, as I
10 was leaving, practically leaving my hotel room.

11 So it's a one-page, the Outreach and Technical,
12 or anybody who was sitting in there yesterday heard it. I
13 don't know if you want me to read the whole thing again,
14 or just give you a summary.

15 It's just a welcome and it could be handed off
16 to whatever Commissioner is from a particular area, a
17 short opportunity for the host venue to give a one-minute
18 welcome, so that might be the mayor of the city, or the
19 president of the college, whatever the venue happens to
20 be.

21 And then just going on to give a brief direction
22 to the public about presenting -- how important it is to
23 hear from the public about what their community of
24 interest is, that the only way we can capture that
25 information is for the public to give it to us. And

1 suggesting they may want to include geographic boundaries
2 for how they define their community of interest, Census or
3 demographic data about the people in their community,
4 including language, culture, social relationships and
5 traditions, issues that are of importance, employment,
6 transportation development, education, and important
7 places where the community gathers, parks, cultural
8 centers, churches, et cetera.

9 An admonition that the Commission is prohibited
10 from considering political parties, incumbents or
11 candidates.

12 And then an introduce of Q2, whoever the person
13 is from Q2 Data, excuse me, who will describe how
14 testimony will be captured for the Commission and also the
15 procedures and time limits for individual presentations.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? So this weekend
17 I have an agreement by Commissioner Forbes who will give
18 an introductory welcome and speech. Thank you,
19 Commissioner Forbes.

20 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Along that line, I
21 think also the consensus was that if there's a
22 representative from that region available at that meeting,
23 that that person will take the lead in the way that
24 Commissioner Forbes is doing up north.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Right, absolutely. And that

1 would be the right thing to do.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay, is there any
3 discussion or comments on that?

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Move on.

5 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Move on. I don't know
6 if you had a chance to read the whole thing, but it's
7 actually very well done.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

9 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: We also discussed that if
10 there was some people that -- there was a large crowd of
11 Latinos in the audience, in the room, that maybe we would
12 have one of our Commissioners deliver the same message in
13 Spanish.

14 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Did you get my e-mail?

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I think we have that on
16 the radar, too.

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, we're on it. And I
18 guess at this point it's okay for me to just -- I could
19 just e-mail the revised document to everybody and then you
20 could just print out your own copy and take it with you
21 when it's your turn. Is that all right?

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And the next --

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, wait a minute, don't
24 leave the thing. So are one of you going to do it in
25 Spanish?

1 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Yes, I'm going to be
2 translating it into Spanish and that will be available for
3 everybody as well.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent. Muy bien.
5 Commissioner DiGuilio?

6 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: The next thing we had
7 discussed was a quick -- a quick guide to the public
8 input. The intention was I put it together, originally,
9 was in the hopes of doing this with Q2's input, but
10 because of the contract -- basically, I put together a
11 one-page takeaway sheet.

12 We have a really wonderful toolkit and it's got
13 a lot, a wealth of information, but we were -- I was
14 aiming for something that would be a little more
15 streamlined, and maybe Mr. Wilcox could speak to that.

16 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: We will be
17 having copies arriving, I think in about 15 minutes, of
18 that and the toolkit.

19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay. That being -- is
20 Kermit here, is that the --

21 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Oh, it's here.
22 I didn't even see him.

23 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Well, I'm going to wait
24 on the toolkit because that's another discussion.

25 But I just wanted to mention that this -- this

1 was taken -- I think -- and Janece does have copies of
2 this, I think.

3 But, basically, the intention was to provide a
4 one-page takeaway sheet that would help individuals while
5 they're there to understand what we're doing.

6 The toolkit provides a wealth of information
7 about our background and the overview, but this was kind
8 of what do you -- what are you doing, and why am I here to
9 give my public input, and how can I give it.

10 So, they've taken information from the toolkit,
11 as well as Ana Henderson's presentation and a couple of
12 the comments yesterday.

13 Now, Rob's been revising the toolkit based on
14 some of Ana Henderson's comments, and I made some --
15 rearranged some things, but I don't think we've completely
16 merged these documents, unless that's been merged there in
17 terms of --

18 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Yes, and with
19 Commissioner Dai and I working, and also Commission Raya,
20 we added some information and we made sure that it's
21 compatible.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: This will be the
23 general format I think we'll -- this will be the -- this
24 is the general format. So, if the Commission agrees with
25 this, there will be --

1 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Forgive me,
2 there are a few documents running around, so we will make
3 sure that it is the correct one.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The goal is that this
5 will be distributed out, I mean, at least be something
6 they can take away. And also, the front page gives some
7 background about redistricting, some of the criteria, took
8 into account Commissioner Forbes comment about changing a
9 few things out, the criteria versus a question about a
10 computer.

11 The back really is about communities of
12 interest. I think there's the question that Commissioner
13 Dai made about trying to have the links to the community
14 groups that are doing redistricting as well. I didn't
15 include that, I'd assumed you would.

16 Also the suggestion was a P.O. box because our
17 address is rotating. So I'm assuming staff will be fine
18 to take care of that. If the rest of the Commission likes
19 this format, it would be something that we could start
20 distributing at our first meeting.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Comments?

22 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I had a quick
23 question. I know that staff has been working furiously to
24 translate different documents, so if you could just recap
25 for me which of the documents that we're generating are

1 going to be translated into other languages? I know the
2 toolkit and would this also be translated?

3 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Yes, this will
4 be translated as well. And our -- upon approval of the
5 Commission, our translator is standing by and ready to
6 turn this around. It will probably be four business days.

7 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

9 Okay, Commissioner DiGuilio.

10 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And before we go on to
11 the action item, I just wanted to mention one thing, is
12 Commissioner Barabba had given us a chart to address kind
13 of this issue of who is in charge, and how we are all the
14 Commission, the citizens, the consultants are all working
15 together.

16 I'm not sure if Commissioner Barabba would like
17 to talk about that now or -- it was very helpful, it had a
18 lot of the elements in it. The only suggestion was maybe
19 we were going to kind of do the formatting a little bit,
20 and I know staff was already doing some of that, so maybe
21 Commissioner Barabba could give us an update.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

23 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: I don't think there's
24 much to add, other than it was -- in my discussions with
25 the people outside, including some of the press, I keep

1 running across this issue of there's some suspicion that
2 things are going on behind the scenes, and I thought if we
3 could kind of visualize the actual process so people could
4 see that we've set it up so that everything is done in
5 public, that might be helpful to -- I don't know if we can
6 avoid, but at least minimize the concern that some people
7 are continuing to express.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So I think that we'll
9 probably fine tune that and bring it back to the
10 Commission or have a discussion and the advisory committee
11 will.

12 And, lastly, just our action item, as you recall
13 we had the issue of the public access to redistricting and
14 we had some various options that staff was looking to put
15 together, so that we could present to the Legislature some
16 options for their consideration and decision as to what,
17 if any, they would like to fund in order to comply with
18 our requirement that we provide some access to public
19 redistricting. So, that was staff would do that.

20 So, you'll notice just quickly the first page
21 is -- so the first page are some of the options and the
22 costs associated with additional funding for the
23 redistricting assistance sites.

24 The second page is an example of a Neighborhood
25 House Association, this is an organization in San Diego,

1 that has provided -- they've actually provided a full
2 proposal for what it would take to engage the community in
3 redistricting efforts. So this was an opportunity for us
4 to say here's an example of what can take place in San
5 Diego, and this is roughly the cost. So, if the
6 Legislature choose to support community-based
7 redistricting this would -- we would then have to open it
8 up and allow any area to be able to have an opportunity to
9 a community engagement at their local level.

10 So, this was just an idea for one metropolitan
11 area of what it would cost.

12 The next two options are Esri Redistricting
13 Solutions, what would be the cost associated with that, if
14 the Legislature chose to use this option.

15 And the last one would be Maptitude. And,
16 again, this would be the cost for all the software and the
17 hosting. Again, it would be an option as to whether the
18 Legislature wants to take that on or if they want the
19 Commission to do so.

20 The last page gives the three main options, as
21 well as the fourth one would be, of course, the free
22 online services that are out there.

23 So as an advisory committee we had suggested
24 that the full Commission approve this as different options
25 that the Legislature can consider in terms of fulfilling

1 the public access to redistricting.

2 The only other thing we asked staff to add to
3 this was that there are time -- time considerations for
4 each one of these. Some can be implemented immediately.
5 Some, particularly if we're going out to bid or if we do
6 things with regional organizations, would take a
7 significantly longer amount of time.

8 So what we would be doing is sending this to the
9 Legislature, as well as the note of the time constraints.
10 So this is what we would recommend that the Commission
11 adopt to be able to send to the Legislature for their
12 review.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Was there an action item?

14 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Well, this is the
15 Commission would have to take this up in terms of
16 approving it, approving staff to be able to send these
17 options to the Legislature.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so that's --

19 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, a motion
20 will be needed for that.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So, could you state the
22 motion?

23 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay, I'll -- would you
24 like me to make the motion? I'm sorry.

25 Okay, the motion is to approve the packet of

1 options for public access to redistricting for
2 consideration by the Legislature.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, we need a second.

4 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Second.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Second by Commissioner
6 Barabba.

7 Questions? Commissioner Forbes?

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes, a comment I had made
9 yesterday was that we talked about it being a five-month
10 process, and being April 15th, it's only going to be four
11 months until we get to August 15th. And so I would want to
12 be sure that the amounts of money reflected in the
13 proposal be in fact be for a four-month period, rather
14 than five-month, so give the Legislature --

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Be sure that statement is in
16 there.

17 Any other questions? Okay, there is a motion by
18 Commissioner DiGuilio, and seconded by Commissioner
19 Barabba.

20 Janeece, could you read the motion?

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: The motion is
22 for the Commission to approve the packet of options for
23 the public access to redistricting for submission to the
24 Legislature.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Is that clear to

1 everybody? Commissioner Yao?

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Public comments.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Public comments? No? Okay.

4 It's a very quiet audience this morning.

5 Okay, let's call for the vote, Janeece.

6 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

7 Aguirre?

8 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Yes.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

10 Ancheta?

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yes.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

13 Barabba?

14 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yes.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

16 Dai?

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes.

18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

19 DiGuilio?

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yes.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

22 Forbes?

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes.

24 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

25 Galambos Malloy?

1 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes.

2 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

3 Ontai?

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

5 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

6 Parvenu?

7 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Yes.

8 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

9 Raya?

10 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yes.

11 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

12 Ward?

13 COMMISSIONER WARD: Yes.

14 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Commissioner

15 Yao?

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yes.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: And the motion

18 passes.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Are you done?

20 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Unless I've missed

21 something, which apparently from my -- if there's anything

22 else that Technical or Outreach feels they need to bring

23 to the full discussion, but we're done.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

25 COMMISSIONER YAO: The two -- two very minor

1 areas I wanted to see if we were interested in discussing.

2 The first one is really for Mr. Wilcox. It may
3 be a good idea if we prepare a press kit at each of these
4 meetings. The press kit is really for the intent of
5 whatever media people that are going to be there covering
6 the event.

7 Typically, my vision of a press kit is have
8 something that's just a few liners, have something that's
9 a little longer than that and have a full feature article,
10 so that they can basically take that and run with it, and
11 allow us to get our word out a little further.

12 And these should be in electronic media so that
13 they can basically just cut and paste, or somehow direct
14 them to our website so that it's an already printable
15 article so that they can run with it, as compared to
16 having to sit down and rewrite it.

17 Number two is maybe during our welcoming speech
18 at the outreach event we need to somehow give the audience
19 the impression as to what are we -- what we're going to do
20 next, what our next milestone is, maybe covering some of
21 the basics like the first draft, second draft, final draft
22 and that kind of information.

23 I know they're all available on the website
24 but --

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So a highlight of what's

1 happening.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Right, in a very outlinish
3 format, to kind of paint a picture so that --

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Like the first draft date,
5 second draft date and --

6 COMMISSIONER YAO: So that this -- even though
7 we're in the middle of the process, they have an idea as
8 to where we stand. Thank you.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, good idea.

10 Commissioner Raya?

11 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Are you suggesting that as a
12 possible wrap-up by, perhaps the chair, at the end of the
13 meeting or something that could be incorporated into the
14 beginning? I mean, because people are going to come and
15 go at different times, obviously, so how do you see it
16 being most effective?

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

18 COMMISSIONER YAO: Another thought I -- let me
19 answer that question after I make my comment. Another
20 thought I had is instead of just making that introduction
21 once, maybe do it once an hour type of interval, so that
22 when people come in and out at least they'll kind of hear
23 it directly from the Commissioners.

24 Any time during the event is really fine,
25 it's -- I just -- again, it's just a thought of not

1 wanting to leave them hanging, leave them in a vacuum.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Sure. Commissioner Raya?

3 COMMISSIONER RAYA: How about if I do a brief --
4 just take some of this out, I think the important part we
5 would want to say to newcomers is the kind of direction
6 about how to present testimony. So if I do the intro,
7 include a little bit about what will follow, and then just
8 do a brief version for maybe the beginning of the second
9 session. Is that okay with everybody, and I'll just hand
10 it out to you? No objections?

11 When it's silent, you just don't know.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Just like my students, if
13 they don't say anything, I don't -- I'm not sure if they
14 got it or not.

15 Okay. Commissioner Dai, I would like for you to
16 figure out a way how we can correct the snafu that we've
17 been able to -- by event.

18 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you. Commissioner
19 Ontai asked me to check out the possibility of the
20 Commission participating, taking up the invitation of the
21 folks who wrote the letter, pointing out the error in our
22 scheduling to more fully participate in the Gay PRIDE
23 events of the day.

24 Which if any of you have not been to San
25 Francisco's Gay PRIDE event, it's really something to see.

1 It's one of the largest in the world, it's attended by
2 over a million people, really from around the world, but
3 many of those are from other parts of California.

4 So we thought this would be a tremendous
5 opportunity for an outreach event for the Commission. It
6 would actually, really make a statement to the LGBT
7 community, but also it's a great outreach event in general
8 because it's become so mainstream and is attended by
9 families, and everybody and their brother, basically.

10 So, I looked into the possibility of actually
11 putting a contingent in for the Commission. And I guess
12 we would be classified as a government agency, so that
13 would cost us a grand total of \$175.

14 And I have been assured by the organizers that
15 we could, you know, work with the Commission's schedule in
16 terms of the timing of the parade. It's actually quite a
17 long parade. It starts at -- you know, it's supposed to
18 start at 10:30, but it's usually a little late. But it
19 usually goes until 3:00 or so in the afternoon and there
20 are a whole host of events that go on at the end of the
21 parade.

22 So, if you've ever wanted to be in a parade,
23 this is one to be in. It's really fun to walk down the
24 street and be cheered by a bunch of people.

25 So, I actually think it would be a tremendous

1 statement by the Commission. I think it would be
2 wonderful if those of us with children brought families
3 and marched together. I think it would be a lot of fun.

4 At \$175, it's not a significant cost.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And is that individually or
6 collectively?

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: As a government agency,
8 that's a total fee.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I see.

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: And then we've also been
11 invited to attend the breakfast, which is attended usually
12 by 450 people, basically every elected official goes to
13 this breakfast, including our Governor, who attended last
14 year, our current governor.

15 And so -- so that could be really fun, too. If
16 those of you who want to wake up early, the breakfast goes
17 from 8:00 to 10:00. And, certainly, that's not required,
18 but it turns out based on the new schedule that the
19 Outreach Committee has come out with that this would
20 actually be possible for us, because I believe we're doing
21 San Jose the day before. We have a day of rest on the
22 26th, so we could participate in the parade and, you know,
23 be ready to leave in plenty of time to go to Sacramento
24 for our next --

25 Well, we would actually be having our hearing in

1 San Francisco the next day and then be able to go to
2 Sacramento after that.

3 So that is a suggestion and I wanted to see what
4 the rest of the Commission thought. It's a very short
5 application. If we want to do it, I think we can afford
6 it, and I think it would be a tremendous part of our
7 outreach efforts.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: How long a walk is it?

9 (Laughter)

10 COMMISSIONER DAI: It's down Market Street.
11 It's definitely a lot longer walking. I normally go on
12 the motorcycle so --

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, that's not fair. Can we
14 get in a car or --

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Actually, you can. I mean,
16 actually, to be honest most of the elected officials and
17 everybody who does this parade do go in cars, so that is
18 an option.

19 I didn't look into the car option, I don't know
20 if there's an additional expense for that. But usually
21 they try to put the cars in, in between, so there might be
22 just a few more logistical details if we want to do that.

23 But the elected officials usually ride in the
24 car and wave so --

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I think a car would be a

1 better option.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: It's a lot more fun to walk,
3 I mean, because you can actually go and meet people, and
4 shake hands. So that would really kind of be up to the
5 Commission on that. There would certainly be more
6 logistical --

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: But Market Street, what, a
8 mile or more?

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: I don't know how long it is.
10 It's not -- I mean, San Francisco's quite a small city,
11 it's actually surprising how small it is.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: A mile.

13 COMMISSIONER DAI: I don't know if it's -- it's
14 not that bad but, you know, you definitely want to wear
15 comfortable walking shoes if we're going to walk.

16 It's a different experience walking versus in a
17 vehicle, I would say that.

18 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: What are the
19 differences?

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Well, it goes by rather fast
21 in a vehicle. Well, I'm in a contingent that usually goes
22 by bus but the cars, you know, are driving, you know,
23 usually very slowly because they're usually in between
24 walking contingents. So, you know, your ability to
25 interact with the crowd is different. And it is very

1 crowded.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Are you done, Commissioner
3 DiGuilio?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Oh, yeah, I'm sorry.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ancheta?

6 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah. Well, I certainly
7 support our participation in the parade and I'll certainly
8 volunteer to attend the breakfast as well.

9 I actually think that we can do both. I
10 actually think it's good to have a car. One, because most
11 of the officials are in fact in a car, and that sort of
12 says we're an agency or we're a set of officials.

13 It's a long walk, actually if you're going to
14 walk, I think. I think it's a long walk. If you're
15 talking about the whole parade route, it's pretty long.
16 But it's walkable, certainly. But I think it might be
17 good -- I don't think a car -- I don't know if there's a
18 specific car that they assign to you versus just you rent
19 a convertible and off you go.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, I think we would --
21 I've actually -- I take that back, last year I was in a
22 car contingent. But, yeah, it's up to the contingent to
23 organize that and I'm assuming there are probably, like I
24 said, other details. Usually, elected officials, you
25 know, they'll rent like, you know, old-style cars or very

1 nice convertibles, or things like that. So, you know, I
2 think that we could do either.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Galambos
4 Malloy?

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So can I clarify,
6 is the suggestion for consideration by the Commission that
7 we allot \$175 to participate in the PRIDE parade?

8 Okay, with that in mind, I am conflicted because
9 I, as an individual, may choose to participate and at the
10 same time our budget is so tight there really isn't a lot
11 of wiggle room. And keeping in mind that there may be
12 other types of events that serve other populations across
13 the State, I think it's not so much about the PRIDE
14 celebration, it's about kind of taking a step back and
15 thinking about what should our Commission's policy be
16 regarding these types of offers or requests.

17 And do we want to consider or do we have room to
18 consider in our budget some sort of subpool of monies
19 that's towards that effect?

20 I think there's other ways that we could, if the
21 Commissioners would like to participate, you know, we
22 could potentially chip in as individuals to make it happen
23 and not necessarily having it come out of our formal
24 Commission budget. I'm not sure about the legal
25 ramifications of us choosing to do that.

1 But I did just want to share my thoughts on the
2 matter.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya?

4 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I will second that concern
5 about selecting one particular event. However, if the
6 Commission chooses to do it, I would object to spending
7 money, certainly, on a vehicle.

8 I mean, we can walk. And most of you are in
9 better shape than I am so, you know, I think we could put
10 on our tennies and do it.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu and
12 Commissioner Aguirre.

13 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: If we -- if we do decide
14 to participate in the event, and I'm all in favor of us
15 from now until August participating in as many events as
16 we possible can in terms of getting exposure, it's a good
17 bang for the buck, \$175, to outreach or be present to over
18 a million -- possibly a million people strength.

19 We should have one of those magnetic slap-on
20 redistricting type thing, banners, or to give us more
21 visibility and exposure, and to get the greatest -- the
22 greatest exposure we possibly can.

23 Also, I'm thinking that perhaps we can search
24 out other events, be it the Asparagus event in Stockton,
25 or be whatever it is and to try to maximize our presence

1 wherever we possibly can, because our time is very short
2 before August 1st and we need to get out in force out
3 there.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Aguirre?

5 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Yes, I would agree
6 with that as well. I mean, I have concerns about putting
7 out some money for this event because, certainly, there
8 are other events throughout California that we should
9 probably participate in. So it's a form of outreach, as
10 well.

11 So, there are car clubs up and down California
12 that would probably be happy to accommodate us, it's just
13 a question of reaching out. I know of a couple of car
14 clubs in the Mission District that might be available.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Wow, okay, cars.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Low and slow.

17 (Laughter)

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I didn't say a flatbed.

19 Commissioner Barabba?

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay, if you're going to
21 want to go low and slow, I could probably think about some
22 other cars that might be made available to us, if you'd
23 like me to look into it. Newer ones.

24 (Laughter)

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu?

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: I just want to say, I
2 want to take a book out, I'm just reflecting back to my
3 days with the Census Bureau of Community Outreach
4 Partnership. It's -- we took the approach of attending
5 these events and I don't know in terms of Commissioner
6 Galambos Malloy's point of having a policy, or having some
7 kind of statement as to how we're going to approach this,
8 and not just go, you know, just sporadically just
9 participating in events.

10 I think that we, as a Commission, need to make a
11 decision as to how we're going to approach these types of
12 invitations?

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio, then
14 Commissioner Forbes.

15 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I'm glad Commissioner
16 Parvenu brought this up, this was -- about participating.

17 I think I'd like us to consider a larger issue
18 here in terms of this happens to be on a day where we will
19 be in the area and we can participate. But I have a
20 concern that if we start a policy of participating in
21 these events, we could be inundated with invitations. And
22 I can quickly see that if someone says, well, it's not a
23 day that we happen to be in the area, but it's an
24 invitation, does that mean we go? Does it mean we don't
25 go? Does it mean we start asking for per diems for these

1 events because they're outreach? Our budget is going to
2 start increasing exponentially, like travel cost.

3 We need to have a policy as to how we deal with
4 this in terms of if we're in the area do we accept an
5 invitation, but if we're not in the area, we politely
6 decline.

7 Do the Commissioners see this as something we do
8 as our own outreach and, hence, it's on our own time? If
9 not, then you have the cost of 14 Commissioners using a
10 day to participate in Commission-related activities.

11 So I think -- I like where we're going with
12 this, but I think we need to think it through a little bit
13 more and the implications of not just the event in San
14 Francisco, but any event that may come up. If we're known
15 to participate, we could be spending any open day in
16 events throughout the State.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes and then
18 Commissioner Barabba.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes. To raise a delicate
20 issue, there's going to be -- I mean, we are already under
21 the microscope from every political group, and we've heard
22 lots from the right, let's be honest. And if we were to
23 participate, using Commission money, I think we're going
24 to expose ourselves to a lot of -- you know, whether it's
25 true, or valid, or not, a lot of criticism.

1 And I think, likewise, if we got invitations,
2 I'll call it from the right for a lack of a better term,
3 that we might not want to participate -- I mean let me
4 give you an example, there's say there's -- and I have no
5 idea, there's a big anti-abortion march in San Diego, are
6 we going to participate in that?

7 So, I mean, so I think we have to be very
8 cautious about the policy and I look at the long-term,
9 broader picture here that I think that we -- we need to
10 consider.

11 And I think, you know, if we're going to do this
12 that we pay for it privately, out of our own pockets, and
13 not ask for Commission money. I just think we expose
14 ourselves to a lot of potential criticism.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes and -- I
16 mean, Commissioner Barabba and then Commissioner Dai.

17 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Yeah, I would -- I
18 appreciate the sensitivity that you brought up,
19 Commissioner Forbes.

20 It seems to me that in this particular instance
21 we were not on top of the calendar and we kind of found
22 ourselves in this spot so we would, in essence, be doing
23 this to address a problem of calendaring that we're trying
24 to overcome.

25 But I think this whole issue of the policy is

1 important and it's something that probably we should
2 designate to the Outreach Committee to come up with a
3 policy, rather than trying to work it out in the full
4 Commission.

5 And as far as the cost, I also agree that we
6 should probably pay for this ourselves, and I'll see what
7 I can do to get us transportation, if we choose to do it.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Well, that's half the policy
9 right there.

10 Commissioner Raya? Well, that's half the policy
11 right there.

12 Commissioner Raya?

13 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, I really appreciate
14 Commissioner Galambos Malloy bringing this up about
15 thinking this through and having a policy. This was, you
16 know, certainly a little bit opportunistic, it happened to
17 fit with our schedule. I do think that's really
18 important, I mean, you know, and certainly I did note that
19 we were trying to schedule 38 different venues. And so I
20 didn't bring it up at the time. I knew there was a
21 potential for conflict because June is, you know, PRIDE
22 month, like all over the world. So it was on my list to
23 check the date, it just unluckily happened to be that
24 date.

25 So as a proposal for some policy, I do not think

1 we should go out of our way to change our schedule, I
2 think it should be if it fits -- I think it also needs to
3 meet outreach goals. The reason I thought this was a good
4 idea when Commissioner Ontai suggested I research it, it
5 was mainly because of the number of people who actually
6 attend this event, and the fact that it's become, you
7 know, such a popular and mainstream event that are
8 attended by Californians from all over the State.

9 And in addressing Commissioner Forbes' comment,
10 I think that's also something we need to take into
11 consideration because, you know, we are under the
12 microscope.

13 I do think, though, that this parade, and this
14 is probably something that I agree with Commissioner
15 Barabba, that probably the Outreach Committee should
16 discuss this in some more depth. That this is a parade
17 that's all about inclusion, which I think is very much
18 what we, as a Commission, stand for, is about inclusion.

19 I think that's a very different message than,
20 you know, a parade about anti-abortion or something else.

21 So I think we're not trying to get into those
22 kind of, you know, issues, or into types of things, but
23 this is all about inclusion and that is the purpose of the
24 LGBT parade.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

1 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Oh, I forgot the cup.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any others?

3 Okay, so I hear -- Commissioner DiGuilio?

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I just want to mention,
5 before you move onto the next one, staff has brought up a
6 couple of issues about our calendar we need to resolve
7 so --

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, Mr. Claypool.

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Thank you.
10 Actually, I'm going to have Janeece run through it because
11 she's the one who's running the calendar for us.

12 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: It's actually
13 not an issue --

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Your microphone.

15 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Oh, I'm sorry.
16 It's not an issue, it's just a question to put to the
17 Commission, and if you could give me the decision of which
18 direction you want staff to take, we will be happy to take
19 that direction.

20 Looking at May 24th, that is the Northern
21 California version of what we're doing down in Northridge,
22 the organized group presentations. And it's a bit vague
23 on the calendar, so we were just wondering if you had a
24 particular thought about where you would like to hold
25 that?

1 And I think there might be -- yeah, Commissioner
2 Galambos Malloy had a lot on that so --

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: We had -- I had
4 been working with staff and other Commissioners in the Bay
5 Area to just look at where we're already going in Northern
6 California and try to ensure a variety of types of
7 locations and types of populations.

8 One location that has become a possibility is
9 the city hall chambers in Richmond, California, which is a
10 location that is served by various modes of public
11 transportation, including BART, including bus, but it also
12 has more parking available than some of the more inward --
13 you know, if you think of Berkeley, for example, which we
14 have connections, potentially, at UC Berkeley through
15 various Commissioners, but parking is a very big issue to
16 get in and out of Berkeley, if you have a car.

17 So, I wanted to pose Richmond for consideration.
18 I do have relationships there and could aggressively
19 pursue that. And, also, if folks have other suggestions,
20 we could perhaps make two or three -- a list of two or
21 three and then we'll just see what works out?

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Could you give us a
23 quick background about what area it would be serving
24 mostly and some of the -- for those who are maybe more
25 geographically unfamiliar with Northern California, and

1 the area of Richmond?

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, certainly. So the
3 idea behind this Northern California organized groups
4 meeting was that we had gotten a significant amount of
5 public comment that having, at that point in the process,
6 only one opportunity for organized groups to weigh in, and
7 having it as far south as Northridge might be prohibitive,
8 particularly for individuals in the Northern part of the
9 State.

10 And so we identified a desire to have a Northern
11 California version of the organized groups meeting.

12 Richmond, California is located in the East Bay,
13 so the airport that would be most closely serviced would
14 be Oakland, California. You could also fly into San
15 Francisco, either one would work fine.

16 It's just north of Oakland by about a ten-minute
17 drive, or a 15- to 20-minute BART ride. And, you know,
18 there are local hotels.

19 I mean, once you get into that Central Bay Area,
20 everything is really so close that you could easily stay
21 at a hotel in Oakland, San Francisco, Richmond, or a
22 number of different options that would be available to us.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other suggestions? I
24 think that's a fine suggestion.

25 Commissioner Yao?

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: Since this particular meeting
2 is for organized groups, only, perhaps all -- and since
3 all of us, or at least half of us have to fly in for that
4 event, maybe just getting a conference room at the hotel
5 would be the simplest method of addressing it. This way
6 there's almost no -- no transportation from the airport to
7 any place else.

8 Again, I'm not suggesting this for any other
9 kind of meeting, but since this is an organized group and
10 they, also, are likely to have to come a long way, maybe
11 that's a good way to address it.

12 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: I think one
13 challenge with that, it's a point well taken, is that
14 we're trying to find venues that have the capability to do
15 the livestreaming. And, you know, the technical spec
16 sheet is actually fairly daunting, and so most of the city
17 halls -- the places that can actually do that are often
18 the public facilities, and so that was part of our
19 thinking of doing this.

20 But we can certainly do our due diligence and
21 find where there are other options, as well.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Claypool?

23 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Just a point of
24 clarification. I had assumed on the organized group
25 meetings that we were always willing to take public

1 comment from anyone -- anyone who came in, and that we
2 would structure it similarly to the way we had the one
3 here in the Capitol. So that the organized groups would
4 have longer periods of time, but that any private citizen
5 who wished to make this venue could come in as well. Is
6 that correct?

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yes.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yes.

9 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: We've found
10 that hotel room conference rooms are cost-prohibitive.
11 They're not as anxious to donate as some of the government
12 facilities.

13 (Laughter)

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So with your
15 permission, perhaps I can continue to work with Janeece on
16 identifying the location for this venue.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, thanks.

19 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: And then the
20 second date that we were looking at, that I needed some
21 direction on, is now what's become June 28th, the Northern
22 California Sacramento area, I believe, regular public
23 input hearing.

24 And it would probably not work out very well
25 having it at the Capitol, because the Capitol closes at

1 6:00 o'clock and we need it in the evenings. So, we're
2 looking for some direction on that date.

3 And if there is no direction, we're happy to
4 just contact the board of supervisors, city hall,
5 whatever, and that's fine, also.

6 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. And in fact I think
7 that --

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

9 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Oh, I apologize.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Does our new office have a
12 room that's big enough to house a meeting of this nature?

13 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And we would be
14 in our new office by this time.

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And I hope that we
16 are, in actuality, in our new office, but I can't say for
17 sure.

18 I think in this particular case that city hall
19 is a very good venue and I would find -- I believe that we
20 would be well received there. So, and we could also use
21 Commissioner Yao's experience as a mayor to move across to
22 our mayor here.

23 But I think let us -- let us find a venue here,
24 like city hall, where we can go in the evenings, and then
25 we'll go from there.

1 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Commissioner?

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu?

3 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: Tuesdays tend to be days
4 that city hall councils are in session, let's make sure
5 that that's not the case.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And if not city
7 hall, then I think that we can go back to McGeorge Law
8 School, possibly, they've been very gracious in the number
9 of days they've been willing to donate to us. But I think
10 that we can find a suitable venue for you.

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Can I make a
12 clarification regarding the organized groups, again to
13 think about this May date. My understanding was that
14 unlike the other weekday events that we will be having,
15 the organized group meetings will actually take place
16 during the day. And if that's the case, that will provide
17 us with some flexibility on the May 24th date, potentially,
18 to access a city council chambers in Richmond.

19 But I just wanted to clarify that that is one
20 exception to our normal scheduling policy. Is that true?
21 Okay, thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, just for
23 clarification for staff, so the date on May 24th and the
24 date on May 26th, the one in Richmond and the one in
25 Northridge will be all day events, not an evening event.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Thank you.
2 And that brings up another question, does that mean that
3 Northridge would not go into the evening, also, it would
4 just be a daytime event?

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: That was my
6 understanding of how we had initially discussed them, but
7 I am open to other Commissioners who might have heard
8 something different.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Was it a typical 9:00
10 to 5:00 or 6:00, or until the conclusion of business.

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Uh-hum.

12 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So if for some reason
13 there was a need. And I believe that's the same thing,
14 although on the 27th we won't be taking public input, the
15 intention was to have a regular business meeting with our
16 line-drawers is my understanding.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

19 Commissioner Yao?

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: A question for Janeece. The
21 Northridge scheduling, have they made commitment to us in
22 terms of holding the facility and where do we stand with
23 regard to that? It sounds like we're changing the
24 schedule on the Northridge drastically. No?

25 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: I don't think

1 so.

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: Let me just express it in a
3 general manner and not the Northridge. Once we start
4 talking to cities, organizations about hosting the event
5 in their city there's a commitment on both sides. You
6 know, they make a lot of effort in accommodating us and we
7 should be somewhat careful in terms of changing it once
8 that process has started.

9 So it would be very difficult to say that I want
10 to come into your city and hold a meeting, and when they
11 say yes and then we turn around and say, ah, we changed
12 our mind, and those are very difficult situations to work
13 around.

14 So even though our schedule, and so on and so
15 forth, necessitated it, we really should take those
16 factors into consideration.

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: My
18 conversation with them so far has been that it's been all
19 all-day event both days so I --

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Okay.

21 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: But I will
22 certainly check on that to make sure that's their
23 understanding.

24 COMMISSIONER YAO: All right.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba? Oh,

1 that's a new technique.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: You know, we're going to
3 be in the middle of a big chunk of population in the San
4 Fernando Valley and not to have a public meeting, as far
5 as people coming in and talking about it, it seems we're
6 missing an opportunity there, and I just wondered why
7 we -- because I always thought we were going to have a
8 public meeting there as well, other than beyond the
9 organizations coming in to see what they're talking about.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We do in fact
11 have -- we're trying to schedule one in Burbank or San
12 Fernando, so we will cover part of the San Fernando
13 Valley.

14 But again, I thought that the idea behind
15 Northridge was that we would have an expanded agenda for
16 our organized groups, but we'd certainly take public
17 testimony as well.

18 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

20 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: This may be something
21 for us, a discussion for Outreach, but since staff were
22 talking about timing, have we thought about how things
23 will work when we have a -- like there's a situation in
24 April, and I don't know how close downtown L.A. and San
25 Gabriel are on the 28th and 29th, but it's an all-day

1 meeting, and it's a business meeting and then it's an
2 evening meeting, and then we do the next day to San
3 Gabriel and it's a business meeting in the morning and an
4 all night. And I know that will happen again when we go
5 from Fresno to Stockton, it will be an all-day business
6 meeting, then an evening meeting, and then the next
7 morning start off with business.

8 I'm just wondering when will be traveling? That
9 night or will we be traveling early in the morning? So I
10 just -- I didn't know if we were going to switch our times
11 of those business meetings to accommodate giving us more
12 time in the morning? Or when we have a back-to-back
13 business meeting, particular with a late night input
14 hearing the night before?

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya?

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay. Again, my suggestion
17 had been and I don't know -- and since I know poor Janeece
18 is, you know, hoping that I'm going to resolve San Gabriel
19 sometime soon, and if anybody in my city is listening --
20 but I -- my suggestion had been to plant ourselves in a
21 hotel in Pasadena and go from there.

22 And again, for those of you who are not from
23 Southern California, traveling to any of these other
24 venues is not going to be a big deal and I think you've be
25 a lot happier, you know, to come home at whatever time it

1 is and, you know, not have to unpack or do any of those
2 things, and it would be very easy to access all of the
3 Southern California locations.

4 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: And you are
5 already booked into a hotel in Pasadena, I just got that
6 information late last night. So, I will be passing that
7 on to you, if that works for everybody.

8 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: So, I guess, just so
9 you're saying that at least with the L.A. and San Gabriel
10 we can go in the morning to get -- and this is just -- so
11 that's issue is resolved in terms of the timing. Maybe
12 it's not a problem.

13 But maybe as we look on the calendar in the
14 future, in terms of noticing our meetings, if we have a
15 late night the night before, and we're expected to be in
16 another location and we have to travel between Fresno and
17 Stockton it's a couple of hours, a two-hour drive. And if
18 we're starting at 9:00 in the morning, our choice is
19 either to leave late at night, the night before, or very
20 early in the morning?

21 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yeah, and in that series, in
22 Southern California, from Pasadena to San Gabriel is ten
23 minutes.

24 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Okay. So that won't be
25 an issue then.

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Right, okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Barabba?

3 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Janeece, on the hotels
4 for the trip to Bakersfield you had -- I didn't see the
5 evening of the 14th having a hotel, you had us in the
6 Bakersfield -- excuse me, the 15th.

7 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Yes, there's a
8 major soccer tournament in Hanford that is impacting hotel
9 reservations greatly.

10 We do have something in Visalia, I don't know if
11 it's optimum, so we're still looking.

12 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Okay. All right.

13 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: And that will
14 be coming to you as soon as we get it.

15 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: All right, thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Excuse me, Janeece, in
17 Visalia are you looking at the Holiday Inn? Because
18 that's right on the freeway, it would be the closest
19 coming into town from Hanford.

20 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: It sounds like
21 everything's booked all the way around and we're even
22 looking up into Fresno.

23 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Okay. Because there's also,
24 I think it's now a Marriott in downtown Visalia that might
25 be a possibility.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: And we're
2 still searching so we may end up finding it.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Aguirre?

4 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Yeah, there's a nice
5 KOA campground in Hanford.

6 (Laughter)

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: KOA, yeah. That was a good
8 one.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: Who has a 14-person tent?

10 (Laughter)

11 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: The mom does.

12 (Laughter)

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other suggestions? No.

14 Okay, so let us take a ten-minute break, a bio
15 break and reconvene in ten minutes.

16 (Off the record at 10:40 a.m.)

17 (Back on the record at 11:09 a.m.)

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, let's reconvene our
19 meeting. It is now ten minutes after 11:00.

20 I'd like to start off by clarifying our calendar
21 of dates, again. So let's kind of review that last
22 discussion we had, Janeece.

23 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: There's -- are
24 you asking specifically about the date changes or --

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: The date changes.

1 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: Okay. So, in
2 June, due to a conflict in San Francisco with the PRIDE
3 parade, we are going to be moving the San Francisco public
4 input hearing over one day, to June 27th, on Monday.

5 And we're going to be moving, also, the
6 Sacramento input hearing over one day to June 28th. And
7 there will be no meeting on Sunday, the 26th.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay.

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And the meeting, and
10 just to clarify, too, tentatively the meeting location for
11 May 24th, we're looking at Richmond.

12 COMMISSIONER FORBES: So May 24th?

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: May 24th.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: For the Northern
15 California community input hearing, the statewide
16 community input hearing.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: That's the City of Richmond,
18 right?

19 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Yes.

20 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: With the lead on
21 that being Commissioner Galambos Malloy working -- and
22 we're going to work through her, with the permission of
23 the Commission.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Absolutely.

25 Any other questions on this calendar?

1 Then, staff, any questions that you have? Okay.

2 Let us move on to -- I'm going to switch the
3 order of our agenda. We had Finance and Administration
4 first, as our next item, and then Public Information
5 Advisory as our second. I'm going to flip it so that the
6 Finance and Admin flows more conveniently into the closed
7 session. Is that all right with everybody?

8 Okay, so let's start with the Public Information
9 Advisory Committee and I believe it's Commissioner Ward.

10 Oh, before I do that, can I ask members of the
11 public to please come up and share with us your thoughts.
12 Right after I said I would do that.

13 (Laughter)

14 MR. WRIGHT: Thank you, Commissioner Ontai. I
15 suggested that at the end of every major topic that
16 perhaps public comment would be appropriate.

17 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I realize that every issue
18 we may need it on.

19 MR. WRIGHT: On the subject of the input
20 meetings, the training that people were receiving included
21 the ability to go onto Google Maps and produce a map, and
22 make that available to other people via the internet. I
23 don't know that you want to consider making -- giving them
24 a internet connection available, so that you can look at
25 people's maps or do you prefer that they get printed out?

1 Both options are possible, of course.

2 If you remind people to show presentations to
3 you that the screen should be facing you, not the
4 audience. You know, we don't care, but you guys have to
5 see what's being presented.

6 Commissioner Raya, is your introduction being
7 put on the website? We'd appreciate having it available,
8 if that is being done.

9 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Yes, I have to do a couple
10 of tweaks from our discussion this morning and then it
11 will be provided so that staff can post it.

12 MR. WRIGHT: Understand. If it could just
13 appear there sometime so that we can take a look at it, I
14 appreciate that.

15 And the subject of parades, when I was young I
16 participated in many parades in the band, and Memorial Day
17 and 4th of July both come to mind, both of which you have
18 avoided in your schedule. So maybe there's some
19 opportunities there. Thank you. Have a good day.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. So, let's start off
21 with the Public Information Advisory Committee. Is that
22 Rob then taking lead or --

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: I believe Commissioner Ward
24 delegated that to me.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, all right.

1 COMMISSIONER WARD: I did it last week.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: That's true, you did it last
3 week. Okay.

4 So, a couple of things, you guys may have
5 noticed that our brand-new website went up on March 31st,
6 as scheduled. Yahoo! And we are actually getting love
7 letters from the public. So, I think given what people
8 have been faced with before, I think it's a dramatic
9 improvement.

10 We spent a fair amount of our time during our
11 meeting reviewing the toolkits and there were some
12 suggested changes from Ms. Ana Henderson, who graciously
13 provided some input in her role as part of the Earl Warren
14 Institute.

15 So, some of these changes we accepted, some of
16 them we chose to stick with what we had. And this was
17 also provided to the Outreach Committee.

18 We also talked a bit about translation, all of
19 the materials are going to be translated into Spanish,
20 Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese --

21 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Tagalog.

22 COMMISSIONER DAI: -- Tagalog. So as soon as
23 the final language is approved by this Commission, then
24 we'll start on that translation and it's about a four-day
25 turnaround, as Rob had mentioned before.

1 So, Commissioner Raya has an appeal regarding
2 the bios for each Commissioner, which she already made to
3 the Outreach Committee. Do you want to say something?

4 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Sure. Just asking that
5 everyone take a look at your bio so that for purposes of
6 translating it we can get a condensed version, please, and
7 if you could provide that to me by e-mail or, you know,
8 just hand me the copy that you have and cross out, make
9 any changes, whatever. Thank you. And if I could get
10 that today, please?

11 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes, Commissioner had just
12 suggested removing the quote and then tightening up the
13 rest of your bio to kind of cover the essentials.

14 And I don't think we need a motion on this, but
15 I just hope that the Commission understands that minor
16 changes moving forward to correct grammar, and typos, and
17 tightening up language, that we defer to Mr. Wilcox to
18 make those changes on his own, without requiring a vote of
19 the full Commission.

20 So with that, do we want to hand out the
21 toolkit?

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: I'm sorry, could I make
23 a -- before we move on to the website, can I make a couple
24 of suggestions?

25 COMMISSIONER DAI: Sure.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Is that okay? I'm
2 sorry, and maybe this is being handed out. I think it's
3 great and I've actually got a couple of family and friends
4 comment that it's much nicer visually and much easier,
5 particularly when you're looking for information.

6 But I would like to make a couple of comments
7 that I think will be very important for the public as we
8 move forward. One is, and this happened yesterday and
9 today, but in trying to with -- as someone with the
10 outside, my mother is in town watching small, little ones.
11 So, in order for them to be able to watch mom on
12 livestream, my mother was trying to find how she could
13 access our current livestream.

14 For someone who's not that tech savvy and knows
15 where to look, it was very difficult. And when I tried to
16 find it, you realize you have to go into meetings, into
17 videos, and you have to know if you go into the agendas to
18 find which meeting room you're in.

19 I think it would be very helpful if on our own
20 page we had a link to --

21 COMMISSIONER DAI: We do, by the way.

22 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: A link to the current
23 livestream?

24 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yes. It's right on the home
25 page, it's the first thing.

1 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay.

2 COMMISSIONER DAI: I just checked it two seconds
3 ago.

4 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I know, but I'm saying
5 where -- if you're at the hearing schedule, learn more,
6 tell us helpful links, press release.

7 COMMISSIONER DAI: It is what's new and it says
8 click on broadcast from room 3191, it's the first line on
9 the --

10 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Oh. See, I wouldn't
11 have --

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: You have to refresh, you
13 probably had a cache.

14 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Okay. We had done that
15 this morning looking for the link. But, anyway, just as
16 an issue that it was -- we couldn't find it. Oh, okay, so
17 that's brand-new, it wasn't there this -- was it there
18 this morning?

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: There were some difficulties,
20 otherwise it's --

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: This morning. Okay, so
22 maybe it wasn't even there this morning.

23 And the only other point I would say is instead
24 of naming it broadcast from room 3191, particularly if
25 there's multiple rooms, you could say the Redding hearing,

1 or Outreach and Technical. I know that might require some
2 update, but I know as of this morning the broad -- they
3 only had the blast rooms, yeah, from yesterday. So, I
4 left a message with Christina and I know she can update
5 that immediately, so maybe she could update that.

6 And lastly, the only other thing I would suggest
7 is if you had a chance maybe to pull five people from the
8 hallway and have them sit down on our website, people that
9 aren't familiar with our -- I think a lot of us are
10 familiar, a lot of our users are familiar with the
11 material there. But it might be helpful to get people who
12 are random, off the street, and say this is our website,
13 if you were going to look for a meeting, where would --
14 can you find it easily?

15 Or if you are looking to find out a past video,
16 can you find it?

17 So I'd just be curious to see if someone, who's
18 detached from the process how -- the ease of use. I think
19 it is much easier and really great, but I'd be curious to
20 see if someone, who wasn't familiar with us and our
21 process, could have the same ease of doing that. Just a
22 suggestion, thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Dai, you should
24 be disqualified, you're an electrical engineer, it's easy
25 for you. You're talking about moms and dads.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: Sorry. Well, the electrical
2 engineer next to me also asked the question about where
3 the livestream was so -- so, as you'll recall, we had some
4 technical difficulties this morning, which is noted on the
5 home page, as well. So I think Commissioner DiGuilio's
6 point is well taken, instead of taking broadcast in 3191,
7 we should say two days business meeting, or Redding public
8 hearing, something more descriptive that --

9 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: Just a big thing that
10 says livestream video, a big button that someone could
11 click. I think there was something to that extent in our
12 last one, it wasn't a big button, but something that's
13 very clear and you can click on it.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay, Mr. Wilcox has noted
15 that.

16 And if you or any member of the public have
17 suggestions, we have already received several suggestions,
18 everything to how fast the pictures are scrolling, to
19 layout of -- there are a lot of website designers out
20 there, so we're happy to integrate, these changes can be
21 made immediately and on the fly. So, if you have other
22 usability suggestions, rather than taking Mr. Wilcox's
23 time to do a formal usability test, we ask the public to
24 let us know if they're having trouble finding something,
25 or is it we can label something better. We can make those

1 changes. We're doing a live test all the time so, yes,
2 please do.

3 We also talked about the public input
4 communication plan, which I'm not really sure when Mr.
5 Wilcox sleeps, but he's been our advance team. And I want
6 to personally thank Commissioner Forbes, who has been up
7 and down between here and Redding to make sure that we had
8 adequate publicity for our upcoming public hearings.

9 We've done a lot of work with the ethnic media.
10 I, personally, did a couple of days with the Chinese
11 language media, and I know that several other
12 Commissioners have been tapped to do other briefings.
13 Commissioner Ancheta did a briefing with, I think, 20
14 different organizations.

15 So, we're continuing to work that angle. If you
16 have suggestions of organizations that should be contacted
17 in advance of our next set of public hearings, please let
18 Mr. Wilcox know. This goes for members of the public, as
19 well. And Mr. Wilcox has been kind of, you know,
20 contacting local government officials, you know, all the
21 community-based organizations, all the media in those
22 locations to get the word out before we come.

23 But feel free to suggest if there are particular
24 organizations that can help us get the word out.

25 And then, finally, the video that we all worked

1 so hard on in our last meeting, and it is expected to be
2 done a week from Monday. So, we'll look forward to that
3 and that will also be posted on the website, right, when
4 that gets done.

5 Mr. Wilcox, do you want to add anything?

6 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: That was a very
7 good report and thank you. I just, in talking about the
8 individual publicity and outreach on the meetings, you
9 just went over some of the things and it's -- you know,
10 we're relying, of course, on statewide partners to get out
11 to their local organizations on this as well, but we can't
12 always know everybody and find everybody, so that's where
13 the public input comes in. And if you have any -- any
14 friends, or contacts in those areas, that really is very
15 helpful.

16 As an example, also with Marysville and Redding,
17 we have relied heavily on the mass media and they've come
18 through.

19 Commissioner Dai mentioned Commissioner Forbes,
20 we've had some incredible -- a front page on the Yuba
21 City/Marysville, a great article in the Redding Record
22 Search Light. And many radio interviews. So we are
23 relying on the broadest possible way to get the word out
24 for these meetings and already have begun, and you will
25 see Bakersfield, and San Luis Obispo, and the others down

1 the line as well.

2 And I think that's it for me.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Okay. That's it for the
4 Public Information Committee.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So any other comment
6 regarding a new title?

7 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Yes, I know it
8 was mentioned and I think they talked about it in the
9 Outreach Committee yesterday, and specifically
10 Commissioner Aguirre, in the translation of toolkit.

11 And I wanted to throw out for discussion that
12 maybe we call it the guidebook, Guidebook to Assist
13 Members of the Public in Presenting to the Citizen
14 Redistricting Commission's Public Input Hearings, could be
15 the --

16 COMMISSIONER DAI: What about just a guide?

17 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Guide, yeah.

18 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: A guide, okay.

19 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Yeah, I think that makes
21 sense.

22 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Okay, great.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I think I still get a thing
24 of my hammer and tools, and something like that.

25 COMMISSIONER RAYA: It may come to that.

1 (Laughter)

2 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, very good. Anyone
3 else, any questions for the Public Information Advisory
4 Committee?

5 If not -- oh, I did want to ask Commissioner
6 Dai, you said that you wanted the Commission to approve
7 the languages. Do you want a motion for that?

8 COMMISSIONER DAI: I don't know if it's
9 necessary. This is the latest version, I can see already
10 there are still a few typos which, you know, we can help
11 Mr. Wilcox find them.

12 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: We're working
13 on that right now, yes.

14 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah. You know, unless there
15 is a gross objection to this version of the toolkit, we're
16 going to move forward with it as it has incorporated
17 comments, now, of Ms. Ana Henderson and it has been
18 reviewed very thoroughly by the Public Information
19 Committee.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And then proceed with the
21 four to five languages translated, correct?

22 COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WILCOX: Correct.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Right.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Any other comments?

25 Hearing none, let's go right into the Finance

1 and Administrative Advisory Committee, so Commissioner
2 Galambos Malloy.

3 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you very
4 much. Our committee met yesterday, I did participate in
5 the committee meeting by teleconference. And so, as we
6 move through this I do invite my fellow committee members,
7 where there may be additional clarifications that were
8 difficult from not having been in the room, please feel
9 free to join in.

10 I will start our report back with our two action
11 items, the first of which is consideration of Ms. Lisa
12 Halterman for our program analyst position.

13 And our Committee got an opportunity, those of
14 us who were in the room, to meet her in person yesterday.

15 I would actually like to invite her to come
16 forward, say a few words to the Commission regarding your
17 background, your interest in the Commission's work, and
18 then we would like to propose considering of her hiring.

19 MS. HALTERMAN: Hi, my name is Lisa Halterman.
20 I am a current graduate of MTI College, and where I
21 graduated with a 4.0 GPA, on the President's List.

22 (Laughter)

23 MS. HALTERMAN: And I came to the Citizen's
24 Redistricting Commission as an intern approximately two
25 weeks ago, and started helping Deborah with the budgeting

1 process, and then moved my way into the travel claims and
2 per diems. So, now I am definitely working on getting you
3 guys paid.

4 And I have had the -- I have learned so much in
5 the past two weeks, it's been absolutely amazing just to
6 have this experience. As I said, I came on as an intern
7 just for the experience alone, and what I've learned
8 already is just priceless. So, I definitely thank
9 everybody for what I've learned.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So, with that, I
11 would entertain a motion from anyone on my Committee.

12 COMMISSIONER DAI: I propose that we official
13 hire Ms. Lisa Halterman as our AGPA position, correct.

14 MS. JOHNSTON: Staff services analyst.

15 COMMISSIONER DAI: Staff services analyst
16 position.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Second.

18 Could I have the motion read back, please?

19 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: The motion is
20 to approve and hire Lisa Halterman as staff services
21 analyst for the Commission.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Questions?

23 All right, call for the vote.

24 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Public comment.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Public comment. Anyone out

1 there?

2 See, I'm being reminded, so there's no way I'm
3 going to get away from that.

4 Call for the vote, please. Okay, hand vote.
5 Everyone raise your hand if you approve.

6 It's unanimous. Thank you very much.

7 MS. HALTERMAN: Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Welcome aboard.

9 MS. HALTERMAN: Thank you very much.

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Which moves us
11 into our second action item, which is the consideration of
12 our policy manual for the Citizens Redistricting
13 Commission. My understanding is that this document was
14 provided to the full Commission. Is that correct, Mr.
15 Claypool?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, we have it
17 online and --

18 THE REPORTER: Your microphone, Mr. Claypool.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We have it online
20 and does anyone not have a copy? Then everyone has it.

21 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Again, for the
22 public, all of the documents that we'll be referring to
23 during this report back are available online, under
24 meeting handouts.

25 This was reviewed in detail by Finance and

1 Administration Committee. We discussed future refinements
2 that we would like to see, most notably around timing and
3 process for the posting and distribution of public
4 comments.

5 The only major change that has occurred in this
6 document since the last time that you have seen it, if I
7 remember correctly, is on section one, around the code of
8 conduct, which is page 3 of 12, paragraph two.

9 "All employees, consultants and legal counsel
10 working for the Commission shall comply with the
11 requirements of Government Code Section 8253
12 applicable to the Commissioners. And, in
13 particular, shall not communicate with or
14 receive communications about the Commission's
15 redistricting matters outside of a public
16 meeting of the Commission. This does not
17 prohibit communications between Commissioners,
18 employees, consultants, and legal counsel that
19 are otherwise permitted by the Bagley-Keene
20 Act."

21 You'll also note that this does include a record
22 retention policy, which there was some training around
23 that, that was provided to the Commission yesterday.

24 And, therefore, our recommendation on this
25 document is that we do approve it as is, that we do

1 consider it a working document. Already we've had, you
2 know, a couple of potential refinements that have come up.
3 And so where there are suggestions on the part of any
4 Commissioners or refinements, that those would be directed
5 to the acting chair and vice-chair at any given moment,
6 and cc Mr. Claypool and Mr. Miller.

7 Are there any questions regarding what you have
8 seen so far in the policy manual?

9 Comments from staff?

10 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Yes, if I could. I
11 don't believe we've got a better chance than this one to
12 kind of follow up from yesterday's presentation on records
13 and PRA, so I just wanted to take a minute and focus on
14 one little piece that I think is critical.

15 And that would be on page 10, where the policy
16 speaks to electronic records, otherwise known as e-mail.
17 And you'll notice under number four there, retention
18 period, no retention required. So, I'd like to contrast
19 for just a second our situation here with what is
20 typically the case in, we'll call, a more traditional
21 State agency.

22 In a more traditional State agency all of their
23 documents are on a central computer and are managed by
24 someone in a pretty effective way.

25 There, that agency would establish a retention

1 policy. Not a legal one, but one that makes sense for
2 that agency.

3 And, typically, it would say with respect to
4 medical -- medical records, looking at Dr. Ward -- with
5 respect to electronic records, that they'll be deleted
6 after, let's say, 60 days, and that will happen
7 automatically in everyone's e-mail box in the agency.

8 The only exceptions being if the individual, for
9 whatever reason, determines to -- a particular message is
10 important, you can move that to a folder and keep it as
11 long as you want.

12 That might occur for a couple of reasons. One,
13 you simply find it's important to you and you'll want to
14 refer to it or, two, it's subject to a hold for either a
15 PRA request or a litigation request.

16 We don't have the advantage of being able to do
17 that. So, everyone is on their own, if you will, to
18 manage their electronic records. And I think it's usually
19 the case that most e-mail records really aren't worthy of
20 being treated as historical documents.

21 Yet, when you have a PRA request you're stuck
22 looking through whatever you've got to make sure you've
23 responded adequately.

24 So, I'm just here to encourage that you manage
25 your e-mail aggressively and sort out, because we don't

1 have the advantage of Big Brother doing it for us and
2 deleting, on a mass basis, those older e-mails. It will
3 just make your life a lot easier going forward.

4 We also touched on, briefly, those personal
5 notes that you take for yourself during the meeting and
6 it's absolutely appropriate that you do so. But I would
7 just ask that do so with the same caution as with e-mail.

8 If you find that having taken notes that
9 whatever follow up you wanted to do, you have done, or
10 that there's more there to maintain than is really
11 necessary, you should feel free to delete these ongoing
12 notes as well, for the same reason, they're -- they'd be
13 subject to the Act, just like e-mail is. And to the
14 extent that you have less, it just makes life easier for
15 everyone.

16 So, be circumspect about how much you maintain
17 and how much you really need to note down for your own
18 business needs.

19 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions?

20 Commissioner Forbes?

21 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes. Mr. Miller, as a
22 practical matter, if we have a request for documents and a
23 variety of documents, and we don't actually have any,
24 having gone through our e-mail, should we simply forward
25 an e-mail to you that we don't have any? I mean, what's

1 the mechanism to, say, have a negative response?

2 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: That is the
3 mechanism. We're asking Kermit Torres, in our office, to
4 be the recipient for those responses. But, yes, if you
5 just say I've looked and I have nothing.

6 The one thing is this I'm trying to tee it up so
7 you see who the requester is, when we send out a request.
8 So, if you could just keep that referenced subject line
9 that we know you've looked as to a particular request,
10 didn't have anything, end of story.

11 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Thank you.

12 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Ward?

13 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you.

14 (Laughter)

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I live you're innovative
16 style.

17 COMMISSIONER WARD: When we get these requests
18 and we respond to them, is the cumulative response to that
19 request also going to be published? And I ask so that
20 maybe we don't have to repeat these as often as we might
21 have to.

22 So, is the cumulative response going to be
23 posted or somehow available to us, or the public, again,
24 to try to cut down on the number of these requests that
25 come forward?

1 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: That's a good
2 suggestion and it's one we really haven't thought about.
3 But I think it's worth thinking about. Maybe as we have a
4 little track record we can see if there's some savings to
5 us in doing that.

6 Two things to note, where a requester seeks
7 information that's already posted, and much of our stuff
8 is, we'll just refer them to the website and you don't
9 need to resubmit stuff that's already on the website.

10 And second, it's going to be quite rare where
11 there is a legal protection, if you will, from the
12 production of any particular document that's requested.
13 And the reason for that is those exceptions are narrow,
14 anyway, and in our situation, as a Commission, the -- the
15 default, if you will, legally, is to produce rather than
16 to protect.

17 But if you find in your review that there's a
18 document that you have a concern about or feel deserves
19 extra attention, if you could let us know, we'd like to
20 know that ahead of time so we can spend a little extra
21 time looking at it.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes?

23 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yes. That leads me to a
24 follow-up question. To the extent -- do we have to sort
25 for the request or could we simply say, look, here's the

1 350 e-mails that I've got in my file, you're welcome to
2 them all, you sort them?

3 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: No, we don't have
4 to index them in your lawyer-like training. We don't have
5 to give them a three-ring binder with an index.

6 The only responsibility is to identify those
7 requests and produce them. So, I think the short answer
8 to your question would be no, we don't have to organize
9 them in any particular way.

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: That leads me to a follow-
11 up thing on what Commissioner Ward said, that with the
12 exception of perhaps some personnel e-mails, or some other
13 issues, is to consider whether all of our e-mails should
14 just go into a public file. I mean, it's a lot of boring
15 stuff but it would save -- you know, everything's there,
16 go look, we don't have to -- so, any response that we --
17 any request we got for documents, there it is. Just as a
18 thought.

19 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Well, that is an
20 interesting -- I think that is worth thinking about. I
21 don't want to react instantly, but I --

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, but it might
23 simplify it. Because I know we've talked about that we're
24 afraid that we're going to get a lot of requests and so
25 there it all is, folks.

1 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Yeah. I really
2 don't know how that -- you know, if there isn't some way
3 for the requester to sort online, I don't know if that
4 would be okay or not.

5 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay.

6 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: But I think it's
7 worth thinking about.

8 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It's just an idea, and
9 everything we be done. I have yet to receive an e-mail
10 that I would consider to be, you know, even sensitive,
11 they're just stuff. And so, you know, if that's going to
12 be the nature of our e-mails -- anyway.

13 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: I don't know if we
14 have the capacity to do that, but I do think it's an idea
15 that's worth considering and we will.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any others?

17 Oh, Commissioner DiGuilio?

18 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: I just had a question
19 as to whether this has been taken up, and I'm assuming
20 it's going to be maybe in this because we're talking about
21 what happens with e-mails. If we -- it seems that we've
22 been getting -- some individuals are sending e-mails
23 directly to us, as Commissioners. And I'm assuming
24 sometimes they're cc'd to staff or not.

25 But I don't see those on the public comments.

1 Have we made some -- I know there was a discussion, there
2 are some things that maybe are inappropriate, and I
3 understand that, but things that staff is filtering and I
4 appreciate that.

5 But I feel like there's maybe some individuals
6 that feel like they can send it -- anyone can send things
7 to us all the time, but I want to make sure that that's
8 made as a public posting, as well, so that people don't
9 feel like they have some type of access to us that the
10 others don't get to hear that.

11 So I happened to check spam one day and there
12 were a couple of e-mails from someone and I haven't seen
13 those e-mails posted on there. So I'm not sure if staff
14 sometimes is getting them, or if they're just sending them
15 directly to us Commissioners and whether we need to
16 forward those to staff.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: And I would
18 consider this part of that. If you remember, when we were
19 discussing the policy manual that we asked staff to come
20 back with some language around how we deal with public
21 comments. Not just public comments that were submitted as
22 formal comments, but all of the communication that kind of
23 goes to Commissioners.

24 So I would say add that to the list of things
25 that we want to address with that additional language for

1 consideration in the policy manual.

2 COMMISSIONER DI GIULIO: Which you may -- again,
3 it goes back to Commissioner Forbes. If you have access
4 to our e-mails, or those that are willing to do that, you
5 might be able to see -- who wants to cross-reference our
6 e-mails with what you're getting. But you may be able to
7 do a search on ours and find things that -- I don't know.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I like that suggestion,
9 Commissioner Forbes, just put everything on the public
10 network. If anyone wants to look at it, it's all there
11 and we don't have to worry about it. Can we do that?

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We can. Now,
13 Christina Shupe, who's working that for us, is probably
14 just turning flip flops right now because --

15 (Laughter)

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: -- primarily
17 because of the workload to put that much material on the
18 internet. And she brought up a good point yesterday, and
19 I think the technologically advanced here will understand
20 kind of the noise that that creates on a website. That
21 there's so much, we start putting so much stuff there that
22 you can't find anything in it.

23 So, as good an idea as that is, I'm not so sure
24 where it will go.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Forbes.

1 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Yeah, well, my thought
2 wasn't so much that we should actually put it on the
3 website, but to put it to one public access place so, I
4 mean, so anybody -- I don't think it has to go to the
5 website. But rather just -- they're just, you know, so
6 anybody who requests it there it all is, they can just go
7 to one place and maybe it's on a computer some place, but
8 not necessarily on the website.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao, then
10 Commissioner DiGuilio.

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Putting it -- let's say
12 exposing all the e-mail may be an easy way out for us, but
13 keep in mind the intent of the public record request. If
14 they ask for a bit of information and you give them two
15 cases of input and say you look for it that, I think,
16 violates the intent of the Public Act. So, I think we
17 have to do our due diligence in terms of trying to comply
18 both with the spirit and the letter of the request,
19 itself.

20 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner DiGuilio?

21 COMMISSIONER DI GUILIO: And just to clarify, my
22 point was not to make -- I didn't necessarily feel that it
23 was necessary to put it out to the -- for the web, online.
24 It was simply that if we had an option, maybe we could
25 allow staff or an administrator to have access. If

1 someone felt like I would rather have staff do a search
2 and I don't have time, then each individual could make
3 that decision. Otherwise, it would be encumbent upon us
4 to do those searches or something.

5 But I don't think having the public have access
6 to our e-mails, not that there's anything hidden in there,
7 but I don't think I necessarily want them to know about
8 the daycare situation that I'm communicating with or
9 something, in terms of recommendations or -- you know,
10 just the miscellaneous things that happen that are part of
11 Commission business, but are not necessarily related to
12 the public need to know.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Mr. Claypool?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: On the staff doing
15 that, there are two problems in my mind with that. The
16 first one is we really don't want the perception that
17 staff has access to your e-mails, period, that's the first
18 one.

19 And secondly, and more importantly from my
20 perspective, we don't have enough staff to do that for
21 you.

22 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I just want to make a public
23 comment here, to all the viewers out there, I hope you
24 realize that we're willing to show everything, including
25 our dirty laundry to you.

1 The discussion is how can we package things that
2 you can find what you're looking for.

3 Any other comments?

4 If not, can we continue, Connie?

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes. Again, the
6 direction is for staff to come back with some language
7 around how we deal with public comment and if there are
8 various options that can be explored on that issue, then
9 to please come with that to the next business meeting.

10 And the Finance and Administration Committee
11 will be the first point of entry for that recommendation.

12 So moving along, we did actually need to take
13 action regarding this policy manual as it currently
14 exists. So, I would be happy to entertain a motion that
15 we adopt this, knowing that we will continue refining and
16 adding to it as we go along.

17 COMMISSIONER DAI: So moved.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Moved by Commissioner Dai.

19 I need a second.

20 COMMISSIONER YAO: Second.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Seconded by Commissioner
22 Yao. Discussion?

23 All right, I did remember, anyone from the
24 public that would like to comment? Please, Senor, come on
25 up.

1 MR. WRIGHT: Sorry to be such a pest, Jim
2 Wright. Regarding the notes that you make on your person
3 laptop computers, or wherever else electronically, my
4 concern is that perhaps some of those notes are very
5 important to the decision that you personally are making
6 on issues before the Commission, and how you're thinking,
7 how you're approaching an issue may be something that
8 could be challenged in a legal challenge to the maps that
9 you finally produce. It could be of historical value in
10 understanding how the Commission reached its decisions.

11 It's a sticky wicket, okay, and it's something
12 that I ask that you seriously consider when you sort
13 through the notes that you've been making.

14 There are certainly many of them that have no
15 future value and you can throw them away, yeah. And I
16 have to trust your decision on those things.

17 But if it is one that is of a contributing
18 nature to the decision that you're making as a part of
19 this Commission, perhaps it's something that needs to be
20 retained.

21 I don't know if your legal counsel want to make
22 an additional comment on that or not, but from my
23 viewpoint I think those are important. Thank you.

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you, Mr. Wright.

25 Okay, if there aren't any more comments, let's

1 call for the vote.

2 Janeece, would you read the motion again,
3 please?

4 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: The motion is
5 to adopt the policy handbook.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, call for the vote.

7 All those in favor, raise your hand?

8 (Ayes)

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It's unanimous.

10 Thank you, Commissioner Dai.

11 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Thank you. With
12 that, I will move into our informational items coming from
13 Finance and Administration Committee.

14 There are a series of them, many of which relate
15 to the budget. I know we're approaching the lunch hour, I
16 do think that we can move through this. I'm guessing that
17 it might take up until 12:05.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, we got to be out of here
19 at 1:00, so is there any way for us -- or maybe pull this
20 back until after our closed session?

21 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Well, let me
22 suggest this, there's a series of different budget
23 documents that the Finance and Administration Committee
24 reviewed in detail. So what I can do is present them all
25 as a package, give you the highlights. We have Ms. Davis

1 here, we can answer any major questions at the end of
2 going through all of the highlights. I think that will
3 save quite a bit of time versus taking them one by one.

4 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, so if you can do it by
5 12:00 that would be great.

6 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay, great. And
7 again, some of these budget items Mr. Claypool will be
8 referring to when he does his Executive Director's report.

9 Budget augmentation request, we are still
10 awaiting a response on this request. There have been a
11 series of changes in the formatting of how we have
12 presented the information that had been requested. My
13 understanding, as per Mr. Claypool, is that the issue is
14 not whether we will get the augmentation, but when we will
15 get the augmentation. Is that correct?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That's correct.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: So we will keep
18 you apprised of any changes in that situation.

19 In regard to budget revisions beyond the
20 augmentation, in order to submit our May budget revision
21 documents, which would be related to any monies that would
22 be for post-September 1st, of 2011, we will need to make a
23 decision during our meeting in -- our business meeting
24 scheduled to happen in Long Beach regarding what role we
25 see this Commission playing post-September 1st.

1 There have been some suggestions to date that
2 have been posed to the Commission, by various
3 Commissioners, including independent review of the work
4 that we do here together, as a Citizens Redistricting
5 Commission. Potential quarterly meetings, where we are
6 able to address business matters that come up,
7 constitutional changes we might need to be involved with
8 post our map-making process.

9 There's also a national prison population study
10 that's going to be occurring, it may be that this
11 Commission wants California to be a part of that study.
12 Those are just a few examples.

13 So, our process suggestion would be that we'd
14 like to invite Commissioners to submit their ideas on
15 roles for the Commission post map-making.

16 And Commissioner Dai has volunteered to compile
17 all of these ideas, and Finance and Administration
18 Committee will take up these ideas at our next committee
19 meeting in Long Beach. And then we will consider their
20 respective budget implications and come back, and
21 facilitate a conversation and recommendation to the full
22 Commission later this month.

23 Any questions or thoughts?

24 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Good idea.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER YAO: Could you also -- could you
2 also talk a little bit about the deadline that we need in
3 order to meet the -- what's the right term, the May
4 release?

5 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Mr. Claypool.

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We -- certainly.
7 The faster we finish with this now -- we've moved out of
8 the spring finance letter, we're now going to refer to it
9 as the May revise letter, so that everyone in State
10 government understands what we're submitting.

11 We would like those suggestions through to
12 Commissioner Dai by the next session. We will continue to
13 develop the budget that we know you will need, and then
14 just plug in the numbers for the different things that you
15 introduce at that time.

16 COMMISSIONER YAO: Let me try to elaborate on
17 that a little bit. Even though this discussion involved
18 what we do after we complete -- after we finish with the
19 map, but because of the budget request timeline, we really
20 need to get all the work done and get it approved by the
21 next time that we meet, which is at Long Beach, I believe.

22 So there is a little bit of time sensitivity to
23 this and not something that we can put off for a long
24 time.

25 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Now, when we

1 think longer term, this is just to have on your radar for
2 later, by August or September we will have to make a
3 decision as a Commission around what role we see the
4 Commission playing moving into the 2012-2013 budget, so
5 there's kind of a sequencing of when we need to make these
6 decisions.

7 With that, I'd like to move into the budget
8 handouts that we have. I believe that all of the
9 Commissioners have received these documents. I know for a
10 fact that they are posted online, which was how I accessed
11 them yesterday during the committee meeting.

12 Again, Ms. Davis has kindly joined us. What
13 I'll do, I'll go through the documents in a specific order
14 and share highlights, and then we can have questions at
15 the end.

16 The order in which I will address them is
17 starting with the budget, moving into the expenditures,
18 which looks like this, expenditures through March 2011.

19 Next, we will talk about the per diem analysis,
20 which is several pages stapled together. It also has on
21 the back a travel analysis.

22 And then the final document will be the
23 Commission staff hours.

24 In regards to the working budget, again let me
25 preface this by saying these -- this was really the first

1 opportunity that we have had to have a budget officer on
2 board to prepare us with this type of analysis, and so we
3 did have a rich conversation around feedback on potential
4 formatting changes. So that's not a level of conversation
5 I'm hoping to have at the conclusion of this presentation.

6 And the working budget, the bottom line is that
7 this document demonstrates us operating at a \$3.8 million
8 budget through August.

9 This is basically the same in terms of content
10 and actual line items, basically the same as what you have
11 seen before. The main change is that some contract
12 amounts that had been previously deferred were actually
13 now folded back in.

14 Any clarifications or additions to that, Ms.
15 Davis?

16 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: None.

17 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay. Moving
18 along to the Commissioner expenditures, one of the pieces
19 of feedback we suggested that it would be useful to have,
20 in addition to the total dollar amounts for each of these
21 expenditures, that we also show what percentage of our
22 total budget and amount that is. And so, we will be
23 seeing that with future versions.

24 The highlights on this are that, you know, the
25 best is yet to come. We still have a lot of money that

1 we've got to pay out and so many of our expenditures have
2 not even begun to show up, most notably our VRA attorneys,
3 the line-drawer.

4 And when you look at the travel and per diem
5 amounts, again, not significant in relation to the total
6 amount that we have had budgeted because we'll be spending
7 most of this money in the months to come.

8 Moving to the per diem analysis, the per diem
9 has been divided across a series of categories based on
10 how Commissioners have reported that they have spend their
11 hours working on Commission time. These are the columns
12 that you'll note on this first page of the packet.

13 One column says CRC business meetings, then we
14 have media travel, public input meetings, et cetera.

15 You should note that this has been compiled as a
16 total. We asked for a minimum, an average, and a maximum,
17 and that we have also requested that for the future that
18 we actually have this broken down by month so we can get a
19 rough sense of what the various looks, burn rate around
20 per diem are.

21 The zero dollar amounts as the minimums, of
22 course, reflect where there have been Commissioners that
23 have not submitted any per diem requests. And we did not
24 choose to break this out by Commissioner. We're hoping
25 that those of you who know that you have not submitted any

1 per diem requests will take this as a notice that you need
2 to submit your per diem requests.

3 And the reasons for this are that we asked Ms.
4 Davis to really begin providing us with these snapshots
5 that will allow us to track our budget more closely now
6 that our burn rate is going to go up exponentially.

7 And so if we're not current on per diem, it's
8 going to dramatically impact our budget. And the last
9 thing we would want to happen is to arrive at August and
10 have a Commissioner turn in eight months' worth of per
11 diem, it's going to make it very difficult for our
12 tracking system.

13 The suggestion by staff is that the per diem
14 forms would be submitted no later than 30 days after the
15 close of a month. So, for example, this past month, March
16 31, we need to get that request in by the end of April.

17 The bottom line when you look at -- I actually
18 made this additional calculation based on what you gave
19 us, Ms. Davis, is that we still have available about 74
20 percent of our budget for per diem overall. The variance
21 across how much Commissioners have requested on per diem
22 is significant and there are various reasons for that.
23 There are some Commissioners who are part of the rotating
24 leadership structure, which means a significant time
25 investment as chair or vice-chair, or taking on committee

1 leadership roles, special projects such as translation,
2 the video. I could go on and on.

3 Others have been doing heavy on the outreach
4 efforts, as Commissioner Dai stated earlier. And so the
5 numbers are really all across the map.

6 What we would like to do, because these per diem
7 requests and our TECs are public information, we want to
8 make them as clear as possible and it streamlines staff's
9 ability to do the kinds of analyses that we need.

10 And so we want to ask Commissioners to please
11 provide more detail than just saying Commission time on a
12 per diem request. And many of you have gone beyond that,
13 of course.

14 Staff will provide us with some codes that match
15 up with these series of columns that you see on this page.
16 And so, in the future, when you go to fill out your per
17 diem forms, you can just write in the code and that will
18 make it very easy to process the requests as they come in.

19 I think that is all I have on per diem.

20 So, moving to travel, which is the last sheet
21 that is attached to this same packet -- pardon?

22 Questions, comments? I'm sorry, I wasn't here
23 for the initiation of the cup ritual, so I'm still
24 adjusting.

25 COMMISSIONER WARD: Thank you. In the

1 subcommittee we'd talked about the missing per diem
2 requests and those being such a problem for putting it
3 into those books, and the thought came up that no training
4 had been providing on actually how to fill those forms
5 out, and that might be a barrier to some Commissioners
6 being able to complete that.

7 Were we in a position to provide some training
8 on that today?

9 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: I'm not sure about today,
10 but we can provide some training.

11 COMMISSIONER WARD: I just thought in the
12 subcommittee we talked about trying to squeeze that in to
13 the report back, so that everyone was kind of on an even
14 page and can, you know, accommodate that request that
15 we're making of them as soon as possible.

16 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Well, something that we
17 can do is provide a guide online, and then if there's any
18 comment, we can assist you with that.

19 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: We've also
20 directed staff, from the committee side, to send reminders
21 as we're approaching those deadlines for getting in your
22 per diem forms for the month before, to please just send
23 us an e-mail along with the link or the document that we
24 need to fill out so that it's fresh in our minds.

25 Commissioner Ancheta?

1 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: So just a question on
2 the -- and this page 2, with the columns. I know that we'd
3 approved the \$475,000 total, but there are sort of
4 subcategories which are here. And I'm not sure, did staff
5 develop those as projections for the likely expenditures
6 per type of -- or activity by the Commission?

7 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Absolutely. Each time
8 we've taken a look at the budget and as we've been setting
9 the business meetings and the number of input meetings
10 we've had to go back and recalculate what that estimate
11 would be, keeping in mind that we've projected for all 14
12 Commissioners to be in attendance.

13 So the fluctuation in the budget is based on us
14 developing this schedule that we're about to embark on.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I mean, so for example if
16 you go to the hours column which, of course, there's been
17 some activity, but there's no budget for it, or are listed
18 by categorizing it as such, although it's -- obviously,
19 it's the things we do.

20 But, again, I think it's fine to -- and this is
21 helpful, I think, in terms of the specificity of the
22 activities. But I guess this is a question of how much we
23 allocate to certain things. So I only put zero where it
24 probably should be a larger amount, I guess.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, and in

1 actuality, and in pursuant to a request from Commissioner
2 Yao, that particular line was for outreach activities that
3 Commissioners had gone to, where we hadn't known about the
4 outreach activity and so it shows up on our budget.

5 So, what we're going to do in the future is
6 simply notify that Commissioner that we need to know, and
7 to all of you, it would be helpful to know in advance, so
8 we know what's going to hit the budget, what activity
9 you're going to do.

10 But in the future that column will disappear and
11 we will allocate it towards the function that it applies
12 to.

13 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay.

14 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Excellent. So,
15 let's move on to travel. Of course, we've not even begun
16 to see our travel expenses barely hit the radar. The main
17 request that our committee has, on behalf of staff, is
18 that as our travel picks up, in line with the request
19 around per diem, it's going to be very important that we
20 turn around our TEC forms quickly. They're going to be
21 coming in very significant volume.

22 And so, we have requested no more than 15 days
23 lag time between the last day of when you take that trip
24 and what time staff actually receives that request to be
25 able to process it.

1 The last handout that we have for you is
2 regarding staff hours. And as you can see, we have listed
3 here the regular overtime pay, and overtime non-paid for
4 staff. And the bottom line here is that, yes, we're
5 spending money on overtime, we anticipated it.

6 We will feel like it's a good use of our money
7 in that overtime costs we are not paying -- for example,
8 if we were to hire additional staff, we would also have to
9 be paying the retirement, and other sorts of issues would
10 evolve for that. Also, given how fast the process is
11 moving, it doesn't make sense to be hiring additional
12 staff right now.

13 And so we appreciate all the extra work that our
14 staff is doing. A lot of the overtime, when you look at
15 the March hours, was due to one-time issues that had to be
16 dealt with and resolved. So, there were a lot of issues
17 around contracting that are over once these contracts are
18 in place, and so we don't anticipate that that overtime
19 will look exactly the same moving forward.

20 I'd also say that Mr. Claypool has been using
21 personal services contracts, where appropriate, to address
22 temporary staffing needs and will continue to do so where
23 that makes sense.

24 So with that, that's all the budget documents we
25 have for you today. Are there any questions?

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I'm going to bring an end to
2 this and continue it right after the closed session
3 because we're at five after, and we have to complete our
4 closed session by one o'clock.

5 So hold are your questions, please. This is
6 very good information and I want you to follow up with
7 your questions, hope you wrote it down.

8 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Okay.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is that all right?

10 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: Yes. And may
11 I -- I think I have to say a few words about the closed
12 session that we're about to transition into. This is just
13 an opportunity to remind the Commission, and the public
14 that's watching, that one of the key responsibilities of
15 the Finance and Administration Advisory Committee, that
16 was established many months ago, was around serving as the
17 HR unit, in effect, for the Commission, and that we wanted
18 to ensure that there was a regular mechanism to provide
19 feedback to our Executive Director, Mr. Claypool.

20 In the process of preparing to provide that
21 feedback to Mr. Claypool, the question was also raised
22 regarding how the Commission would like to provide
23 feedback to other CRC staff members on his team.

24 Our recommendation, as the Finance and
25 Administration Committee is that we respect the chain of

1 command and authority that we have already created through
2 Mr. Claypool and that we establish a mechanism whereby
3 Commissioners can give feedback on other CRC staff
4 directly to Mr. Claypool.

5 Mr. Claypool is the one in charge of actually
6 conducting those performance evaluations and passing that
7 feedback on.

8 Unless there is any major dissent to that, we'd
9 like to just go ahead and direct Mr. Claypool to think
10 through what format you want that information in, and in
11 what increments, and to advise us by the next business
12 meeting.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Any comments?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: None. None, thank
15 you.

16 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. So, we're in
17 closed session, what do we do from here?

18 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: We are going
19 to room 211, and I'll take you there.

20 COMMISSIONER GALAMBOS MALLOY: We're going into
21 closed session for consideration of personnel matters and
22 potential litigation, pursuant to the Government Codes
23 noted on our agenda.

24 (Thereupon, the Commission held a Closed Session
25 at 12:08 p.m.)

1 (Thereupon, the Commission returned into Public
2 Session at 1:09 p.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. We need to make
4 a formal report on our closed session meeting, so could I
5 ask Mr. Miller to make a brief statement?

6 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: Yes, in the closed
7 session the Commission discussed confidential personnel
8 matters and matters relating to litigation.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Thank you. Okay, Connie is
10 not here, so she did share with us prior to our closed
11 session some great information, financial information.

12 So, would someone from the Fiscal and
13 Administration -- Financial and Administration Advisory
14 Committee take the lead? Who would that be? Commissioner
15 Dai.

16 All right. Let me open that up for discussions.
17 I did ask you to hold your questions. They're questions,
18 I know, we want to hear them, so let me open that for
19 discussion. Anyone? Well, I guess we answered it all.

20 COMMISSIONER DAI: No questions.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: It's really great
22 information.

23 COMMISSIONER DAI: Yeah, now that we have Ms.
24 Davis on board we look forward to more good analysis.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Would you like to make a

1 statement?

2 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: We're here to serve.

3 COMMISSIONER DAI: Thank you.

4 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: We're going to get it
5 done.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya?

7 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I have a question that's not
8 specifically to the documents, but about the TEC in
9 general, and hope you can answer that.

10 Anticipating that our travel is going to be
11 somewhat different go forward because, for example,
12 Southern Californians are carpooling to this series of
13 meetings in San Luis Obispo and the valley, and I don't
14 know if there -- I mean, it's kind of different. I mean,
15 if I need to rent a bigger car to accommodate everyone?
16 You know, things aren't falling easily in the guidelines
17 that we have for what's allowable so perhaps you could
18 give us some direction on what -- I don't want to go out
19 and rent a car and then find out that we're not going to
20 get paid for it or something?

21 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: I don't think that would
22 be a problem as long as you notate on there that it was
23 for several Commissioners. It would probably be a
24 reasonable test given to how big the bus is that you might
25 rent but, yeah.

1 COMMISSIONER RAYA: Thank you.

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Rule of thumb when
3 it comes to travel and how you rent, if you're going to
4 have more than two people rent something big, the State
5 will very rarely come back and say, you know, why did --
6 but you could make the notation. Keep track of your --
7 keep track of your gas receipts, clearly.

8 On the other hand, if you use your own vehicle,
9 you're only going to be reimbursed for the difference
10 between the airline ticket or whatever the least expensive
11 mode of transportation there is. And I used to say, but
12 generally you'll cover your gas. Anymore I don't know.

13 But for instance, if you're going to drive from
14 here to Southern California, which many might -- some
15 people do because they don't like to fly, then you're only
16 going to go up to the ticket amount that it would have
17 cost to get you there plus the cost of a rental car.

18 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Okay. Because the
19 question I would have, let's say for example any of us in
20 Northern California, for San Luis Obispo, which really
21 doesn't have a major airport is it -- and I haven't done
22 the calculations, is it simply easier for us to drive to
23 San Luis Obispo versus flying down to, say, I don't know,
24 Santa Barbara or something, which is probably the nearest
25 airport and then renting a car and going back up.

1 Because there's some -- some places are a little
2 more obscure.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: If Commissioner
4 Filkins Webber were here she would say are you kidding me,
5 it's always, you know, you should drive my commute.

6 But having said that, for San Luis Obispo it's
7 almost certainly going to be better for you to get a
8 carpool and drive down there because we're -- you know,
9 you can fly into Santa Barbara, but then you have to rent
10 a car. And by the time you get back up, because the
11 trip's coming back up through the Central Valley, you're
12 going to be better off with the car.

13 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: And also, on that
14 comparative price, you'd have to charge for the drive to
15 the airport as well, is that correct?

16 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Everything
17 associated with the cost it would take you to use another
18 means of transportation, so you could add in the -- you
19 can add in the rental car, you can add in the flight.

20 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: Parking and all that good
21 stuff.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, the
23 parking's going to be tough because you're still going to
24 have that with your car. If you drive your car down
25 there, you're going to -- oh, I'm sorry, you're talking

1 about the parking at the airport.

2 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: At the airport, yeah.

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Is that -- do they
4 get the parking or is it an incidental.

5 COMMISSIONER BARABBA: At most airports it's not
6 incidental.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay, you get
8 parking.

9 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other questions?

10 COMMISSIONER FORBES: I have one question. And
11 I assume that the staff is the one who makes the
12 comparative calculation. In other words, the airplane
13 ticket costs -- I don't know what the airplane ticket
14 costs and I don't know what the -- you know, I don't know
15 what the rental car costs, I drive my own car. And so do
16 you guys do that?

17 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Yes, we can do that.

18 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. Do I need to ask
19 you to do that or you just do it automatically?

20 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: Well, probably have to
21 ask depending on the location that we're going to.

22 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. For example, I
23 drove down to Claremont and I figured out what the mileage
24 was and such, but I don't know what the airfare, I don't
25 know what it would have cost me to rent a car once I got

1 there, and all that, and so forth, and so on. I assume
2 that somebody else made that calculation and I got
3 whatever the appropriate number was.

4 BUDGET OFFICER DAVIS: I'm not sure.

5 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That was pre-
6 Deborah.

7 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Oh, okay.

8 (Laughter)

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That was pre-
10 Deborah. And, you know, someone is going through these
11 travel expense claims at General Services, and maybe they
12 didn't make the calculation, either. But, technically,
13 you're supposed to do that and there are just some
14 standard costs for that.

15 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Okay. So I do the
16 comparative calculation?

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, we can
18 have -- you know, we can look into that for you, but you
19 are the one who's supposed to make that comparative
20 calculation and put it in, because it's technically your
21 TEC.

22 And with all of you, you're coming from 14
23 different directions.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Right, right.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So if you were

1 coming all from Sacramento it would be a fairly easy thing
2 to do but --

3 COMMISSIONER FORBES: Uh-huh. Just point of
4 reference for anybody who's driving, one thing I finally
5 figured out to do is to go to Mapquest and staple the
6 Mapquest to the TEC so that it's quite clear.

7 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Sure. Also, could
8 I just take this opportunity, everybody has a ride for
9 tomorrow, am I correct? Everybody is linked up with one
10 another and knows how they're getting to Redding? Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I have one, and this is
12 somewhat more of a philosophical question, I guess, but I
13 know for example -- and my personal example next week, I
14 cannot attend the meeting on Friday, the 15th, because of
15 some work obligations. But I am planning to go to the
16 Saturday meeting.

17 And, actually, from webcast I'll probably watch
18 the Hanford meeting.

19 But I'm going to be doing a lot of back and
20 forth and I don't know if other circumstances may come up
21 where, again, Commissioners can attend parts of sequences
22 and, obviously, if we're doing this sort of back and forth
23 because of work or family obligations, that can add up as
24 well. We are endeavoring, of course, to have everybody
25 attend, but it does raise some cost questions if you're

1 having to -- again, for whatever reason you have to -- you
2 have some other obligations that require you maybe to skip
3 meetings or try to come back and forth.

4 I think for me, coming from work and going to
5 Merced, I don't think the mileage is going to be too
6 great, I don't think that's too high of a cost, but there
7 may be other circumstances where it could be higher.

8 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Well, put your
9 mind at ease. When we budgeted for your travel, we
10 budgeted as though you were traveling to and from every
11 day. So, when you don't travel to and from it
12 significantly reduces our cost and then becomes a cost
13 savings for us. So there's no issue in that, the money's
14 in the budget.

15 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Yeah, and I'm saving
16 hotel, for example.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Certainly.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. Yes,
19 Commissioner Parvenu?

20 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: While we're on the
21 subject of input meetings, I'd like to make a suggestion.
22 We're about to embark on a multi-day, multi-site
23 adventure, to put it lightly. I would suggest that we
24 have some form of a plaque or a certificate of
25 appreciation for our host venues to -- this is the first

1 time in nearly 162 years anything like this has been done.
2 I mean I'm looking -- I'm thinking about something a
3 little more elaborate than just a printout from a computer
4 that we generate, something that really speaks of the
5 significance of our attending these various locations. I
6 don't know what that might entail, I'm not suggesting a
7 golden plaque, all right, but something that's befitting
8 for the occasion.

9 And I don't know if that could be readily
10 available for Redding, or any of the other places this
11 week. We could perhaps send it to them afterwards, but we
12 should at least contemplate the thought of giving our host
13 venues a --

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Can we do that?

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We can do anything
16 you want us to do.

17 (Laughter)

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Typically, the
19 Legislature would produce a resolution or, you know, a
20 declaration. We could draw something up for your 14
21 signatures and then we could have you sign them all at one
22 time. You'll have writer's cramp before it's finished,
23 but we can -- we could line those up and make sure that we
24 send them out from the Commission.

25 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I think that's a really

1 excellent idea. This will never happen again. This will
2 never happen again. Thank you, Commissioner Parvenu,
3 you're thinking like an historian.

4 So does that require some vote, a motion or a
5 formal statement, or something? Commissioner Dai, you're
6 always good on that. Make some statement on behalf of the
7 Commission that we leave such a document that would be so
8 worded that, you know, we were here.

9 COMMISSIONER DAI: Let's let Commissioner Yao do
10 it.

11 COMMISSIONER YAO: Let's do that offline, as
12 compared to taking our time to do that.

13 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right. All right.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And, in fact, I
15 think as we said before, staff can develop that, bring it
16 to you, and then you'll have something edit and it would
17 probably be an easier, a faster methodology for you.

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

19 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We'll just copy
20 whatever the Legislature does.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Excellent idea.

22 Okay. I actually have -- if there aren't any
23 more questions on the Financial and Administrative
24 Advisory Committee's material -- do I see any questions?
25 Then our next item is presentation of the map-drawing

1 process and I don't think that's going to happen. No?

2 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No, because our
3 contractor isn't under contract, but we're still waiting,
4 we're ticking towards 5:00 and they'll let us know as soon
5 as it happens. We'll e-mail all of the Commissioners, as
6 well as Q2.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So let me revisit that
8 again. So, at five o'clock we're hoping that officially
9 GDS has approved the contract and at that point Karin
10 MacDonald and staff will be able to join us on Saturday
11 and Sunday.

12 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: That is the
13 complicated fact of it. It's we need that DGS approval in
14 order to make this happen. And if it doesn't happen, it
15 would happen Monday, but it would mean that we would be at
16 Redding and at Marysville without a line-drawer. Not
17 because Q2 wouldn't like to be there, but because of
18 liability issues on both sides.

19 And also because of State contracting law that
20 you can't work somebody without a contract.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any questions from the
22 Commissioners with respect to that condition?

23 Okay, so let's go on to our next item and it's
24 to confirm the calendar. You have it as Item Number 6.
25 Have we beaten this thing to death or are we going to go

1 over it again? Mr. Claypool, any comments on Item Number
2 6, confirm the calendar?

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Confirming the
4 calendar? I believe we have -- we have confirmed the
5 calendar. We have no questions for it so, unless there
6 are questions for us.

7 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Is it clear to everybody?
8 Commissioner Yao.

9 COMMISSIONER YAO: When we put the calendar on
10 the website can we assign a revision number to it so that
11 we, ourselves, can keep track of it? I have seen so many
12 calendars I don't even know which one is the latest
13 anymore.

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Now, we can, but I
15 would just ask whether we could have a differentiation on
16 the calendar. There are revisions that you authorized,
17 that we should put the revision number with. There are
18 revisions that we're constantly doing to it. So we're
19 adding the -- each time we get a new venue date we add the
20 address, and so forth.

21 So you don't care about our revisions, you care
22 about yours?

23 COMMISSIONER YAO: Let me restate my request.
24 Just put the date on it, this way we can tell the
25 difference, that's all I want to do.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay. And do you
2 want the date regardless who is revising it, us or you?

3 COMMISSIONER YAO: Yes.

4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We'll just put a
5 rolling date on it.

6 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Any other comments
7 from the Commissioners?

8 Okay, so let's go to Item Number 7, which is the
9 Executive Director's report, Mr. Claypool.

10 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: If I can find it,
11 then I'll give it to you. I hadn't expected it to roll
12 around this quickly. Always look for the document that
13 says good afternoon Commissioners and staff.

14 Okay. So today is Friday, April 8th, 2011, it's
15 been 16 days since our final meeting here in the Capitol.
16 Since that time we've hired an additional staff that
17 you've confirmed today.

18 We actually lost a staff person in Bill Rich,
19 who just moved off of our payroll. He was one of the ones
20 who was under contract for a limited period of time.

21 Deborah Davis and I spoke with our program
22 analyst at the Department of Finance, who I still need to
23 call today, and we've completed yet another spread sheet
24 submission that they require.

25 Our spread sheet changes as our -- as our

1 Finance and Administrative Committee can tell you, it
2 changes quite frequently. We've had four revisions since
3 the last one you approved. And it mainly changes because
4 the Department of Finance, working very hard on our
5 behalf, looks for -- asks us to kind of restate the
6 information so that it is more understandable insofar as
7 the legislative entities that are reviewing it.

8 So, we've done that. We submitted it two days
9 ago. Our \$1 million augmentation is the Capitol office
10 and at this point we fully anticipate that that
11 augmentation will be released, so we're not -- we're no
12 longer worried about whether we will receive it, it's just
13 a matter of when they're going to give it to us.

14 As soon as we receive it, of course, we will e-
15 mail all of the Commissioners so that you'll know that
16 you're richer than you were the day before.

17 (Laughter)

18 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We've completed
19 the format for our BCP. The only item remaining to be
20 addressed are your requirements for study or travel during
21 the remaining part of the fiscal year.

22 As Commissioner Dai had explained, we're
23 currently scheduling four trips for the Commission -- I'm
24 sorry, Commissioner Galambos Malloy. We're currently
25 scheduling four trips from the Commission to the Capitol

1 before the end of fiscal year 2011, which would be June
2 30th, 2012, to conduct a business -- and that would be to
3 conduct business, including the selection of a technical
4 consultant to conduct an independent study of the
5 performance of the Commission. And that study is
6 anticipated to be the basis of the constitutional
7 amendment for changes in the operating procedures for the
8 Commission.

9 So, as -- and I'd like to just take this
10 opportunity to be a little more expansive on what
11 Commissioner Galambos Malloy had explained.

12 What we're looking for in the short term, in
13 this fiscal year, is to have a structure in place so that
14 you can return and get the constitutional amendment going.
15 We're presupposing that any travel that might be -- that
16 might be attached to unanticipated litigation would be
17 covered under a different budget, and that's a different
18 item in the constitution.

19 So we would anticipate that you would return,
20 that you would select your technical consultant, and also
21 do other business as required for the Commission.

22 One of those things that had been alluded to
23 actually was placed in front of the Finance and
24 Administrative Advisory Committee on the suggestion that
25 we had gotten from Commissioner Ancheta, where he had

1 discussed that there would be studies in 2011 or '13
2 regarding -- as I remembered it and that's pretty sketchy,
3 regarding inmate populations. And I might be wrong, but I
4 remember you discussing it or you discussed it in light of
5 that we should do it to be prepared for the next
6 Commission. Am I wrong?

7 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I broached the
8 topic. The studies, I think, may have come from
9 another -- the information about those may have come from
10 another commission.

11 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: But that's a topic that
13 I've brought up before. So I think that may be something
14 that the Commission might want to look at if we're going
15 to pursue that adjustment of data issue for the next round
16 of redistricting.

17 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: So we have,
18 actually, a request into the NCSL, the National -- NCSL
19 and now I'm losing --

20 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: National Conference of
21 State Legislatures.

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Of State
23 Legislatures, thank you. I was going to go with
24 commission because I'm so used to commission. The
25 Conference of State Legislatures, asking what types of

1 studies are going to be conducted so that we can offer you
2 the opportunity to either provide a study of our own here,
3 or be part of a study for that as we move forward.

4 So, those are the types of things that are
5 longer term. They won't involve the budget for '11'-12,
6 but those are things that this Commission needs to start
7 thinking about as it moves forward in defining its role
8 for however long it tends to be in an active role with a
9 full staff.

10 Moving on to the Department of General Services,
11 we have an issue with our IT services, only in that the
12 way -- the way that we bid it and let the contract. And
13 originally we had gone to competitive bid, brought up
14 Elisabeth, who's working for us, after we had determined
15 that she was the lower bidder.

16 And then there was an issue about how it had
17 been re-let from on a small business list, and then there
18 was a person who came and asked, and is asking questions
19 as to why that particular company wasn't being given
20 consideration.

21 We're working that through with the Department
22 of General Services, but I just thought that the
23 Commission needed to be aware of it. We believe that we
24 acted correctly in how we did the request for bid. It's
25 not a major contract, it's one that certainly is under

1 the -- well, actually, it's not under the amount that I
2 was authorized, but it is under the amount that we could
3 let with the process that we used. So, we're working that
4 out on Monday, as soon as we get back.

5 Our contracts through the Office of Legal
6 Services have been handled quickly, efficiently, and with
7 great expertise. I can't say enough for the Office of
8 Legal Services, particularly Kathleen Yates, who's
9 handling our contracts there, has done everything that we
10 could possibly ask a person to do to expedite our
11 contracts for us, and we have great appreciation for her.

12 Commission staffing, we've filled all permanent
13 positions with the addition of Lisa, as I said before.
14 And we will continue to use the personal services
15 procurement contracts to fill gaps in personnel. And this
16 is consistent within our budget structure.

17 Often, the Commission has come forward, and as
18 late as yesterday with Commissioner Galambos Malloy,
19 asking if we need to bring on additional staff, and we
20 keep saying it's really more economic at this point for
21 our -- for us to use the personal services contract.

22 We're also at a point with our budget where we
23 can't, realistically, consider additional staff as an
24 option just because our budget's been pretty much set for
25 us at the \$3.5 million, and we have to learn to work

1 within that, within that structure.

2 Ms. Halterman was approved by you. We've also
3 completed the policy manual and have given it to you, the
4 Commission, and we will take your suggestions and
5 incorporate them into that draft.

6 It is a living document, as you discussed, and
7 it will be modified and added to as the Commission
8 develops further policy. And it will be a useful tool to
9 the Commission's predecessors.

10 As we've discussed, the input calendar was
11 completed this week and staff had booked, I want to say,
12 about 40 percent, but it may be higher at this point.
13 It's higher, it's higher at this point, so that's going
14 very well.

15 I said this yesterday to the Finance and
16 Administrative Committee and I want to say it again,
17 Janeece, and Lon Leitch, have done an extraordinary job of
18 booking these venues. And there have been times when I've
19 felt almost sorry for the vendors who have had to -- who
20 have had to give up so many costs on your behalf.

21 (Laughter)

22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: But it is -- it
23 has worked very, very well for us and it continues to.
24 We'll see a marked savings in that category that will be
25 transferred over into overtime costs, which we're

1 incurring because we no longer have CCP.

2 And then, finally, the input hearings. We
3 embark -- we embark on our first input hearings tomorrow
4 and we'll be in Redding and Marysville. And we've come a
5 long ways since 13 weeks ago, since an empty office and
6 the first time I met you. It's been a good trip and you
7 do have a remarkable staff, they're doing a great job for
8 you, and we just ask for patience for all concerned and
9 we'll get you to where you want to go. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Questions? Commissioner
11 Yao?

12 COMMISSIONER YAO: Mr. Claypool, could you also
13 comment about the new facility and the move, and so on?

14 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Yes, I can. I
15 forgot to tell you about that. We have a new facility in
16 the Bonderson Building. We had originally been slated to
17 move at the end of April.

18 Debbie Gable, the DGS representative that
19 handles leases has really done a remarkable job of putting
20 us in a position of not moving now until the end of May.

21 There was a wild rumor going around that when
22 the Economic Development Commission was being moved on the
23 17th that we would, in fact, be moved on the 18th, right
24 behind them.

25 But they're delaying that move to accommodate

1 our parking passes, which are on the north side of town,
2 and our new facility is on the south side of town.

3 As soon as we get a key to the building we'd
4 like to be able to take you in and see where the Governor
5 stored his surfboard and a few other things, Governor
6 Schwarzenegger.

7 And once that -- once we're finished, it will be
8 turned over to the Energy Department, which actually has
9 most -- Department of Energy has most of the building.
10 They'll turn over our side to them. And as we reduce
11 staff, we'll probably accommodate a smaller portion of
12 that particular building.

13 It is much larger. The space we initially get
14 is significantly larger than the space we have right now.
15 And it has a -- it actually has a conference room that
16 will facilitate all of the staff that will be left. And
17 that doesn't count the 40 cubicles that are on the
18 outside.

19 So department of -- and Raul told me today that
20 the Department of General Services had made a move to put
21 our -- to move our services for IT over there and we're on
22 the edge of having that -- having that transfer in place.
23 So that we should have a minimal amount of time of being
24 down.

25 So, that's the message on our new structure.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: So where, exactly, or
2 whereabouts is this building?

3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Okay, the State
4 Department, or the Secretary of State's Office, as you're
5 very familiar with that, so it is -- if you figure that
6 when you're at the front entrance of that building it is
7 two blocks to the west, towards the river, and two blocks
8 to the south, and we'll be right across from Roosevelt
9 Park. So it's about -- it's two walking blocks from the
10 Secretary of State's office.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: And it's -- the portion that
12 we're in right now is actually condemned?

13 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: No.

14 (Laughter)

15 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: And I know -- I
16 know that the -- that the Department of General Services
17 is just wringing their hands and wondering why they do
18 business with us. And that was my attempt at humor. No,
19 it is a fine structure, it's just a little bit older than
20 most State buildings. And it is -- it will be more than
21 adequate and I probably completely ruptured our
22 relationship with DGS at this point so --

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay. Well, you know, I'm a
24 former planning commissioner, so we have to make sure.

25 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: Right. So no more

1 humor. It's a great building and we're very happy to get
2 the space.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Now, do you need
4 architectural suggestions on how to pretty it up?

5 (Laughter)

6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: We would love
7 them.

8 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Okay, any other comments?
9 Commissioner Ancheta?

10 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: Well, I just want to
11 thank you and the staff for all the great work you've been
12 doing. It's an extraordinary amount of work, particularly
13 with respect to the input hearings and the number, and the
14 breadth of the logistics is extraordinary.

15 So we really want to express my appreciation for
16 all of your hard work.

17 I think we put off what was supposed to be sort
18 of a little get together or open house, and we're not
19 going to be back in Sacramento for quite a while, I think,
20 but I'm hoping that when we -- perhaps when the new
21 offices are opened up and we're in Sacramento, we can have
22 that sort of staff/Commission get together and -- I'm sort
23 of losing track of all the staff, sometimes, because we've
24 got a lot of people on board. So I'm hoping that we can
25 still have that at some point.

1 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR CLAYPOOL: You know, what we
2 will do is we will have it at our new facility, but across
3 in Roosevelt Park, so we won't violate any State laws. At
4 that point we'll only be violating city ordinances.

5 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Any other comments?

6 Then I think we need a report from our
7 Communications Director, but is he here?

8 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: I just spoke to
9 him. He felt that he had conveyed his report fully in the
10 earlier report from the committee.

11 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right.

12 CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL MILLER: He'd be glad to
13 come back, but doesn't have a message beyond what he
14 conveyed.

15 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: All right, thank you.

16 Okay, I think that's it unless Commissioners
17 want to have some closing remarks?

18 I do want to just kind of make sure that we're
19 all prepared for this weekend. Is everybody feeling
20 comfortable on what's going to happen, the sequence, the
21 strategy, how to get there? Any concerns? I mean, this
22 is our first --

23 COMMISSIONER ANCHETA: I trust that Commissioner
24 Dai has done appropriate research on the fine eateries of
25 Redding and Yuba City.

1 COMMISSIONER DAI: I may delegate to you again,
2 Commissioner Ancheta.

3 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Raya?

4 COMMISSIONER RAYA: I would just like to convey
5 to the people of Redding, and Yuba City, Marysville, that
6 we're not really thinking that we're going, you know, to
7 some really far off, remote place. I think maybe we're
8 making a little too much of our -- you know, how
9 challenging it might be to start out.

10 But we're all very much looking forward to the
11 scenery, we've already read quite a bit about Mt. Shasta
12 and so on. So, I'm sure we'll have no trouble getting
13 there.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Parvenu?

15 COMMISSIONER PARVENU: As a former resident of
16 Northern California, it's been 20, 30 years, but I'm
17 looking forward to going back that way again. I just
18 wanted to put that on the record.

19 COMMISSIONER FORBES: And having been there
20 recently, it is -- with all the snow on the mountains it's
21 very lovely. It's very lovely to see Mt. Lassen and Mt.
22 Shasta.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, that's right.

24 COMMISSIONER FORBES: It's going to be really
25 quite a nice drive.

1 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Commissioner Yao?

2 COMMISSIONER YAO: You know, a few sessions back
3 we talked about trying to get some idea as to what's
4 happening, what's the demographic, what are the issues and
5 so on associated with each of the areas that we're about
6 to go into. If you go into the Census, the U.S. Census
7 website, and type in either the city or the zip code,
8 you'll get a wealth of information about that general
9 area.

10 So, I would encourage all of us to, at the
11 minimum, go to there as opposed to waiting for somebody
12 from the local chamber of commerce to brief us, because I
13 think it's a very easy access and it gives you a very good
14 idea as to what's happening.

15 I haven't quite learned how to compare the
16 current Census data with what it was ten years ago, 15
17 years ago. Maybe Commissioner Barabba can give us an
18 education on that.

19 But in the meantime, the website has a wealth of
20 information that's very easy access.

21 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Great, so we'll all take a
22 look at that tonight.

23 Janeece, you had your hand up?

24 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: I just had to
25 two brief comments. We did post, this morning, a map of

1 Shasta College, so you'll get that. And for the public,
2 we've posted that up, because I know that sometimes
3 college campuses can be a little tricky. So there is --
4 the parking area is circled and the building that the
5 hearing is in.

6 And also, I wanted to say to the Commissioners
7 that we are getting hotel information from DGS, who's
8 helping us, as quickly as they can get it.

9 The rooms are booked for you, so I just didn't
10 want you to feel nervous that they're coming in a little
11 bit late and you won't get a room. We've got rooms
12 blocked off. So even though it might be a little bit last
13 minute, no, you'll be taken care of.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Great, thank you so much.

15 Attendance-wise, how many of us will be there
16 Saturday and Sunday? Who's going to be missing?

17 ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT SARGIS: I believe that
18 Commissioner Galambos Malloy will be absent tomorrow, but
19 she will be there on Sunday. And Commissioner Filkins
20 Webber I believe will be absent both days.

21 And Commissioner Blanco is aiming to be there
22 both days, but she's been a little under the weather.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: To Commissioner Blanco, if
24 you're watching this, we're wishing you the very best and
25 get healed very quickly.

1 Okay, any other comments? We're all prepared
2 for the weekend?

3 All right, we do need public comment. Anyone
4 out there, please come on up.

5 MS. CHOATE: My name's Laura Choate -- thank
6 you. My name is Laura Choate and I simply did not intend
7 to make extra work, but I'm going to, with a comment that
8 you're -- I'm surprised that you're not inquiring about
9 contingency planning should your contract not come through
10 from DGS.

11 I do have some experience with the bureaucracy
12 and there is a potential for that, and then you'll be in a
13 meeting with a lot of information, and how are you going
14 to fulfill the role of your line-drawer, who won't be
15 there?

16 And then yesterday, there was a gentleman who
17 came in and had a very cogent kind of presentation about
18 interest in three or four communities.

19 And I, just ask a public person observing, I
20 wasn't quite sure how that got captured or how that's
21 going to be available to your line-drawers later. Thank
22 you very much.

23 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: We've had a number of
24 speakers that have done that from the audience. They're
25 all archived. So what we will do is, you know, when the

1 mapper comes on board they'll go back and incorporate all
2 of that.

3 Any other comments?

4 Okay, so I will ask my colleague here,
5 Commissioner Aguirre, to do a brief wrap up of only the
6 highlighted ones.

7 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: All right, let's see.
8 So, what I have down and, certainly, the rest of the
9 Commission can chime in if I miss anything. We've met on
10 April the 7th, starting with advisory committee meetings.
11 We met most of the day, finishing off with some training
12 with the Public Records Act and a Commission meeting
13 towards the end.

14 At the Commission meeting, which was continued
15 on Friday, we received advisory committee reports from
16 Legal Advisory Commission -- Committee. The Committee
17 generally shared that they had clarified disclosure and
18 conflict of interest issues and recommended contracting
19 with Gibson Dunn, which the Commission subsequently
20 approved for an amount not to exceed \$299,000 [sic].

21 They also talked about firewalling language in
22 the Q2 contract. Mr. Miller, who's our chief counsel,
23 will be working with Gibson Dunn regarding a statement of
24 work for racial polarized voting.

25 Also, a statement of work for the in-line

1 process review is in development and the VRA contract was
2 approved with Gibson Dunn.

3 The Technical/Outreach Advisory Committee, we
4 approved the calendar with a few changes. There was
5 discussion of items for the input hearings, which included
6 PowerPoint presentations, translators, prioritizing of
7 testimony, recognizing that all testimony will be taken.

8 Talked about a quick guide by the Technical
9 Committee, thank you, Michelle, for jumping in.

10 Looked at and considered a chart by Commissioner
11 Barabba, which will be turned into -- I think converted
12 into some kind of flow chart by our staff.

13 Talked about public access options for funding
14 to the Legislature and we will be sending all of these
15 options for consideration by the Legislature.

16 Participation in the Gay PRIDE parade in San
17 Francisco, on June the 26th, and talked about developing a
18 policy to guide further participation in such community
19 events.

20 Talked about the Northern California organized
21 groups event on May the 24th, and kind of agreed that this
22 will be in Richmond, California, in the East Bay.

23 The Public Information Advisory Committee
24 mentioned to us, reported that the website is up and
25 running, talked about the toolkit, now known as the guide,

1 which has been edited with a few minor edits still coming,
2 to be available for this weekend.

3 The request for suggestions regarding venues and
4 contacts, not only from Commissioners, but from the public
5 at large.

6 the Finance and Administration Advisory
7 Committee, we considered two actions. One was the hiring
8 of Lisa Halterman as the new staff services analyst
9 position.

10 The second action was considering the policy
11 manual, which is a working document. And it seemed like
12 maybe the Commission was approving of that.

13 We received information on the budget
14 augmentation by our Executive Director, still waiting for
15 a response given some requested modifications. It's not a
16 question of if we receive the funding, but more of when we
17 receive the funding.

18 Briefly discussed the post-August role for CRC
19 and Commissioners are to submit suggestions to
20 Commissioner Dai regarding this item.

21 Talked about the May revise letter, with
22 suggestions to Dai -- Commissioner Dai, regarding costs
23 associated with above item and for the future.

24 Still working within the \$3.5 million budget.
25 Discussed per diem forms and TEC forms. Commissioners

1 were asked to submit these in a more timely fashion, 30
2 days for per diem forms, 15 days for TEC forms.

3 And had a closed session item regarding
4 personnel issues and potential litigation.

5 And we cancelled or postponed the presentation
6 of the map-drawing process by Q2, given that they are
7 still not under contract.

8 And then confirmed the calendar, received a
9 report from the Executive Director. The Communications
10 Director was not available for a report, stating that it
11 was not much changed from his report from yesterday.

12 Took some public comments and are about to
13 adjourn.

14 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: I'm impressed, I can see why
15 he was a councilman. Good job.

16 VICE-CHAIRPERSON AGUIRRE: Now in Spanish.

17 (Laughter)

18 CHAIRPERSON ONTAI: Oh, that was great. Okay,
19 just a few more comments. I want to thank our audience,
20 who have been with us all day, thank you very much for
21 joining us and for your good input.

22 So, drive carefully, everyone. Be happy.
23 Malama pono.

24 Since I don't see any more comments here, I will
25 adjourn our meeting.

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(Thereupon, the Full Commission Business
meeting was adjourned at 1:49 p.m.)

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