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## OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday –October 24, 2012

### I. Call To Order/ Roll Call

Chairman Harris opened the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Members present: Richard Harris, Paul Von Berg, Barbara Blake, Scott Gordon, and Chief Diane Ravnik

A quorum was met.

Members absent: Van Ton-Quinlivan, Yvonne de la Pena, and Les DenHerder

DAS Chief Diane Ravnik introduced Barbara Blake of United Nurses as the newly appointed CAC Commissioner.

Chairman Harris introduced guest speaker Adrian Esparza, Laborers Local 652, Santa Ana, CA.

Review/Approval of the minutes of October 26, 2011

A motion to approve the minutes as written was made by Commissioner Von Berg and seconded by Chief Ravnik. All approved. The motion was carried.

### II. Freeway Accidents & Safe Working Conditions

Chairman Harris stated that the full CAC asked the Occupational Safety & Health Committee to submit this topic for the October 2012 meeting. Mr. Harris read the names of those that lost their lives as a result of freeway accidents - Connor Penhall, Raymond Lopez, Ricardo Zamora, and Reagan Johnson, and asked for a moment of silence.

Commissioner Harris did extensive research on who does what with regards to freeway accidents, and finally spoke with Randy Weisman Assistant Chief of Division of Labor Relations Safety and Staff Development for the State of California. Shortly after the second big accident and after requests by interested parties, the Director of Cal Trans had a meeting with over 50 subcontractors to discuss work zone safety. Committee member Paul Von Berg is one of the subcontractors participating in these meetings. The department will be pursuing ideas through the strategic highway safety plan or internally. Mr. Harris can be contacted at [Richard.grant.harris@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.grant.harris@gmail.com) for anyone interested in information on the strategic highway safety plan.

Commissioner Harris reported that alcohol and drunk driving were involved in three of the accidents. A detailed report was given on the accidents of the three gentlemen and young woman that lost their lives. As a result of Mr. Esparza going to the accident site a meeting was set up with the Laborers Apprenticeship Program to put in place a meeting with the Laborers and other crafts in general and Washington Headquarters. Headquarters sent out a CISD Program (Critical Incident Stress Debriefing). Mr.

Esparza stated that the program has been expanded, not only to Mr. Zamora's case, but to other victims and situations as well. He asked the attendees to create implementation of precautions for the members and the workers on the freeways that will make a safer work environment. This initiated suggestions and discussions on what could be done to bring more awareness to the safety of highway workers.

Robert Fried of Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Rudd and Romo is on the AGC (Associated General Contractors) Safety Committee. Mr. Fried has been working on reform for worker safety on construction projects.

Commissioner Julia Dozier is also the director of the OSHA Training Center at the Chabot-Las Positas Community College district and expressed concern that OSHA does not have this issue as part of their jurisdiction, and asked how one would go about making it a part of OSHA's mission as opposed to making it a transportation issue.

Contact Chairman Harris for any Safety or Health issues for future agendas at: [Richard.grant.harris@gmail.com](mailto:Richard.grant.harris@gmail.com) .

The next meeting will be held January 2013.

### III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:25 P.M.