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## FORUM COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes

Chairperson Paul Von Berg

Wednesday, May 3, 2023

**I. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The Forums Committee was called to order by Chief Rood, acting on behalf of Chair Paul Von Berg, at 2:05 p.m.

Commissioners present:

- Frank Quintero
- Jason Rafter
- Mitch de Anda
- Larry Hopkins
- Chair Louis Ontiveros
- Chief Rood

Not present:

- Forums' Chair Paul Von Berg
- Commissioner Chip Martin

A quorum was met.

**II. Review/Approve Previous Minutes**

Minutes from the 1Q23 meeting were reviewed. A motion was made with a second and the minutes were approved.

**III. Meeting Proceedings**

Chief Rood chaired the meeting in the absence of Chair Paul Von Berg. The meeting commenced with a brief discussion of future agenda items. ETP representatives will present tomorrow at the general session here in Monterey.

**IV. Discussions and Suggestions on Future Agenda Items**

The Commissioners discussed potential topics for future meetings. The following suggestions were noted:

1. **Speakers on Disabilities:** Chris recommended inviting a speaker to discuss issues related to physical and neurological disabilities, particularly focusing on opportunities for registered apprenticeships.
2. **Labor and Workforce Development Agency:** It was proposed to invite Stuart Knox, the new Labor Secretary of the California Labor & Workforce Development Agency, to

provide insight into his leadership and the complex interactions between workforce and economic development under his jurisdiction.

DAS Chief Eric Rood expressed interest in identifying potential speakers for these topics.

#### **V. Other Items of Interest**

Dr. Forest Olaf Peterson, from Stanford University, stated if the CAC was interested, he could line up speakers around Virtual Design and Construction or VDC, which is a type of technology that creates digital models of buildings and project sites. Architects, engineers, and contractors use VDC models to visualize and plan building designs, processes, schedules, budgets, and more.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.