

# COLAB SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY

## WEEK OF JUNE 29-JULY 5, 2014

**NO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ON JUNE 24, 2014**

**NO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING ON JULY 1, 2014**

**No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday June 24, 2014(Not Scheduled)**

**No Board of Supervisors Meeting on Tuesday July 7, 2014 (Not Scheduled)**

The Board is taking a 2-week summer recess. There are no meetings on June 24 or July 1, 2014. It would actually help local matters and the future of civilization in general if they recessed until New Years.

The Planning Commission has cancelled both its June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 10<sup>th</sup> scheduled meetings.

The APCD is slated to meet next on August 27<sup>th</sup>, but only if needed.

The next full SLOCOG meeting is scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **Tax, Spend, and Tax Some More**

On June 25<sup>th</sup> the Cal Coast News posted an article on some local tax proposals (Tax Measures Head to Voters in SLO County). There were a number of blogger responses to the article. One is particularly comprehensive and provides a great summary of recent and impending tax increases and tax driven commodity cost increases. We have no idea who SLOBIRD is but it is quoted below:

SLOBIRD says:

*As you give thoughts to voting in more taxes, be it education tax, road tax, pension benefit tax, etc. do not forget that we are looking at the following proposal in Sacramento and by the Federal government:*

- 1) a proposed new carbon gas tax*
- 2) a proposed increase in sugar soda tax*
- 3) a proposed increase in cigarette tax*
- 4) a proposed 12-15 cent increase in state gas tax*
- 5) a proposed Cuesta Bond property tax*
- 6) a proposed Atascadero School Bond property tax*
- 7) a proposed SLO School Bond property tax*
- 8) a proposed extension of the SLO Sales Tax .05%*

- 9) a proposed Atascadero Sales Tax increase of .05%
- 10) a proposed minimum wage increase
- 11) a proposed 47% increase in corporate tax
- 12) an increase in healthcare premiums
- 13) an increase in the cost of food
- 14) an increase in the cost of gas which increases the tax
- 15) an increase in the cost of water/wastewater
- 16) an increase in the cost of heating and electricity
- 17) an increase in the cost of goods and services in general

*Remember this when thinking about voting for more taxes: a recent study by American for Tax Reform reveals that Governor Brown has enacted over \$18 billion in tax increases since 2011 in order to fund state schools, pay for the high-speed “train to nowhere,” and bolster pension programs. More will be coming from Sacramento in 2014-15 as State employees received a 1.5 – 2% raise this year (costs: \$187.5 million) and will receive another raise in 2015 for approximately 3%!*

**NO MORE TAX INCREASES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

As you consider voting for various candidates for various offices, including 4<sup>th</sup> district Supervisor, Congress, Assembly, and mayor/city council seats, ask them where they stand on these taxes. Even if some are not specific to their particular jurisdiction, their position reveals their overall mindset.

Ask Capps and Mitchum if they will try to abolish the insidious Alternative Minimum Tax.

The Cal Coast News article can be accessed at the link:

<http://calcoastnews.com/2014/06/two-tax-measures-head-voters-slo-county/>

Taxes and fees empower the whole leftist machine. More taxes and fees are proposed to impose the enviro-socialist “smart growth” stack-and-pack agenda. Even if you love a particular service or believe in a road tax, school tax, or library tax, it’s your civic duty to vote against them all. Supporting them is like feeding the panhandlers, bears, or pigeons.

You may not be Atlas, but voting “no” on tax measures and voting against politicians who support them is a positive way of shrugging.



