

ILLEGAL TOBACCO TASK FORCE

Public Meeting #53 Minutes

Meeting Date: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

Meeting Time: 10:00 am

Meeting Location: Via WebEx conferencing, dial (408) 418-9388, Meeting ID# 2341 183 2900

Board Attendance: John Hayes (DOR), Major Brian Connors (MSP), Patricia Henley (DPH), Arielle Mullaney (EOPSS) for Sue Terrey, Nicholas Ogden (AGO), and Dan O'Neil (TRE).

Public Attendance: 12 attendees

Call to Order:

- Mr. Hayes called the meeting to order at 10:06AM.
- Mr. Hayes informed all participants that this meeting will not be recorded by WebEx and that Cole Doherty-Crestin will take notes to complete the minutes, which will be posted to the website.

Opening Remarks:

- Mr. Hayes thanked everyone for attending. Mr. Hayes asked the board to introduce themselves. Arielle Mullaney stated she is serving as Susan Terrey's designee for today's meeting.
- Mr. Hayes indicated today's meeting will primarily focus on a Preliminary Review and Discussion of the Annual Report of Illegal Tobacco Task Force which is due March 1st.

Approval of Minutes from Meeting #52 on January 25, 2022:

- Mr. Hayes stated the minutes for Meeting #52 were approved at the end of the last meeting and have already been posted to the Task Force website prior to today's meeting so the public could review the summary of the proposed legislative recommendations include in the draft report.

Preliminary Review and Discussion of Annual Report of Illegal Tobacco Task Force:

- Mr. Hayes provided a brief review of the Illegal Tobacco Task Force Annual Report. This draft incorporates updates that were agreed upon by board members during the previous Task Force meeting (public meeting #52). The report is to be submitted on March 1, 2023.
- Mr. Hayes opened the discussion to board members and inquired whether members had any further suggested edits.
- Patricia Henley provided a few recommendations for the report. Henley discussed potential edits related to the results and trends, smuggler incentives, and legislative changes sections of the report.
- Mr. Hayes inquired if any other board members had recommended edits. There were no other comments from board members.
- Mr. Hayes stated he will incorporate Henley's recommended edits and will recirculate the updated draft for review.

Member Agency Updates & Other Business

- Mr. Hayes inquired whether any board members had agency updates. Member agencies did not have any updates to report.

Closing Remarks

- Mr. Hayes reminded members that the Open Meeting Law is set to expire at the end of March 2023 and that board members should prepare to return to in-person meetings.
- Mr. Hayes kindly thanked board members for their attendance.
- Mr. Hayes asked whether there was a motion to end the meeting. Dan O'Neil approved the motion. Brian Connors seconded. Mr. Hayes thanked everyone for attending and concluded the meeting at 10:15 AM.

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