

Minutes of
RTD/LACTC JOINT ORGANIZING COMMITTEE
February 17, 1989

Members Present:

RTD

Gordana Swanson
Marvin L. Holen
Joseph S. Dunning

LACTC

Barna Szabo
Jacki Bacharach
Richard Callahan (alternate
for Ed Edelman)

Staff Present:

Alan F. Pegg - RTD
Rebecca Barrantes - RTD
Susan Brown - LACTC
Helen M. Bolen - RTD

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m.

Commissioner Szabo announced that the LACTC may take a position on SB 1 at their next meeting. Discussion then centered on the role of the Joint Committee, the different approaches to that role by the RTD and the LACTC, time frames, etc.

It was stated that the LACTC feels that SB 1 is a bill which could accomplish reorganization, while the RTD agrees on the merits of reorganization, but does not like the complexity of SB 1. The Commission members indicated that their agency does not have any reason to oppose the bill. At the conclusion of this discussion, it was suggested that the Committee receive the report on SB 1 which was prepared by LACTC. By unanimous consent, the report was received and filed.

Commissioner Szabo asked for a statement from the District that any reorganization bill should contain no language regarding mandatory subsidiaries. Director Holen responded that the RTD supports a legislative approach to reorganization, but would favor a more simplistic approach. He suggested some auditing functions should be placed with the State Auditor General. It was also suggested that SB 1 could be gutted and new language placed in the bill. Commissioner Szabo indicated that he could discuss this suggestion at the Commission. Director Swanson indicated that the RTD staff will prepare new language for the Committee to consider. She did state, however, that this is only a position of this committee. The full Board would have to approve any suggested legislation. Director Swanson concluded that there is a different emphasis on the role of the committee; i.e., the District looks at the 8-point plan as the pivotal plan and the Commission looks at SB 1.

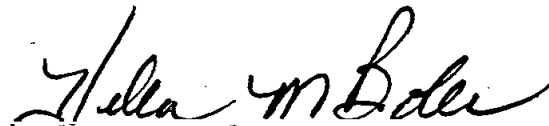
Commissioner Szabo indicated he could recommend that the Commission support the minimal approach. The Commission has taken some action on SB 1 but will not go so far as to support it until they have some recommendations from this committee.

Director Holen assured the Committee that the District will work on specific draft legislation and there may be more than one bill.

Commissioner Szabo stated that the Commission will proceed with the documents presented to the Committee, and representatives of the Commission will speak at the legislative hearing on SB 1. The Legislative Committee will be advised that the Commission and the District are working together on reorganization.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Committee will be at the call of the Chairs after legislative proposals are prepared by District staff. It was suggested that the agenda indicate which items the Committee will discuss.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.



Helen M. Bolen
District Secretary