February 15, 2013
10-11:30 a.m.

1. **Welcome and Self-Introductions**
   
   Tom McHenry, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP – Council Chair

2. **Presentation: Water and California’s Economy**
   
   Lester Snow, Executive Director, California Water Foundation

   Snow is one of the foremost experts on California water management and policy, and has a distinguished record of innovation and results working on complex natural resource management matters. Mr. Snow will discuss water management issues in California, the business impacts of the State’s unreliable water supplies, and the opportunities to address these issues.

3. **Update: Assembly Bill 32 – California’s Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006**
   
   Mary D. Nichols, Chairman, California Air Resources Board

   Chairman Nichols has led the California Air Resources Board (CARB) during the development of some of the most impactful environmental programs and initiatives in the state’s history, such as the Greenhouse Gas Cap-and-Trade Program, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard and the Sustainable Communities Strategy. Chairman Nichols will provide an update on the implementation of these and other key CARB programs and initiatives.

4. **Action Item: Oppose SCAQMD’s Port Backstop Control Measure**
   
   Tom McHenry, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP – Council Chair

   On February 1, 2013, contrary to their own staff recommendation, the AQMD Board rejected a collaborative agreement with the ports which would have established a protocol in the event of a shortfall in air emission reduction goals under the ports’ landmark Clean Air Action Plan. Instead, the AQMD Board passed Measure IND-01, which treats the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach as an indirect source of emissions, setting a troubling precedent for businesses throughout the State, and sends a negative message at a time when competition for international cargo is intensifying due to the expansion of the Panama Canal and Mexican & Canadian ports. The measure will next go before CARB for inclusion into the State Implementation Plan on March 21.

   **Motion**: OPPOSE AQMD’s Measure IND-01 and request that CARB not include the measure in the State Implementation Plan.

   **Upcoming Events**: ACCESS Washington, DC — Los Angeles on the Hill — March 11-13, 2013
   (Chamber Executive Board approved energy, water & environmental sustainability agenda included in packet)

   **Next Meeting**: April 25, 2013 (**Dark in March because of ACCESS DC**)
Lester Snow directs the California Water Foundation program and leads integrated resource management projects. Mr. Snow has a distinguished record of innovation and results working on complex natural resource management matters. Most recently, he served as California Secretary for Natural Resources, where he oversaw 25 departments, commissions, boards, and conservancies, and served as chief advisor on issues related to the state's natural, historic, and cultural resources. During this time he also served as chairman of the California Ocean Protection Council and served on the Delta Conservancy, Delta Protection Commission, and the Strategic Growth Council.

Previously, Mr. Snow was Director of the California Department of Water Resources, where he headed a Department that protects, conserves, and manages California’s water supply, including operation of the California State Water Project, the largest state-run, multi-purpose water and power system in the United States. Mr. Snow has also served as Executive Director of CALFED, regional director for the Bureau of Reclamation, General Manager of the San Diego County Water Authority, and spent six years with the Arizona Department of Water Resources, including four years as Tucson area director.

Mr. Snow holds a Master’s degree in Water Resources Administration from the University of Arizona and a Bachelor’s degree in Earth Sciences from Pennsylvania State University.
Mary D. Nichols
Chairman
California Air Resources Board

Mary D. Nichols is Chairman of the California Air Resources Board, a post she has held since 2007.

Nichols has devoted her entire career in public and nonprofit service to advocating for the environment and public health. In addition to her work at the Air Board, she has served as Assistant Administrator for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Air and Radiation program under President Clinton, Secretary for California's Resources Agency from 1999 to 2003 and Director of the Institute of the Environment at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Her priorities as chairman include moving ahead on the state's landmark climate change program (AB 32), steering the Board through numerous efforts to curb diesel pollution at ports and continuing to pass regulations aimed at providing cleaner air for Southern California and the San Joaquin Valley. She values innovation, partnerships and common-sense approaches to addressing the state's air issues.

The Board is supported by a professional staff of scientists, engineers, economists, lawyers and policy experts, with an annual operating budget of more than $860 million.
2013 ACCESS D.C. ENERGY, WATER & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVOCACY AGENDA

Energy & Environmental Sustainability

Investments in Solar Development and Technology
- Update the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s Rule 207 to allow "fast track" interconnection of solar generation projects 20 megawatts (MW) or less without the imposition of costly and lengthy studies. Doing so would significantly reduce the cost of many solar projects and double the amount of solar wholesale distributed generation capacity eligible for fast track interconnection.
- Extend existing energy tax incentives over a ten-year period and the production tax credit for an additional year, including an adjustment that allows projects under construction by the end of 2013 to qualify for the incentives as outlined in The American Taxpayer Relief Act.
- Extend the Solar Tax Credit beyond 2016 to allow homeowners to claim a credit for 30% of installation costs for solar systems in their homes.

Encourage Energy Efficiency and Green Building Programs
- Support Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Financing for Energy-Efficiency Installation that allows property owners to borrow money from their local government to pay the up-front costs of energy-efficiency improvements and pay the money back via property tax assessments.
- Develop an energy efficiency performance protocol such as the Investor Confidence Project that will accelerate energy efficiency investments by standardizing the process for measuring and predicting energy savings.

Maintain funding for Small Business Development Centers (SBDC)
SBDC’s support the entrepreneurs that are the backbone of our economy. Maintain the $110 million funding levels for the program nationally, including $3.6 million for the nine SBDC’s in the LA region, including an emerging technology focused one (a partnership between the LA Chamber, the SBA, the LA Regional SBDC and the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator). Additionally, better coordination within the SBA across assistance branches will help to sustain and enhance small businesses.

Continue Development of Natural Gas as Fuel of the Future
- Support policies that promote the supply and use of domestic natural gas, including the development of natural gas vehicles and natural gas fueling infrastructure, which will improve air quality, create domestic businesses and jobs, reduce dependence on energy imports and accelerate economic growth.
- Correct methodological flaws in the Environmental Protection Agency’s annual greenhouse gas (GHG) inventory to accurately reflect the low GHG profile of natural gas.
- Pursue energy policies and incentives that help expand the capture and use of biogas to increase the availability of renewable resources, reduce waste products and improve air quality.

Support the Transformation and Revitalization of the Los Angeles River
Prioritize and complete the US Army Corps of Engineers Los Angeles River Ecosystem Restoration Study at Corps Headquarters and the Assistant Secretary of the Army in order to restore up to 2,000 acres of habitat along 11 miles of the river, which would create a functional, connected watershed that will be an attractive recreational destination and economic engine.
**Water**

**Protect and Improve State Water Reliability**
Build on the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) agreement between Governor Brown and Interior Secretary Salazar. Support administrative, legislative and funding actions to: (1) facilitate the development and approval of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) in 2013 to meet California’s co-equal goals of a more reliable water supply and an improved Delta ecosystem and (2) advance emergency response measures and near-term projects in the Delta to address immediate water quality, water supply, flood protection and ecosystem needs.

**Support Energy & Hydropower Initiatives**
Support legislation that provides renewable energy credits (RECs) for both small and large hydroelectric facilities, irrespective of the facility’s generating capacity. Support legislation that would increase or remove the current 40 MW limitation on conduit hydroelectric facilities that can apply for an exemption from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission’s (FERC’s) standard hydroelectric licensing provisions.

**Invest in Infrastructure Financing**
Support existing federal infrastructure financing programs that leverage local resources to reduce the cost of water supply improvement projects, such as tax-credit financing and tax-exempt financing, and support the authorization of the proposed Water Infrastructure Finance Innovations Act (WIFIA).