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VETERANS ISSUES ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING (VIAC)

April 25, 2013 at 3 PM
920 2nd Avenue Suite A,
Marina, CA 93933
(FORA Conference Room)

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Due to a scheduling conflict, Chair Edelen was not in attendance. Acting Chair Greg Nakanishi called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM. A quorum was declared by roll call.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Edith Johnsen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE

a. Legislative Letters in Support of the California Central Coast Veterans Cemetery
The Committee received letters sent by Congressman Farr, Senator Monning and Assembly Member Stone to the FORA Board supporting the transfer of the veterans cemetery parcel to the State of California. FORA Principal Analyst Robert Norris announced that the \$30K land transfer processing fee and all other required land transfer documents had been transmitted to the State. A Record of Survey is being prepared and will be sent to the State separately.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: None

5. APPROVE VIAC MEETING MINUTES: MARCH 28, 2013

Chair Nakanishi suggested deleting the last sentence of the last paragraph under item 4b: "The Cemetery Foundation may be asked to pay the fee, which might be reimbursable as a project cost." Sonya Arndt confirmed that Congressman Farr was researching the eligibility of reimbursement, but that it was highly unlikely.

MOTION: Ms. Johnsen moved, seconded by James Bogan, to approve the minutes as corrected.

MOTION PASSED: Unanimous

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. Review of Amended Committee Charge

The Committee received the Committee Charge, which had been slightly amended at the previous VIAC meeting. The FORA Executive Committee reviewed and concurred in the amended charge at their meeting held April 12th.

b. Receive Report on FORA Meetings with California Department of Veterans Affairs and Department of General Services

Mr. Norris reported that FORA staff is scheduling meetings in Sacramento with the State agencies involved in the land transfer process and that the State has received the documents required to begin staff-level work. Ms. Arndt reported that although the schedule is aggressive, currently all work remains on track.

c. **Status of Cemetery Water briefing for U.S. Army**

Committee Members reviewed a draft Power Point Presentation proposed for briefing the US Army on the status of cemetery water. Mr. Norris requested feedback on the information presented. The draft presentation will be sent to Committee Members and members of the public, as requested, electronically.

7. ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mr. Norris noted that the VIAC must meet the requirements of the Brown Act, which states that items being discussed by the Committee must be posted within 72 hours of the meeting. He requested Committee Members send any items they want included on the agenda at least four days prior to the next scheduled meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Nakanishi adjourned the meeting at 3:20 PM.