

**Tulare Chamber of Commerce
Governmental Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 11, 2016 at 12:00 pm, 1165 N. Blackstone St., Tulare**

Call to order: Patrick Isherwood called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM

Minutes: Upon motion being duly made and seconded, minutes for December were approved.

Updates:

- Chamber of Commerce – Ben Brubaker, Rachel Souza
- Tulare Downtown Association – John Harman
- Tulare School Districts – Dr. Gist, Dr. Koligian
- City of Tulare – Don Dorman
- County of Tulare Supervisor - Pete Vander Poel III
- State Senator: State Senator Jean Fuller – Stephanie Amaral

Presentation:

- **Success Dam Update – Supervisor Pete Vander Poel III**
 - Created for flood control
 - 2015 Army Corp. of Engineers concern is now that the dam will fail
 - Enlargement project cost 40 million
 - Tulare County share is \$920,000
 - Tulare County flood control budget can cover their portion
 - Advocacy/support is needed for the project
 - Thankful for support from Nunes, Valadeo and McCarthy
 - Project is projected to take 3 years
- **Tower Square PBID Update – Ben Brubaker**
 - Overall downtown PBID, included 300 properties has been closed due to not enough support
 - Chamber facilitated smaller PBID – Tower Square District
 - Currently at over 60% majority support
 - Covers property owner’s needs: maintenance, security
 - Property owners have paid for management plans
 - Hope to perpetuate to other blocks
- **Community & Regional Issues for 2016**
 - Paul Hendrix will present in March – Groundwater Status
 - City of Tulare’s Hydrological Enterprise Program
 - Land Mitigation Act
 - City Council – Annexation procedure
 - Hospital – parcel tax, bond measure
 - Local debates, initiatives, candidates forum

Patrick announced he will stay on as GAC chair.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 PM