



**Q3 2018 Meeting Summary and Minutes
Governor's Military Council
August 7, 2018
Sacramento, CA**

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Governor's Council Room, State Capitol Building:

Chair Rocky Chávez called the Governor's Military Council's (Council) Business Meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

Roll Call:

Members Present:

- Chair of the Delegation, State Assemblymember Colonel Rocky Chávez, United States Marine Corps (Retired)
- Vice-Chair, Vice Admiral Jody Breckenridge, United States Coast Guard (Retired)
- Major General Alice Astafan, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Major General Matthew Beevers, United States Army National Guard, representing Major General David Baldwin, The Adjutant General of the California National Guard
- Councilmember Thomas Berard, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Councilmember Phil Coyle
- Councilmember Joseph Czyzyk
- Councilmember Charles Giacchi, Department of the Navy (Retired)
- State Assemblymember Jacqui Irwin
- Major General Anthony Jackson, United States Marine Corps (Retired)
- Rear Admiral James Johnson, United States Navy (Retired), M.D.
- State Senator Janet Nguyen
- Vice Admiral Daniel Oliver, United States Navy (Retired)
- Major General Eldon Regua, United States Army (Retired)
- State Senator & Major General Richard Roth, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Rear Admiral Kenneth Slaght, United States Navy (Retired)
- Lieutenant General Eugene Tattini, United States Air Force (Retired)
- Mr. Scott Morgan representing OPR Director Ken Alex

After quorum was established, Chair Chávez requested that Vice Chair Jody Breckenridge lead the room in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Agenda Item 1 – Welcome:

Chair Chávez thanked those who made the visit and commended the Council Members on a robust showing for the Council's third quarter business meeting. He reminded the Council that on the following day the Council would host its 3rd Annual All California Defense Summit in partnership with the Association of Defense Communities and affirmed the Council would discuss it in greater detail later in the meeting. Due to time limitations, the Chair moved to expedite the welcoming in favor of beginning the guest briefs; he introduced and welcomed each guest speaker from the California Public Utilities Commission, the Bureau of Land Management and Navy Region Southwest and invited the first guest to speak.

Agenda Item 2 – Guest Speakers:

California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC):

CPUC President, Michael Picker, briefed the on the mission and activities of the CPUC, which has a wide purview over both utilities and essential services such telecommunications, rail transit, and passenger transportation companies. President Picker informed the Council of innovations and a new direction for power from electricity, citing a statistic that as electrical energy in the United States doubles; it has stayed flat in California. He concluded by speaking on CPUC's current focus to identify users of electricity and prepare them for changes such as revised grid designs to incorporate multiple redundancies (to increase resistance to outside threats), and whether utility companies are spending an appropriate amount of funding to prepare these new grids.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM), California State Office:

Associate State Director for BLM, Joseph Stout, presented information on the current BLM activities on lands adjacent to military installations throughout the state, discussing specifically BLM's current efforts to increase solar power capacity on some of its land. In regards to solar, Mr. Stout mentioned the increase in the Imperial East and Riverside East Solar Energy Zones, where there are no special use airspace restrictions.

Navy Region Southwest (NRSW):

Rear Admiral Yancy Lindsey, Commander of NRSW, began his brief to the Council by discussing the Navy's goal to expand the capabilities of its existing ranges, both in size and scope but also in modernization to accommodate newer weapons and equipment thereby increasing the overall pace and frequency of use by its troops. He then went on to discuss the region's efforts in the field of energy and energy resilience, commending the combined efforts over eight years that it took to develop the existing Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan, and his desire not to see it reopened and amended. RADM Lindsey then spoke about the region's expected increase in missions and accompanying personnel and ships, which would require an ancillary increase in resiliency of the community for which he sees a greater demand for childcare assistance and affordable housing in the area.

Continuing his update on the region's activities, RADM Lindsey spoke on the existing public-private-public-public partnerships (P4) in the region such as building a fuel cell on one of the Navy bases to provide energy security to a local fire department and hospital; and the pending Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command (SPAWAR) land exchange to leverage a more modernized building. Finally, he concluded his brief by describing two examples intergovernmental service agreements: one with CalFire to clear brush on ranges and another with Ventura County to perform heavy vehicle maintenance. He left the Council with remarks on the potential to capitalize on old infrastructure that is both unsafe physically and from cybersecurity threats.

Agenda Item 3 - Consideration of Action Items

At the conclusion of the guest briefings, Chair Chavez thanked the guests and then turned to the following Council Action Items discussions:

1. Chair Chávez introduced the economic impact study the Council commissioned the California Research Bureau (CRB) to conduct on federal spending on national security in the state. The lead researcher on the study, Devin Lavelle, from CRB presented on the results and methodology of the study, stating that the result is an independent, nonpartisan document providing data and information for which the Council can explain its importance to its stakeholders. Council Member Thomas Berard posited a few questions to Mr. Lavelle surrounding the figures for aerospace, which he estimated, were too low. Mr. Lavelle explained the model methodology but affirmed he would review the analysis to ensure there were no errors with the outcome. VADM Dan Oliver (ret.) stated the Council should make a priority of funding this study for statewide analysis, not just county-specific data. At the conclusion of the discussion, Chair Chávez moved to approve the study and Vice Chair Breckenridge seconded. The study was approved.

2. Following the Summit discussion, Chair Chávez invited Council Member and Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research to provide an overview of the Desert Renewable Energy Conservation Plan (DRECP) while the Council reviewed the letter of support staff previously drafted. The letter encourages the BLM and the federal Department of the Interior to preserve the DRECP, which sets aside areas in the Mojave Desert for conversation, renewable energy development, tribal affairs, and military operations. This letter is a complement to similar statements made by Marine Corps Installation West as well as by the state's Department of Fish and Wildlife, the California Energy Commission, and the Natural Resources Agency.

After Mr. Morgan concluded his overview, Chair Chávez informed the Council that both he and Vice Chair Breckenridge had reviewed the letter and invited any questions from other Council members. Executive Director Mueller explained that restrictions from Bagely-Keene requires approval of signed memos from all Council Members in person and posted online without changes. He explained that if Council approved the letter, the final draft will include the signatures of all Council Members present at the meeting that wish to participate.

Vice Chair Breckenridge moved to approve and the memo and signing and RADM Slaght seconded the motion at which point the remaining Council members individually voted with an audible “yay” or “nay”

Following the Council’s vote, two members of the public requested to speak at the meeting: Kim Delfino, California Program Director for Defenders of Wildlife, and Mariana Maguire, Associate Southern California Director for the Conservation Lands Foundation, commended the Council on their support for the DRECP. Ms. Delfino stated that the DRECP was a concerted effort that took over eight years of study, negotiation and thoughtfulness that resulted in a balanced plan that allows for renewable energy and conservation of the environment.

3. Chair Chávez requested a Council Member to move to approve the minutes from the Council’s first quarter 2018 meeting at Fort Irwin March 7-9. Mr. Thomas Berard moved to approve the minutes. RADM Jim Johnson seconded the motion. The Council then voted and passed the minutes with no issues.

4. Executive Director Andreas Mueller then reviewed the 3rd Annual All California Defense Summit activities for the following day. There were no significant questions from the Council on the events and the Council moved on to the next business item.

Agenda Item 4 – Q2 Small Team Site Visit Briefs

5. The Chair recognized each team leader to brief the Council on the respective small team visits conducted during the Council’s second quarter:

a. Council Member and small team leader Rear Admiral James Johnson provided a brief on behalf of his team covering their visit to the Naval Health Research Center/Naval Medical Center San Diego & Strategic Operations Training held on March 14-15, 2018.

While the hospital is only 30 years old, its design is closer to 40 and requires significant retrofitting to keep pace with the evolving standards of medical practice today and in the future. Finding a suitable new site will likely require a creative and collaborative use of land that does not currently exist.

On the tour, the Council Members were shown state-of-the-art simulation training spaces at the hospital. Afterwards, they toured the Comprehensive Combat Casualty Care Center (C5) where the growing population of survivors with complex and devastating injuries is treated with physical and occupational therapy techniques assisted by computerized interactive gait training, prosthetic fabrication, 3D printing, and complex interactive braces for limb salvage.

The second day of the tour was of Naval Health Research Command (NHRC), a multidisciplinary applied research facility conducting a wide variety of human clinical and physiological protocols. Members were provided a close-up view of the Warfighter Performance Lab which includes the sleep lab, heat chamber and swim flume, Functional fitness teasing area, and the computer assisted rehabilitation environment (CAREN) which

provides virtual reality simulation scenarios that are especially useful to warfighters recovering with prosthetic limbs. The tour made two more stops to both the Microbiology and Advanced Diagnostics Labs where Operational Infectious Diseases are researched and treated.

b. Council Member, State Senator and Small Team Leader Richard Roth briefed his team's visit to the March Air Reserve Base on May 11, 2018 where the team toured the 163d Attack Wing facilities and spoke with the unit leadership before heading to tour the Hap Arnold Center of Excellence, aircraft hangars, and the veterans village facilities.

c. Council Member Lieutenant General Eugene Tattini briefed the Council on the Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command Land Swap meeting with Los Angeles Air Force Base held on June 1, 2018. Command teams from Los Angeles Air Force Base, the tenant command of Space and Missile Systems Command and the senior leadership from the Navy's SPAWAR all met at LA AFB with Lt Gen Tattini and his colleagues to discuss the successes and lessons learned from collaboration with the city in building the Systems Acquisition Management and Support (SAMS) complex on LA AFB. Former Senator Steve Kuykendall, former Assistant Secretary of the Air Force Nelson Gibbs and Executive Director Pat Sullivan of SPAWAR were in attendance to discuss the best path forward for an upcoming SPAWAR project to replicate the SAMS complex accomplishments.

d. The Small Team Leader, Council Member Rear Admiral Kenneth Slaght for Naval Air Facility El Centro briefed the Council on the visit conducted June 12, 2018. NAF El Centro Commanding Officer Captain Brent Alfonso, along with Executive Officer Commander Jeremy Doughty, welcomed the Governor's Military Council delegation to NAF El Centro and led the mission brief, covering the base's personnel, economic impact, size and mission as the premier Navy flight facility and winter home to the Blue Angels.

The Council also covered potential encroachment issues at the base, local support organization and community support coordination, locality pay concerns and degrading infrastructure issues with the command team, taking away a number of action times for the Council to work on.

e. Lt Gen Tattini also briefed the Council on the June 13, 2018 small team visit to Naval Weapons Station Seal Beach/Joint Forces Training Base Los Alamitos. Seal Beach Commanding Officer, Captain Noel Dahlke, provided the base's mission brief along with the base environmental, engineering, facilities, and planning staff. The commander of Seal Beach serves a dual role as both the Navy Munitions Command-West and Navy Region Southwest and as installation commander of NWS Seal Beach. He noted that the primary mission of Seal Beach is to provide shore-based infrastructure support to the Navy's ordnance mission and to support the inspection, storage, and maintenance of selected weapons systems and it is the only major weapons station port within 1,000 miles of the fleet concentration in San Diego, meaning that the installation is the only place where ships can be loaded with ordnance on the West Coast between San Diego and Washington state (B Pier at Channel Islands can top off only). The meeting covered all the activities under the Seal Beach umbrella; including, the San Pedro fuel facility (Pier 12), the Fallbrook munitions storage site, and Detachment Norco. Captain Dahlke

also raised concerns about quality of life issues at the base as well as encroachment concerns with historical designation of buildings and the base's largescale designs to renovate the ammunition pier.

f. On behalf of Council Member Major General Dennis Kenneally, who was absent from the meeting, RADM Johnson provided a second briefing covering the Marine Corps Air Station Miramar visit on June 15, 2018. MCAS Miramar's Executive Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Paul Kopacz, along with the flight, energy, and public affairs staff led the Council on a brief of the station, citing their high operational tempo (accommodating anywhere between 65,000 – 95,000 flight operations annually), their personnel details, housing situation, and unique position of full integration with the City of San Diego. LtCol Kopacz went on to discuss the existing public-private partnerships between Miramar and the landfill for energy and waste removal, San Diego County Sheriff's Department for range use, and CalFire for emergency fire response.

On their tour of the flight line and energy construction projects on the station, Council Members and Miramar staff also discussed plans for F-35 stationing, exciting new energy resilience programs, and a vehicle-to-grid pilot program with state funds received from the California Energy Commission.

g. Council Member Major General Anthony Jackson provided the Council brief on the June 28, 2018 small team visit to Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center in Bridgeport where MCMWTC Executive Officer, Lieutenant Colonel Adrian Arnold, along with Deputy Director of Operations and Training, Brandon Schroeder, provided the Council Delegation with a comprehensive site tour of MCMWTC training areas and ranges. Council Members visited with Marines training at multiple sites and heard from MCMWTC training staff on the different training events that take place during the winter and summer months. During the tour, LtCol Arnold and Mr. Schroeder also brought up environmental concerns, such as the dwindling and increasingly unpredictable Sierra snowpack and available colder climate months for training, encroachment from recreational vehicles and managing critical and endangered species in the training areas.

Following the tour, Council Members with the base Commander, Colonel Kevin Hutchison, Installation Facility Director Andrew Oddo, Environmental Director Brent Husung, School Liaison Officer Jennifer Husung, Deputy S6 Bradley Hurley, met and discussed MCMWTC's mission is to conduct service-level Marine Air Ground Task Force integrated exercises and support formal schools in addition to developing warfighting doctrine and conducting Research, Development, Testing & Evaluation for specialized equipment for use in mountain warfare operations.

Highlights of the training center as America's only high altitude and cold weather training center include that it is the only DoD installation capable of training for all four environmental challenges (cold weather, snow covered, obstacle negotiation, and high elevation) with large unit and individual training in addition to serving as a center of excellence and wrote the military standards for cold weather training and equipment.

Notably, Col Hutchison explained MCMWTC's unique position as a "visitor" on its training area; the installation relies on the use of public lands in both California and Nevada to conduct its crucial training exercises. Some additional key topics covered were the lack of Entry Control Points to both the installation and housing area (located 24 miles away); ongoing energy efforts to move the installation past current Phase 2 status of the Marine Corps energy master plan: Resiliency Infrastructure Foundation; facilities funding goals; locality pay concerns; and lack of reasonable high school opportunities for military dependent children.

The Council was asked to facilitate cooperation with the State of Nevada's Douglas County School District in order to enable inter-district transfer of military family students from Eastern Sierra Unified School District; advocate to the federal Office of Management and Budget for Sacramento-County Federal Civilian Locality Pay and explore state income tax amnesty for those who live in Nevada but work in California; advocate to CODEL for military construction projects at MCMWTC per Facilities brief; and, facilitate increased training opportunities such as Army veterinarian services training at MCMWTC annually and reducing FAA restrictions on airspace, UAS use and live fire exercises.

h. Small team leader and Council Member Major General Eldon Regua spoke to the Council about his visit to the Defense Logistics Agency Distribution, San Joaquin on July 17, 2018, where he met with base commander, Colonel Harrell, to discuss family housing, local community relations, quality of life and educational opportunities.

Agenda Item 5 – Executive Director Update

Executive Director Mueller provided an update on Council activities in Washington, D.C. since the Council's Q1 2018 meeting in August. He then reviewed the 2019 NDAA and provided a perspective on the potential impact and opportunities for California. He concluded his brief by highlighting the achievements of the Council since Q1 2018, and providing a roadmap for Council administration through the end of Governor Brown's term.

Agenda Item 6 – Staff Update on Council's Current Efforts

Policy Advisor Allison Hsieh updated the Council on the follow key staff work items:

- Trailer bill language for Senate Bill 50 had passed and Governor Brown signed into law clarification on the language that only
- Website updates
- Military Children and Education

Associate Policy Advisor Gareth Smythe proceeded to give a report on the staff's current efforts related to the Council. Below are key points from his presentation to the Council:

- Staff completed a policy memo providing details to the Council on those military bases impacted by the state's Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA).
 - Mr. Smythe highlighted the current groundwater challenges at March Air Reserve Base, and Naval Air Weapons Station China Lake.

- Mr. Smythe then provided an update on the Council's policy position letters sent out since the Q1 2018 meeting.

Agenda Item #10 – Public Comment

There was no Public Comment following the previous public engagement session.

Agenda Item #11 – Adjourn

The Council adjourned at 1:37pm.