AGENDA

ASSEMBLY BUDGET SUBCOMMITTEE NO. 3

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY AND TOXIC MATERIALS

NATURAL RESOURCES

WATER, PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Assemblymember Fran Pavley, Hearing Chair

Thursday, March 27, 2003, 10 A.M. State Capitol, Room 4202

FUNDING FOR NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PROGRAMS: USER FEES AND PROGRAM SUPPORT

- I. Opening Remarks
- II. Panel Discussions

Panel 1 – Funding for Natural Resources and Environmental Protection (20 min.)

LAO to present the history of financing for environment and natural resources and what user fees now fund.

-Mark Newton, Director, Resources and Environmental Protection,

Legislative Analyst's Office

Panel 2 - What's a fee? (15 min.)

Legislative Counsel to present the requirements for a sustainable fee and the differences between a tax and a fee.

-Edward Cohen, Principal Deputy,

Legislative Counsel of California

-Kirk Louie, Principal Deputy,

Legislative Counsel of California

-Eve Krotinger, Deputy Legislative Counsel,

Legislative Counsel of California

Panel 3 – Legislative Analyst Office Fee Recommendations (15 min.)

Legislative Counsel to present their recommendations for fees for the 2003-04 Budget.

-Mark Newton, Director, Resources and Environmental Protection

Legislative Analyst Office

Panel 4 - Case Study (30 min.)

Participants of this panel will discuss the history and implementation challenges of the Department of Fish and Game Filing Fees (AB 3158 Fees).

- Jennifer Giambattista, Fiscal and Policy Analysis

Legislative Analyst Office

-David Bunn, Deputy Director, Legislative Affairs,

Department of Fish and Game