
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 Krottinger, 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***