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MINUTES OF OPEN MEETING WITH CLOSED SESSION

March 19, 2015

4:30–5:30 p.m.

Advisory Body Members Present: Hon. Kenneth K. So, Chair; Hon. James R. Brandlin, Vice-Chair; Hon. Daniel J. Buckley; Hon. James E. Herman; Hon. Brian L. McCabe; Hon. Gary Nadler; Hon. Martin J. Tangeman; Mr. Mark G. Bonino; Mr. James P. Fox; and Ms. Mary Beth Todd.

Advisory Body Members Absent: Hon. David E. Gunn

Others Present: Executive and Planning Committee Chair, Hon. Douglas P. Miller; Rules and Projects Committee Chair, Hon. Harry E. Hull, Jr.; and Martin Hoshino;
Committee staff: Cory Jaspersen, Laura Speed, Daniel Pone, Andi Liebenbaum, and Monica LeBlond.

OPEN MEETING

Call to Order and Roll Call

The chair called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m., and took roll call.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

Item 1

Proposal for Judicial Council-Sponsored Legislation

a) SB 213 (Block) – Juries: criminal trials: peremptory challenges

Reduces the number of peremptory challenges available in misdemeanor trials from ten (10) to six (6) in cases where the offense is punishable with a maximum term of imprisonment of one year or less. Specifies further that, in cases where two or more defendants are tried jointly, the number of additional “non-joint” peremptories (i.e., those that may be exercised separately by each defendant and the state) would be reduced from four (4) to two (2). Contains a five-year sunset of the bill’s provisions.

Action: Support and Co-sponsor

A D J O U R N M E N T

There being no further open meeting business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

C L O S E D S E S S I O N

Item 1

Approval of Minutes

The advisory body reviewed and approved the minutes of the March 5, 2015, Policy Coordination and Liaison Committee meeting.

Item 2

Pursuant to California Rules of Court, rule 10.75(d)(3)

Negotiations concerning legislation.

- a) AB 1068 (Allen) – California Environmental Quality Act: priority projects

Adjourned closed session at 4:47 p.m.

Approved by the advisory body on April 16, 2015.