



California Tow Truck Association's TOWING REGULATORY OVERSIGHT COUNCIL

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T-ROC MEETING - MINUTES

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SMALL FLEET

Open
Kevin Koch, *Simi Valley*

RURAL

Rick Stewart, *Willow Creek*
John Coulter, *San Luis Obispo*

EDUCATION

Robert Inskeep, *Santa Rosa*

AT LARGE

Open

ALLIED ASSOCIATIONS

Brian Banks, *ERSCA*
Jon Nissley, *O.P.G. (LA)*

**Thursday, September 30, 2021
9:00-12:00 via video conference**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Brian McCarty, Kevin Koch, Robert Inskeep, and John Nissley – absent
 2. Federal Matters
 - a. Guests: Michael Blake Bezruki, federal lobbyist – Lobby It; Quinn Piening, President, CTTA
 - b. President's Report: Update on union between CTTA and ERSCA
 - c. Discussion: Van Hollen/FAAAA Amendment
 - i. Intro to Lobby It; overview & next steps
 - d. Discussion: Military holds
- BREAK at 10:00; Guests left meeting
3. Tow Industry Regulation – AB 294 (Santiago); Continuing conversations with the insurance industry over “price gouging”
 - a. Review of current status and 2022 legislative session
 - b. Discussion: CalMatters “CHP sidesteps feds to continue 30-day tows” article
 4. CHP TSA
 - a. Discussion: Credit Card Surcharge Prohibition in TSA
 - i. **MOTION:** Ellison, Whalen & Blackburn to draft supporting memo for TSAC members to approach CHP to remove credit card surcharge prohibition in TSA (Motion made by Sam; Passed unanimously)
 5. OPG Request – Vehicle Insurance Survey of CTTA Membership
 - a. **MOTION:** T-ROC to request CTTA conduct a cost series of surveys of its membership, including on insurance, fuel, and labor costs. (Motion made by Steve; Passed unanimously)
 6. Other Matters:
 - a. CARB “Advanced Clean Fleets” proposed regulation
 - b. Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) regulation – Scrap Metal as Hazardous Material
 - c. Collaboration with the Mexican towing association: “AGRÚAS” – La Asociación Nacional de Empresarios Mexicanos de Grúas A.C.
 - d. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program
 - i. Discussion: Follow-up on T-ROC's direction at January 2020 Meeting: “Perry directed to meet with his Assembly Member on behalf of T-ROC to discuss abandoned vehicle matter.” This action is still pending.
 1. **MOTION:** T-ROC to research and investigate, including meeting with relevant stakeholders and legislators, the feasibility of legislative efforts to: 1) raise AVA from \$1 to \$2; 2) ensure that the AVA increase addresses the disposal of abandoned RVs; and 3) ensure that all or most of the AVA increase goes to the impacted towing companies. (Motion made by Steve; Passed unanimously)