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## NOTICE OF MEETINGS

On **Thursday, August 28, 2008**, the Little Hoover Commission will conduct a **public hearing on public health**. The hearing will begin at 9 a.m. in Room 437 of the State Capitol in Sacramento.

The purpose of this hearing is to provide the Commission with an update on the status of California's public health system following the Commission's report, *To Protect and Prevent: Rebuilding California's Public Health System* (April, 2003), and follow-up review in 2005 that prioritized specific recommendations from the 2003 report. The Commission will assess the progress that has been made in recent years and the impact of the new California Department of Public Health (CDPH) since it was established on July 1, 2007. The Commission will hear testimony from the CDPH director and state public health officer, local health officers and public health associations.

There will be an opportunity for public comment at the end of the hearing. The Commission also encourages written comments.

An advisory group to the **Data and Technology Subcommittee** of the Little Hoover Commission will meet on **Wednesday, August 27, 2008, from 2 to 4 p.m.** in the Legislative Counsel's Conference Room located on the lower level of 925 L Street, Sacramento, CA. The group will discuss opportunities and challenges to implementing a statewide performance measurement system.

In addition, the **California's Water Boards Subcommittee** of the Little Hoover Commission will meet on **Thursday, August 28, 2008, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.** in the Legislative Counsel's Conference Room located on the lower level of 925 L Street, Sacramento, CA. The subcommittee will discuss potential reforms to the state and regional water boards system.

All public notices for meetings are on the Commission's Web site, [www.lhc.ca.gov](http://www.lhc.ca.gov). If you need reasonable accommodation due to a disability, please contact Stuart Drown at (916) 445-2125 or [littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov](mailto:littlehoover@lhc.ca.gov) by Thursday, August 21, 2008.



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**Public Hearing on Public Health  
Thursday, August 28, 2008  
State Capitol, Room 437  
Sacramento**

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**Public Hearing: 9 a.m.**

***Local Government Perspectives***

1. Ann Lindsay, President, California Conference of Local Health Officers; Health Officer, Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services
2. David Souleles, President, County Health Executives Association of California

***Statewide Views***

3. Giorgio Piccagli, President, California Public Health Association – North
4. Mary Pittman, President, Public Health Institute
5. Betsy Imholz, Director of Special Projects, Consumers Union

***Public Health Workforce Capacity***

6. Mimi Lachica, Long Beach Health Laboratory Director; President, California Association of Public Health Laboratory Directors

***California Department of Public Health***

7. Mark B. Horton, Director and Public Health Officer, California Department of Public Health

**Business Meeting Agenda**

***(The Commission will consider agenda items I-V at approximately noon. The precise time will vary depending upon the testimony of witnesses and will be determined at the discretion of the chair.)***

- I. Business Meeting Minutes from June 26, 2008 and July 14, 2008
- II. Schedule/Project Selection
- III. Subcommittee Reports
- IV. Implementation Activity
- V. Reports from Bureau of State Audits