

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA**



**To: Executive Committee  
Ramon Alvarez, President  
VACANT**

**Date: March 6, 2012**

**From: William G. Brennan, Executive Director**

**Subject: LEGISLATIVE JOINT COMMITTEE ON SUNSET REVIEW**

This matter will be reported on at the March 20, 2012, General Meeting.

The NMVB has been identified as one of several state entities that the Joint Sunset Review Committee ("JSRC") will review and consider as a potential candidate to be sunset, terminated or assumed by another state program.

At the December 2011, Board Meeting, I advised the Board that staff was preparing a Self-Evaluation Survey requested by the Joint Committee. That survey was completed, vetted by the Executive Committee and submitted to the Joint Committee on January 13, 2012. Copies were also sent to the Business, Transportation and Housing Agency and the Department of Motor Vehicles. A copy is attached for your reference.

A hearing is scheduled before the Joint Committee on March 14, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Since the report was submitted I have had several telephone conversations with the consultant to the Committee, which have been generally favorable.

The NMVB is entirely funded by the industry through dealer and manufacturer/distributor fees. The Board does not impact the General Fund, where all the immediate State financial problems exist. By acting in a quasi-judicial function, the Board relieves the court system of additional litigation. And, surveying the Board's constituents I have found that it has solid support among industry associations, dealers and the attorneys that practice before it. Manufacturers and their associations, while not enthusiastically supportive, have stated that the Board serves a worthwhile role and would not speak against the Board at the hearing. Given the above, it is very unlikely that the Joint Committee will attempt to reorganize or discontinue the Board.

This report is informational and no Board action is required.