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POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Date: Friday, January 19, 2007
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

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Item	Description	Enclosure	Action*
I.	PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the PAC on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. Note: Prior to action by the PAC on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.		
II.	CONSENT ITEMS All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.		
A.	Joint TTC/PAC Executive Minutes of December 8, 2006	Yes	Approve
B.	Adoption of Population Projections for Fresno County	Yes	Approve
C.	Administrative Amendment No. 4 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program	No	Information
D.	Consultant Selection for EIR for Regional Transportation Plan	No	Approve
E.	Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles	No	Information
F.	2006 Annual Listing of Projects	Yes	Information
G.	FCRTA Status Report on Biola Transit's Demonstration Program	Yes	Information
H.	FCRTA Status Report on Juvenile Justice Campus Transit Program	Yes	Information
I.	FCRTA Public Hearing on 2006-07 CMAQ Capital Grant Program	Yes	Information
J.	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement – FY 2006-07 First Quarter Status Report	Yes	Approve
K.	Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc. at COG Board, 1-25-07	No	Information
III.	ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS		
A.	Fresno County request for support for Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Application	No	Approve
B.	OWP Amendment #2	No	Approve

Member Agencies: The cities of Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Sanger, Selma & Fresno County

C. Federal Transit Administration (Section 5316 and 5317) Resolution # 2007-01	Yes	Approve
D. Plaque for County Board of Supervisors "Enterprise Zone"	No	Approve
E. Travel Allowance Policy	Yes	Approve
F. Partnership Seed Grants – Update	No	Action/Disc/Support
G. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update	No	Info/Discussion
H. 2007 Washington D.C. "One Voice"	Yes	Info/Discussion
I. Measure "C" Update	Yes/ Handout	Info/Discussion
J. Caltrans Monthly Report	No	Info/Discussion
K. Paperless Agendas	Yes	Info/Discussion
L. Presentation at COG Board – DnEco Design & Ecology	Yes	Information

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

Presentation: Chief Becky Robertson, Fresno County Fire Protection District

- A. Items from Staff
- B. Items from Members

***Items listed as information still leave the option for guidance/direction actions by the Committee.**



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A. Joint TTC/PAC Executive Minutes of December 8, 2006

Action: Approve the Executive Minutes of December 8, 2006.

B. Adoption of Population Projections for Fresno County

Summary: On December 14, 2006 the Fresno COG Model Steering Committee adopted population projections for Fresno County based on the Central California Futures Institute (CCFI) forecasts for Fresno County and projections made by Fresno COG staff.

Conformity regulations require the traffic model to be validated within 10 years of the current year and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) strongly recommends that our planning assumptions be reviewed and documented every 5 years.

Because of the FHWA requirement we must officially adopt our population projections prior to our being able to do an air quality conformity finding on the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan .

In 2000 we hired Dr. Joseph Penbera, economist/demographer with the Central California Futures Institute (CCFI) at Fresno State University to develop population projections for Fresno County to the year 2025. These projections were subsequently adopted by the Model Steering Committee and the COG Policy Board.

COG staff has reviewed the CCFI projections and concluded that they are still valid and should be used for our 2030 population projections.

At the same time we also asked our modeling consultant, Dowling Associates, to review the CCFI projections and provide us with their opinion. Dowling Associates also independently

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recommended continued use of the CCFI projections. (see included memo from Mike Aronson, Dowling Associates).

COG staff has utilized the CCFI projections to project population growth to the year 2030. The recommendation and projections were reviewed and approved by the Model Steering Committee. [BITNER]

Action: TTC and Staff recommend approval of the population projections.

C. Administrative Amendment No. 4 to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program

Summary: Administrative Amendment No. 4: This amendment was approved on December 7, 2006 by the Executive Director of the Council of Fresno County Governments as authorized by the Policy Board. Modifications to the 2007 Federal Transportation Improvement Program are as follows:

Change to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Program:

The school bus projects for Central Unified School District, Clovis Unified School District, Fresno Unified School District, Kings Canyon Unified School District, and Southwest Transportation, were adjusted to reflect a change in funding source. The purchase of these school buses will be a lease to purchase and/or purchase. In order for Caltrans local assistance to be able to issue a funding authorization, it was necessary to adjust the funding source to reflect advanced construction. This change does not impact financial constraint. [DEVERE]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

D. Consultant Selection for EIR for Regional Transportation Plan

Summary: Fresno COG is currently updating our Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The RTP represents the long range planning vision for Fresno County's regional transportation system through the year 2030. The plan identifies projects and needs for our streets and highways system, as well as urban and rural public transportation, rail, aviation, pedestrian, and bicycle facilities.

A new programmatic Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the RTP is necessary to evaluate potentially significant environmental effects of the plan. On December 17, 2006, Fresno COG issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a maximum of \$35,000 to prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the RTP in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). As an EIR for the Measure C process was recently completed, including an analysis of our current RTP projects, the revised update was not considered to be a major update. The term of the contract will be for six months, beginning January 25, 2007 extending through June 30, 2007.

In response to the Request For Proposal, Fresno COG received only one proposal, from VRPA Technologies, for \$35,000. Fresno COG staff has reviewed the proposal and feels that it meets the needs discussed in the Request for Proposals. [PAUKOVITS]

Action: TTC and Staff recommend approval of the consultant selection and direction to enter into a contract with VRPA Technologies.

E. Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles

Summary: On November 30, 2006, the San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition held a stakeholders meeting to provide information and have discussions regarding the potential for Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles. Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicles (PHEVs) use the same technology as the popular hybrids on the road today, but have larger batteries that can be recharged by plugging the vehicle into a standard outlet.

PHEVs are outfitted with batteries sufficient to power the vehicle from 20 to 60 miles on battery charge alone. It has been estimated that half the cars on the country's roads are driven less than 25 miles a day; a plug-in hybrid with a 25-mile range battery could eliminate gasoline use in the commutes of millions of Americans.

PHEV technology can also be combined with existing fuel technology to increase fuel efficiency even further. A motorist could average 100 miles per gallon, and businesses could achieve considerable savings on fuel costs. Plug-in hybrids will generally recharge at night using excess power from plants that cannot shut down completely. Over 40% of the generating capacity in the country sits idle or operates at a reduced load overnight - that means millions of plug-ins could be charged every night without the need to build additional electric generation capacity.

Many agencies and organizations are showing an increased interest in this technology. The Plug-in Partners National Campaign (www.pluginpartners.org) is an initiative to demonstrate a market for PHEVs and is supported by a number of government and private agencies. The California Air Resources Board (CARB) will be issuing a call for projects in January 2007 that could include up to \$5 million in funding for plug-in hybrid projects in California. Please contact Fresno COG staff if you would like additional information. [PAUKOVITS]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

F. 2006 Annual Listing of Projects

Summary: Federal law requires Fresno COG to publish for public review an annual listing of projects for which federal funds have been obligated in the preceding year, as a record of project delivery and a progress report for public information and disclosure.

The enclosed report is divided into the funding types administered by the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). This report indicates that approximately \$32.1 million in federal funds were obligated for transportation project in the region between October 1, 2005 and September 30, 2006.

The obligated federal funding consisted of approximately \$1.67 million of Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) funds for bicycle/pedestrian facilities; 18 projects had bicycle/pedestrian components. \$11.6 million of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funds were obligated for transit projects and \$4.05 million was transferred from FHWA to FTA for transit projects. The listing is available for public viewing at www.fresnocog.org under FTIP. [DEVERE]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

G. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Status Report on Biola Transit's Demonstration Program

Summary: Enclosed in your package is a December 29, 2006 FCRTA Memorandum regarding the status of the Biola Transit Demonstration Program. [WEBSTER]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

H. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Status Report on Juvenile Justice Campus Transit Program

Summary: Enclosed in your meeting package is information that was shared with the staff of the Juvenile Justice Campus on December 14, 2006. It depicts the actual ridership to and from the facility as programmed. Data is summarized monthly and is shown daily from August 2, 2006 through December 9, 2006. The data indicates that most complete a round trip, but others only need one-way rides to or from the facility. Actual usage has proven to be very limited. Campus staff are working on an "information package" to go out to family members of their clients. FCRTA staff provided 500 color copies of our flyer for inclusion. FCRTA staff intends to survey visitors on-site in January to determine if they are aware of the service in an effort to attract additional ridership. [WEBSTER]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

I. Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Public Hearing: FY 2006-07 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) Capital Grant Program.

Summary: Enclosed in your package is a Public Hearing Notice. Despite multiple previous public notices and hearings regarding this project as part of the FTIP, Caltrans has requested that the FCRTA Board of Directors also hold a Public Hearing on the matter on January 25, 2007. [WEBSTER]

Action: Information/discussion item - Conduct the Public Hearing as noticed. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

J. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement – FY 2006-07 First Quarter Status Report

Summary: As stated in the 2003 Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority Plan, the Fresno COG, as administrator of the AVA Program, shall submit a quarterly status report to the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority. The Service Authority has directed the quarterly status report first be presented to the Policy Advisory Committee for review and recommendation. Status reports are submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

- The gross amount of money received by the Authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund during the quarter.
- An itemized statement of the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund monies expended by the Authority during the quarter.
- An accounting of money expended for major purchases, if any.
- An accounting of unexpended revenues from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund.
- An accounting of the total number of vehicles and parts thereof abated by the Authority during the quarter.

The enclosure for this item indicates the distribution of funding to the member agencies. For the first quarter of FY 2006-07, a total of \$179,520.10 in current AVA revenues was available for distribution to member agencies and to the Fresno COG for program administration. During the quarter, member agencies expended \$153,055.21 conducting AVA activities and the Fresno COG claimed \$2,375.00 for program administration. A total of 1,019 vehicles were abated this quarter. [THOMPSON]

Action: Approve the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2006-07 First Quarter Status Report.

K. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, Inc. at COG Board, 1-25-07

Summary: California Consulting staff will provide an update to the Policy Board on 1-25-07. [Samuelian]

Action: Information item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

III. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fresno County Request for Support for Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) Grant Application.

Summary: On January 23, 2007, the Fresno County Public Works and Planning Department will be requesting approval from the County Board of Supervisors to apply for a grant from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) to fund the automation of a County-wide Traffic Volume/Collision Tracking and Analysis System for traffic safety. This application is for the addition of traffic volume data into the County's Traffic Collision Tracking and Analysis System to improve traffic safety analysis through more timely access to collision rates.

The system will interface with the existing County Geographic Information System (GIS) and improve the performance of traffic collision analysis as well as provide a central location for managing traffic count information to County staff and local agencies. The estimated cost for this system is \$20,000 for software and consultant labor expenses. The OTS program funds 100 percent of the cost of an approved project.

The application submittal deadline for the OTS grant cycle is January 31, 2007. Competitive evaluations will be reviewed in May 2007 with approved projects being funded October 1, 2007. [QUINN]

Action: TTC and staff recommend support of the grant application.

B. OWP Amendment # 2

Summary: 2006/07 OWP Amendment #2 in the amount of \$72,700 increases the budget to \$6,575,185 and has two components.

Work Element 310 Intergovernmental Coordination

Now that the voters have approved extending Measure "C", the Fresno COG must now turn the guidance plan that accompanied the ballot measure into a detailed Strategic Plan in order to implement the Measure C extension. In order to move quickly on this process we will be meeting with members of the Measure C Steering Committee and developing numerous subcommittees to deal with the Strategic Plan. Towards that end, the Executive Director is recommending a renewal of our contract with Dr. Gary Manross from Strategy Research Institute for the period between February 1 through June 30, 2007 to continue to mediate and build consensus on Measure C issues. In addition, Dr. Manross has indicated a willingness to undertake other tasks

for the Fresno COG for a flat, all inclusive fee of \$5,500 a month (unless special data collection is required, i.e. hiring a survey firm). Dr. Manross, you may recall performed polls, developed statistical intelligence and successfully mediated the initial Measure "C" committee that put together the strategic plan that successfully accompanied the ballot measure. As part of this proposed scope (being refined and available as a handout at the PAC meeting), through June 30, Dr. Manross' services will include:

- Salary survey comparing the agency's salary structure to similar regional MPO's and other comparable agencies,
- On call services, where Fresno COG has varying needs, but may not justify the hiring of an additional employee. This would include, as currently identified,
 - Data collection as needed, including analysis, report writing, presentation
 - Professional services such as opinion leadership surveys, focus group research, facilitating town-hall type meetings, crisis management, organizational communication, etc.
 - Consensus building among stakeholders and stakeholder groups/organizations as needed (Measure C, Blueprint, One Voice, and other projects not yet identified)
 - Public outreach services, to include both internal communication (with member agencies) and external communications (including but not limited to media relations, targeted public communications, and other stakeholders)
 - Other services, as needed.

The cost of renewing his contract through the remainder of this fiscal year will run \$27,500. Residual local funds carried over from last year will be used to cover the costs.

Work Element 111 Regional Transportation Modeling

An additional Planning Coordinator I/II position is requested to address increased GIS and modeling activities. The total salary and benefit cost of the position for the remainder of this year will be \$30,100 and around \$75,000 in next year's budget. In addition we will need to acquire an additional one time license from Citilabs to run the TP+/Cube Base modeling software \$11,600, and a new computer \$3,500. The total additional cost on this year's budget is \$45,200 to be paid for with a combination of Federal FHWA Planning funds and a 11.47% local match. [BESHEARS]

Action: Authorize 2006/07 Amendment #2 in the amount of \$72,635.

C. Federal Transit Administration (Section 5316 and 5317) – Resolution # 2007-01

Summary: On August 21, 2006, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger signed a letter designating the Council of Fresno County Governments as FTA recipient for Section 5316 Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) and Section 5317 New Freedom (NF) programs. FTA requires the agency to adopt a resolution authorizing the Executive Director of his/her designate to execute the grant documents. [BESHEARS]

Action: Recommend authorizing the Executive Director to execute FTA grant documents by approving Resolution 2007-01.

D. Plaque for County Board of Supervisors "State Enterprise Zone"

Summary: Jose Antonio Ramirez (Firebaugh) has requested that staff order a plaque in recognition of the Board of Supervisors for their role in obtaining the County's designation as a "State Enterprise Zone". It will read: "The Policy Advisory Committee wishes to applaud and salute the Board of Supervisors for your exemplified leadership and wisdom in directing staff to assemble a regional application for the State Enterprise Zone Designation." The approximate price for a wooden plaque will be \$125.00. [GOODWIN]

Action: Approve the purchase of the plaque to be presented to the County Board of Supervisors.

E. Travel Allowance Policy

Summary: The Executive Director is recommending a revision to the Employee Expenses Travel Reimbursement Policy (5003.01 #8). Our current policy is over 20 years old and has not been adjusted to reflect current circumstances when traveling, or even to reflect that under federal guidelines the offering of a minimum 15% gratuity is an accepted process. In developing this recommendation we undertook a survey of other Valley COG's and the Cities of Clovis and Fresno as well as the County of Fresno to arrive at the entire recommendation (package enclosure). The proposed rates fall between the City of Clovis' rates and the County of Fresno's rates, and is similar to rates paid by San Joaquin COG (max \$63.25 when tip included) and Stanislaus COG (\$52.00 with receipts).

The main changes proposed are:

- Allow reimbursement for gratuities (tips) on meals (as identified under Incidental Expenses in the IRS Rules for Employer Provided Meals and Lodging) not to exceed 15% of the meal cost.
- Increase the current per diem amount from \$30/\$40, to \$50/\$60.
- Provide employees two options for reimbursement of meals while traveling.

The current per diem is set at \$30 per day except in major metropolitan areas where the limit is increased to \$40. The Executive Director recommends a change allowing employees the option of choosing between a Flat Per Diem Option (\$50) or an Actual Cost Option (\$60). The gratuity, not to exceed 15% of the cost of the meal, would be included within the dollar amount of the option chosen. The recommended amount is also based on the desire to have a policy that would probably not need a revision within the next five years. [GOODWIN]

Action: The Executive Director recommends approving the revision to the Travel Policy regarding meal expenses.

F. San Joaquin Valley Partnership Seed Grant Opportunities

Summary: The Business, Transportation and Housing Agency on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley Partnership is seeking Concept Proposals for Partnership Seed Grants. A total of \$2.5 mil. in seed grant funding has been made available in the State's FY 2006-07 budget. Seed Grants are intended to jump start major initiatives, as set forth in the *Partnership Strategic Action Proposal* that will result in significant immediate impact or will lay a solid foundation for long-term priority strategies and investments. Applicants are encouraged to be innovative both in their approaches and in their arrangements among and between participants (individuals and organizations) included in the proposals. All concept proposals must be consistent with the outcomes articulated in the *Partnership Strategic Action Proposal*.

To date Fresno COG has been informed that the following Seed Grant Concept Proposals are under consideration for submittal:

<u>Concept Proposal Description</u>	<u>Applicant</u>
Metro-Rural Loop Feasibility Study	City of Fresno
Farmland Conservation Model Program	Fresno COG
Tolling and Congestion Pricing	Valleywide COG Directors
Matching Funds for San Joaquin Valley Blueprint	Valleywide COG Directors
Kern Street Mobility Project	Central Transit & Dev. Corp.

Discussions at TTC focused on future COG Policy Board support for the Seed Grant Proposals. It was recommended that the Policy Board take an action to support the concept proposals at this time, with the expressed understanding that these are not formal grant applications but rather "*Seed Grant Concepts*" that are to be reviewed by the San Joaquin Valley Partnership, with the selected seed grant concepts, being requested to complete formal grant application packages. In the event any of our seed grant proposals are selected, COG staff would bring them forward for TTC/PAC/Policy Board support at the earliest opportunity. (Boren))

Copies of the Seed Grant proposals identified above are available at the Fresno COG website www.fresnocog.org. The deadline for submittal of the Concept Proposals to the Business, Transportation & Housing Agency was **January 16, 2007, 5:00 p.m.** [BOREN]

Action: Action/discussion item. TTC recommended that the Policy Board support the concept proposal submittals, but wanted the PAC to have the ability to review each of the proposals prior to taking their action. Further direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

G. San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Update

Summary: Staff will report on the community workshop that was held on Thursday, January 11th at the U.C. Center that engaged participants in an exercise aimed at prioritizing the community's values. These values will be translated into the goals, objectives and measurable outcomes that the Blueprint planning process will address as we move forward.

On another front, the Valleywide Blueprint coordinating committee has asked John Wright (Clovis Planning and Development Director) to convene planning directors from around the Valley to provide input on the more technical aspects of the planning process. Each of the eight Valley COGs submitted recommendations of those they felt should be invited. The first meeting of the group will be January 26th in Clovis.

We have been notified by the state's Business, Transportation and Housing Agency the eight Valley COGs have been successful in their proposal for second year funding of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint. The second year effort will be funded at \$1.9 million. [STECK]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

H. 2007 Washington D.C. "One Voice"

Summary: Eighteen infrastructure projects were submitted for consideration for the 2007 Washington D.C. "One Voice" trip. The selection committee reviewed the submittals and recommended that nine projects be included on the list of regional priorities (list enclosed in package). The projects total \$15,980,000 in funding requests. Three of the projects are not asking for dollar amounts per se but rather policy decisions. The list represents high scoring projects and/or ones that qualify for different appropriations bills and accounts.

At the December Policy Board meeting, the County of Fresno and the BIA made a presentation asking that the Veterans Boulevard project be included on the regional priority list. After much discussion about adding projects to the list, the Board took a "compromise" position to create a "Tier 2" list for the three additional projects (Veteran's Blvd., and the Parlier and Kerman economic development projects). "Tier 2" projects will be included in the materials that we distribute (similar to local specific projects), but will not have formal presentations as we do with the priority projects.

There has been much discussion on appropriations bills and earmarks at the federal level. Several of the projects that were identified for earmarks from our trip last year have been passed on to the new Congress to address. We will discuss our strategy with our federal lobbyist on how to promote these projects in Washington in February.[STECK]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

I. Measure "C" Update

Summary: Fresno COG staff will provide a verbal update and a hand-out on administrative responsibilities that will be required of Fresno COG as a result of the reauthorization of Measure "C" this past November. Issues to be discussed include formation of the Citizens Oversight Committee, tentative timelines associated with development of the initial Expenditure Plan, and formation of the numerous "*Implementation Guideline Committees*" that are required for the majority of the Measure "C" Program components. [GOODWIN/BOREN]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

J. Caltrans Monthly Report

Summary: Caltrans staff will provide an update on Caltrans activities. [CALTRANS]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

K. Paperless Agendas

Summary: Staff will provide an update on the website and paperless agendas. A form is included in the package for you to provide information regarding the manner in which you would prefer to receive meeting packages. [Sobrado]

Action: Information/discussion item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

L. Presentation at COG Board – DnEco Design & Ecology

Summary: Presentation at COG Board – DnEco Design & Ecology Information–Myung-Ho Lee, Chairman and CEO DnEco Domestic and International Affairs and Dr. Yeon-Ja Cho, Chairman of the Board will make a presentation to the COG Board on 1-25-07 regarding an advanced technology related to waste water treatment. A copy of request letter is included in the package.

Action: Informational item. Direction may be provided at the discretion of the Committee.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

PRESENTATION: Chief Becky Robertson, Fresno County Fire Protection District

A. Items from Staff

Request Form for Presentations. A copy is included in the package for your information.

B. Items from Members

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