



BOARD ACTIONS

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Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

A Region of Diverse Partners Building a Progressive Future as One Voice

Follow Up Workshop to the September 13, 2007 Meeting with Attorney General Jerry Brown

Workshop was held prior to the Fresno COG Board meeting to discuss proposed voluntary measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Information from this meeting is available on our website.

Pre-Board Workshop – Ad-Hoc Legislative Subcommittee Workshop to Develop the 2008 Legislative Platform

Members reviewed the draft 2008 Legislative Platform. The document will be revised and presented to the Fresno COG Board for adoption in January. Legislative updates will be posted on the Fresno COG website. If you have questions, please contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, November 29, 2007, the Policy Board of the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) took action or was briefed on the following items.* Formal minutes of this meeting will be included in the next meeting package.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

Michael O'Hare from The Volunteer Center of Fresno County gave a brief presentation on the organization and resources available. Information is available on their website at www.vcfresno.org.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

City of Fresno Request for COG Support for Transportation

Fresno COG Board voted to preliminarily support the City of Fresno submitting grant applications to Caltrans for the 2008-09 Transportation Planning Grant Program. Grant applications are due January 11, 2008 with notice of awards expected in summer of 2008. Final consideration by the Board to come in January after full review of all complete grant applications. Local agencies interested in more information regarding these grants should contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

High-Speed Rail Status Report

Fresno COG Board voted to authorize the Fresno COG Chairman and encourage local jurisdictions to send letters to the Governor, legislative delegation and High-Speed Rail Authority affirming the policy position adopted by the San Joaquin Regional Policy Council on alignment with Altamont Pass as the preferred option and building both Altamont Pass and Pacheco Pass as a second option. Staff will provide an update at the January meeting. For more information contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

Proposition 1B – Trade Corridor Infrastructure Program Status Report

Information was handed out regarding this program. It was reported that the San Joaquin Valley COGs agreed to partner with Sacramento and the Bay Area on goods movement funding in order to increase the chances of funding for some Valley goods movement projects. A copy of the letter sent by the California Partnership to Secretary Bonner expressing support for the cross-regional partnerships but also indicating the importance of the region being considered a specific trade corridor was handed out. The handouts are available on our website under [Committees & Agendas](#). For more information contact Deputy Director, Tony Boren.

Fresno COG sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Tulare Lake Basin Working Group, Request for Financial Participation

Fresno COG Board approved the request by Tulare Basin Wildlife Partners for a \$32,700 contribution to riparian corridor work in Fresno County. Board asked that the Tulare Basin Wildlife partners involve all water-related agencies and districts within the project area boundaries. The group will report back to the Board.

PUBLIC HEARING

Fresno COG 2007 Public Participation Plan, Resolution 2007-48

Fresno COG Board approved the Fresno COG 2007 Public Participation Plan by Resolution 2007-48. The final Plan is available on our website.

PUBLIC HEARING

2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan, Resolution 2007-49

Fresno COG Board voted to adopt the 2007 Fresno County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan by adopting Resolution 2007-49. The Plan is available on our website.

Request for Eastside, Westside and Fresno Clovis Metropolitan Area Representation on the Farmland Conservation Model Program Advisory Committee

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the appointment of Ron Manfredi (Kerman) as the Westside representative and Alan Bengyel (Huron) as alternate. Councilmember Scott Brockett (Reedley) was appointed the Eastside representative and Councilmember Rico Aguayo (Fowler) was appointed alternate. The Fresno/Clovis area representative appointment is pending. For information on the Farmland Conservation Model Program please contact staff person, Todd Sobrado.

Blueprint Goals, Objectives, Performance Measures

Fresno COG Board voted to accept the Blueprint Draft Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures with the understanding that they are a work in progress. This document is available on our website. For more information regarding the Blueprint or to schedule a presentation on the Blueprint for your agency please contact staff person, Barbara Steck. For additional information on the Blueprint please click on the icon at the top of the home page on our website.

2008 Washington D. C. "One Voice" Project Selection

Fresno COG Board received an updated list of projects for approval. Fresno County gave a presentation on the Fresno Countywide Gang Prevention Initiative which was revised from the project that was submitted to the project selection committee. The County asked that the Board consider adding this project to the list. The Board approved the list of projects with the addition of the Fresno Countywide Gang Prevention Initiative project added to the list. For more information on "One Voice" contact staff person, Barbara Steck or click on the "One Voice" icon at the top of the home page on our website.

ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT – FY 2006-07 FOURTH QUARTER SUMMARY REPORT AND YEAR-END SUMMARY REPORT

Fresno COG Board voted to accept the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2006-07 Fourth Quarter Summary Report. For more information on the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program contact staff person, Clark Thompson.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

There will be no Fresno COG Transportation Technical Committee, Policy Advisory Committee or Board meeting in December.

January meeting dates: Transportation Technical Committee – January 9, 2008

Policy Advisory Committee – January 18, 2008

COG Board/FCRTA – January 24, 2008

*Complete Agenda, Annotated Agenda and meeting package is available on our website under Committees & Agendas and also by clicking on the event on the website Calendar.

**Please see the Fresno COG website Calendar for upcoming meetings for various Committees and Sub Committees.

Fresno COG Board Members

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FIREBAUGH – Mayor Craig Knight
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FRESNO CITY – Mayor Alan Autry
HURON – Mayor Ramon Dominguez
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