



# BOARD ACTIONS

March 2008

## Council of Fresno County Governments

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### OUR MISSION

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

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2008, 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.

#### Pre-Board One Voice Presentation

Fresno COG staff and members of the 2008 Washington DC One Voice delegation re-enacted a presentation given in Washington outlining the 2008 Recommended Regional Priorities. The 2008 One Voice sponsors and COG Board members were invited to attend to learn more about the One Voice advocacy effort and the projects that were focused on during the trip. More information on the 2008 Washington and Sacramento One Voice advocacy efforts is available on our website at [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org).

### Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

The Fresno COG Board recognized the 2008 One Voice sponsors with plaques of appreciation: Granville Homes, Quad Knopf, Hatch Mott MacDonald, Provost & Pritchard and Mendoza & Associates. Other sponsors that were recognized but not in attendance are: Central Valley Community Bank, Economic Development Corp. serving Fresno County, Omni-Means, VRPA Technologies, Inc. and Dedekian, George, Small & Markarian Accountancy Corporation.

Fresno COG Board recognized Mary Lopez, Administrative Assistant for 20 years of service.

Fresno COG Board recognized the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Creation of the Consolidated Transportation Service Agencies in Fresno County with plaques of appreciation given to the City of Fresno, The Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission, the City of Clovis and Fresno County Rural Transit Agency.

Mario Santoyo, Friant Water Authority asked to address the Fresno COG Board on current water issues that affect the Valley.

#### TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

##### Proposition 1B – Traffic Light Synchronization Grant Application for the City of Fresno

After viewing a presentation by John Stambouljian, City of Fresno, the Fresno COG Board approved a letter of support for the grant application.

### Fresno COG sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

##### Farmland Conservation Model Program Update

Fresno COG Board received an update on the Farmland Conservation Model Program. The Advisory Committee is meeting regularly and is working with American Farmland Trust staff to develop a "toolkit" which included best practices currently in use throughout the United States that are applicable for agricultural conservation in Fresno County. Development of the Program is on track for completion in August 2008. For more information please contact staff person Todd Sobrado.

##### Statewide and San Joaquin Valley 511 Project Update

Fresno COG Board received an update on the 511 – Traveler Information System. A Memorandum of Understanding for the Baseline 511 system will be forthcoming for Fresno COG Board approval. For more information on this project please contact staff person Todd Sobrado.

### **2008 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council's Valley Voices Advocacy Effort**

Fresno COG Board received a report on the recent advocacy effort in Sacramento. The Valley Voices delegation of 27 consisted of members of the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and staff from the eight Valley COGs. The purpose of the trip was to introduce the Regional Policy Council as a unified political body representing the Valley and to highlight key issues from the Valley Legislative Platform for State advocacy. The packet of information that was distributed to legislators in Sacramento was given to the Board members. For more information on this effort, please contact staff person Jennifer Dansby.

### **2008 Sacramento One Voice Update**

Fresno COG Board received a report on the Sacramento One Voice advocacy effort that took place on March 10 and 11. A delegation of 30 elected officials, local agency staff, and members of the community met with State legislators promoting several issues that are important to Fresno County. For more information on the 2008 Sacramento One Voice advocacy effort, please contact staff person Jennifer Dansby. Information on all Fresno COG One Voice advocacy efforts is available on our website at [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org).

### **San Joaquin Valley Blueprint – Monthly Update**

Fresno COG Board received a report on the Blueprint process. Workshops are being scheduled during the month of April with all Fresno County city councils to update the public on the Blueprint process and to get feedback on the five alternative growth scenarios. For more information on the workshops or for other information on the Blueprint process, please contact staff person Barbara Steck or go to our website at [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org).

### **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez was unanimously re-elected as Chair of the Fresno COG Board. Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lujan was unanimously re-elected as Vice Chair.

## **OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **Abandoned Vehicle Abatement – FY 2006-07 Second Quarter Status Report and Adjustments to City of Sanger Hourly Rate and Standard Hourly Rate**

Fresno COG Board accepted the FY2006-07 Second Quarter Status Report and also approved City of Sanger's request to increase its hourly rate to \$68.00 and the staff request to increase the standard hourly rate to \$62.00. For more information on the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement program please contact staff person Clark Thompson.

**The County of Fresno asked the Fresno COG Board to consider accepting administration of Airport Land Use Commission. This item will be placed on the April agenda.**

**Mayor Victor Lopez (Orange Cove) updated the Board on a large single family housing development in Orange Cove.**

**Mayor Michael Montelongo (Sanger) handed out a request from Governor Schwarzenegger's California Dream Team for a letter of support for a State Constitutional Amendment called the Budget Stabilization Act.**

**March meeting dates: Transportation Technical Committee – April 9, 2008 – 8:30 am**

**Policy Advisory Committee – April 18, 2008 – 10 am**

**COG Board/FCRTA – April 24, 2008 – 7 pm**

**Other important dates: Blueprint Roundtable Workshop – May 1, 2008 – 8 am – 12**

**Fresno COG Board and FCRTA meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup> will begin at 3:30 pm**

**Retirement Party for Barbara Goodwin, Executive Director – May 29, 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**

CLOVIS – Mayor Bob Whalen  
COALINGA – Mayor Patricia Hill  
FIREBAUGH – Mayor Craig Knight  
FOWLER – Councilmember Rico Aguayo  
FRESNO CITY – Mayor Alan Autry  
HURON – Mayor Ramon Dominguez  
KERMAN – Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chair  
KINGSBURG – Mayor Leland Bergstrom

MENDOTA – Mayor Robert Silva  
ORANGE COVE – Mayor Victor Lopez  
PARLIER – Mayor Armando Lopez  
REEDLEY – Councilmember Scott Brockett  
SAN JOAQUIN – Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal  
SANGER – Mayor Michael Montelongo  
SELMA – Mayor Pro Tem Dennis Lujan, Vice Chair  
FRESNO COUNTY – Supervisor Henry Perea