



BOARD ACTIONS

May 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, May 29, 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.

City of Fresno – Update on Southeast Growth Area Planning Effort

Keith Berghold, City of Fresno gave a presentation on the Planning Effort and handed out information on the upcoming June 10th Scenarios Workshop. This workshop will be held at the Fresno Convention Center – New Exhibit Hall from 6-9 pm. For more information contact Trai Her at Trai.Her@fresno.gov or 559-621-8003. Information is also available on the City of Fresno website at www.fresno.gov.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

Transportation Development Act Final Estimates

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the final estimates of Local Transportation Funds (LTF) apportionment to member agencies in the amount of \$32,867,000 and State Transit Assistance Funds (STA) apportionment to member agencies in the amount of \$10,206,977. For a breakdown by city, please see the May 29, 2008 meeting package available on our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person Les Beshears.

San Joaquin Valley Blueprint

Fresno COG Board voted to approve forwarding Fresno COG's preferred growth concept on to UC Davis for inclusion in the Valleywide Blueprint analysis. For more information on the Blueprint process please go to our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person Barbara Steck.

Fresno COG sitting as the Council of Fresno County Governments

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program and Budget

Fresno COG Board voted to approve the FY2008-09 Overall Work Program and Budget (OWP) in the amount of \$9,915,569. A copy of the complete OWP is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org. If you would like additional information please contact staff person Tony Boren.

Memorandum of Understanding with Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG) to share in the Sacramento Region's 511 Traveler Information System

Fresno COG Board approved and gave authorization for the Executive Director to enter into the Memorandum of Understanding to access SACOG's 511 service for a "baseline" 511 system. Key points of the SACOG 'base-line' 511 system are as follows:

- The offer is for only wireless or cell phone access to 511 from within the San Joaquin Valley
- Offer is for phone access to 511 only. Internet access is not provided by SACOG, and
- Access is limited to only Caltrans Highway Information, or CHIN.

For more information on the 511 service, please contact staff person Todd Sobrado.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

APA Award: Fresno COG and consultant, JSA Marketing received the best practices in planning award from the Central Section American Planning Association for the Blueprint marketing campaign. This application will be included in the state competition.

Councilmember Scott Brockett (Reedley) asked the Committee to support the Department of Food and Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture in eradicating the light brown apple moth. A sample resolution was distributed.

Mayor Victor Lopez (Orange Cove) announced a groundbreaking ceremony in Orange Cove for the new library. Mayor Lopez also thanked Assemblymember Arambula for his work on Valley water issues and he thanked Barbara Goodwin for her years of service as Executive Director of the Fresno COG.

ANNOUNCEMENT



Barbara Goodwin retired as Executive Director of Fresno COG effective June 1, 2008.

On Thursday, May 29th, the Fresno COG Board unanimously voted to award the contract for new Executive Director to Tony Boren, Deputy Director of Fresno COG effective June 2, 2008. We congratulate Tony on his appointment and look forward to working with him.



March meeting dates: **Transportation Technical Committee – June 4, 2008 – 8:30 am**
 Policy Advisory Committee – June 13, 2008 – 10 am
 COG Board/FCRTA – June 26, 2008 – 7 pm

***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
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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
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FRESNO COUNTY – Supervisor Henry Perea