

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM III. A.

RESOLUTION NO. 2008-45

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR THE CALIFORNIA
REGIONAL BLUEPRINT
PLANNING PROGRAM**

designated Council of Governments (COG) for the Fresno County Region; and

with the stakeholders; and

stakeholders on a preferred growth scenario that achieves the objectives for a twenty-year planning horizon; and

balance, environment, and natural resources; and

Congestion Management Program;

infrastructure and services

this 23rd day of October, 2008.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

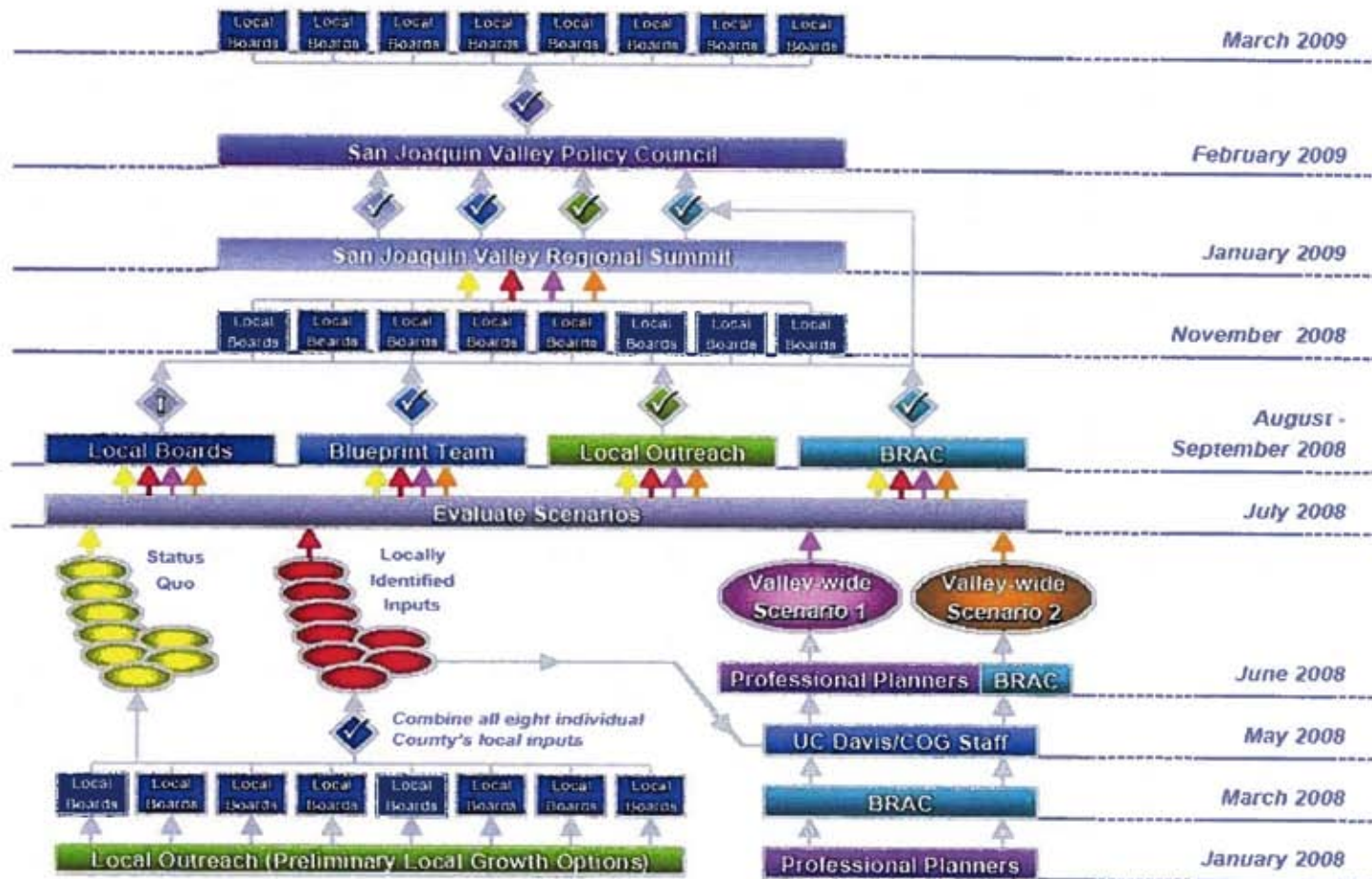
ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chairman

2007.

Tony Boren, Executive Director



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A Guide To Appropriations Project Opportunities

Bill THUD: Transportation-Housing and Urban Development Account STP: Surface Transportation Program TCSP: Transportation-Community-System Preservation Account EDI: Economic Development Initiative Account	(STP) The Surface Transportation Program provides flexible funding that may be used by States and localities for projects on any Federal-aid highway, including the NHS, bridge projects on any public road, transit capital projects, and intracity and intercity bus terminals and facilities; Average Project Amount \$1,500,000- \$2,500,000. (TCSP) Funds within this account are used to: (1) Improve the efficiency of the transportation system; (2) Reduce environmental impacts of transportation; (3) Ensure efficient access to jobs, services, and centers of trade; (4)Examine community development patterns and identify strategies to encourage private sector development patterns and investments that support these goals; Average Project Amount \$300,000-\$1,000,000. (EDI) This account is the broadest of all the urban development funds. EDI funds are used for a wide variety of economic development projects but must be used for construction or real property acquisition; Average Project Amount \$300,000-\$500,000.
Bill Interior Account STAG: State and Tribal Assistance Grants Account	These funds are largely designed to build or rehabilitate water and wastewater infrastructure systems. However, funding may also be used for related activities such as monitoring and treatment. This account provides funding for both wastewater and drinking water projects and related activities. 70% of funds within this overall account are used to capitalize state revolving funds for wastewater and clean water while roughly 30% of total funds are earmarked by Congress for the above activities; Average Project Amount \$250,000- \$500,000.
Bill Labor-HHS-Education: Labor Health and Human Services and Education Account Museum and Library Services Account Health Resource Service Administration (HRSA)	(Museum and Library Services) This related agency program provides funding to upgrade and expand museums and other educational institutions including facilities and programming; Average Project Amount \$75,000-\$300,000. (HRSA) These funds are used for construction and equipment as well as program development. HRSA supports programs which provide health services to disadvantaged, medically underserved, and special populations, decrease infant mortality, assist in the education of health professionals, and provide technical assistance regarding the utilization of health resources and facilities. Construction projects <u>must</u> be directly related to health-related activities; Average Project Amount \$600,000-\$800,000.
Bill Justice: Commerce, Justice, Science Account Byrne-JAG: Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Account COPS Technology	JAG funds are used for law enforcement programs, prevention and education programs, drug treatment programs, prosecution and court programs, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; Average Project Amount \$500,000- \$700,000. COPS Technology grants provide funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems that help Tribal, state, and local law enforcement agencies prevent, respond to, and investigate crime. This funding allows state agencies to purchase technologies to advance communications interoperability, information sharing, crime analysis, intelligence gathering, and crime prevention in their communities. Average Project Amount \$200,000- \$300,000.
Bill Department of Agriculture Account Agriculture Research Service Buildings and Facilities	The Agriculture Research Service is the principal research agency of the Department of Agriculture. ARS funds projects that help meet the objectives of its mission purpose. Average Project Amount \$1,000,000- \$3,000,000.

Bill Department of Homeland Security Account FEMA State and Local Programs	The appropriations bill for the Department of Homeland Security only began the earmarking process in FY2008 and does so on a limited basis. However, in the FY09 bill funding was principally provided for two types of earmarks at the local level: Emergency Operations Centers and pre-disaster mitigation planning. Average project amount: \$250,000 - \$1,000,000
Bill Energy and Water Account Army Corps of Engineers Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects	The Energy and Water Appropriations bill contains the funding for Army Corps of Engineers projects and for the Department of Energy. Funding for Army Corps projects are for planning, feasibility studies, construction and maintenance of flood control, navigation and environmental restoration projects. These projects typically are authorized through the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Average project amount varies widely depending on the nature of the project. The Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Projects program in the Department of Energy includes projects that focus on conservation as well as alternative energy sources such as solar or wind. Average project amount: \$250,000 - \$2,000,000