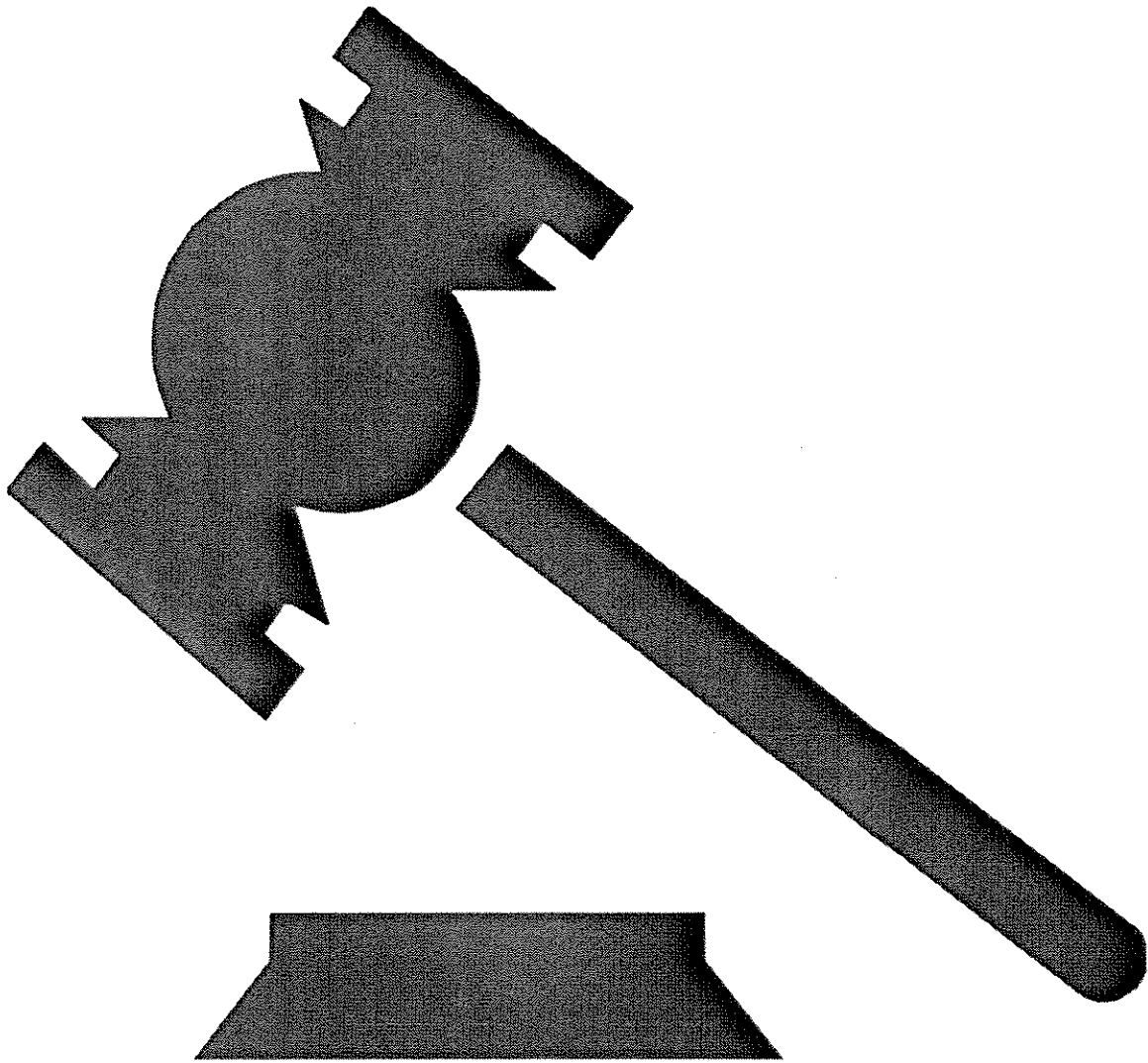




***ADMINISTRATIVE
CONSENT ITEMS
AGENDA ITEMS VI. A-G.***



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COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS EXECUTIVE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, November 20, 2008
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present: Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman, Chair
Mayor Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chair
Mayor Bob Whalen, City of Clovis
Mayor Craig Knight, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Councilmember Henry T. Perea, City of Fresno
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Leland Bergstrom, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Victor Lopez, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Ray Soleno, City of Reedley
Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

Sharri Elhert, Caltrans
Kevin Briggs, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 12 members present representing 93.28% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, Selma and Fresno County)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dennis Lujan, Vice Chair, at 5:39 p.m. Mayor Rodriguez was in transit from Sacramento.

Fresno COG Sitting as the Council of Governments Policy Board

Administrative Action/Discussion Item VI.E. was moved in Agenda order.

VI.E. Request by Board of Supervisors for a Joint Meeting with Policy Board

Supervisor Henry Perea spoke regarding the joint meeting that was requested between the Policy Board and the County Board of Supervisors. The joint meeting was scheduled for January 29, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. prior to the COG meeting. Items for discussion would include issues related to decisions made by the County Board of Supervisors at their September 23, 2008 meeting in regards to a sphere of influence expansion request by the City of Kerman.

Due to time conflicts, it was suggested that the meeting begin at 4:00 p.m. rather than 3:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Mayor Soleno (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve the request to hold a joint meeting between the Fresno County Board of Supervisors and the Fresno COG Policy Board on January 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Fresno COG Sequoia Conference Room. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously

Fresno COG Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

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

I. PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Board on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

A presentation was made by LeRoy Brown regarding creating meaningful employment opportunities for careers in the building and construction trades by providing a training program to candidates from all backgrounds that are interested in long term employment in the industry.

REQUEST TO ADD URGENCY ITEM TO THE AGENDA

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to add the urgent item – Appointment of Mayor Montelongo to the Water Quality Board – to the Agenda. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to make an affirmative determination that the item is urgent and cannot be dealt with at a later meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

VI.F Appointment of Mayor Montelongo to the Water Quality Board

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) and seconded by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) to approve the issuance of a letter of support for the appointment of Mayor Mike Montelongo to the Water Quality Board. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

II. TRANSPORTATION 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 Board 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 Board concerning the item before action is taken.

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| A. Bicycle Transportation Account – Call for Projects [THOMPSON] | Information |
| B. California Complete Streets Act of 2008 – Assembly Bill 1358 (Leno)
[THOMPSON] | Information |
| C. December Public Hearing Notification: Formal Amendment #3
to the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program,
Formal Amendment #2 to the 2007 Regional Transportation Plan and
Associated Conformity Determination [DAWSON, DEVERE-OKI] | Information |

For a summary of these items, please see the November 20, 2008 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Perea (Fresno) and seconded by Supervisor Perea (Fresno County) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

III. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Fiscal Year 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 (Jobs Access Reverse Commute, JARC) and 5317 (New Freedom) Grant Program Update [SOBRADO]

Todd Sobrado (COG) reported that on April 24, 2008, the Fresno COG Policy Board approved the following projects for the Fiscal Year 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 (Jobs Access Reverse Commute, JARC) and 5317 (New Freedom) grant program:

Section 5316 (JARC)

Fresno Area Express - Trip Planning Software
Capital Project - \$439,768

Section 5317 (New Freedom)

Fresno Area Express (FAX) - Travel Training
Operating Project - \$20,000

Section 5317 (New Freedom)

Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Purchase (4) accessible vans
Capital Project - \$144,804

These programs have been programmed into the Federal Transit Administration TEAM WEB online project management system. The next step is to execute contracts with each agency for the projects so they can begin the procurement process.

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Soleno (Reedley) to enter into contracts with FAX and FCRTA for the 2006 Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 and 5317 New Freedom grants. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

B. Request by City of Sanger for COG Policy Board Support for Using Prop 1B-State and Local Partnership Funds for SR 180 East – Temperance to Academy - Resolution 2008-47 [BOREN]

Tony Boren, Executive Director, reported that the City of Sanger Mayor Mike Montelongo requested that the Fresno COG Policy Board take a formal action to support using future Proposition 1B –State-Local Partnership Program funding, estimated at \$23.5 million (distributed over 5 years), to construct State Route 180 E (Temperance to Academy). State of California Proposition 1B Draft Guidelines for the program state these funds will be administered by the Fresno County Transportation Authority (FCTA), therefore final authority on how the funds are utilized rests with the Fresno County Transportation Authority Policy Board. However, given Fresno COG's role as the Regional Transportation Planning Agency for Fresno County, Policy Board input into how those funds should be spent is certainly warranted, and welcomed by the FCTA.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Orange Cove) to support using future Proposition 1B –State-Local Partnership Program funding, estimated at \$23.5 million, to construct State Route 180 E (Temperance to Academy). A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

C. Measure "C" Carpool Program – Change in Implementation Strategy [LAUCHNER, GARZA]

Brenda Lauchner (COG) and Melissa Garza (COG) reported that the Measure C Carpool Program is scheduled to start December 1, 2008. According to the original Measure C "Other Program Funding Implementation Plan" (approved February 28, 2008), the Carpool Program is designed to grant individuals who start a new carpool with at least one other person or add a new member to an existing carpool two (2) days per week for 8 consecutive weeks, a \$50 reward card. Due to the allocated Measure C dollars for Carpool Incentives, this program would award the first 2,000 people to complete the 8 week-consecutive carpool program with a \$50.00 incentive. This incentive is per person and available once a year. Individuals need to complete an online application and fill out weekly log sheets. Any break in carpool weeks would force individuals to re-start the program.

QUORUM: Supervisor Perea (Fresno County) left at 6:09 pm making 11 members present representing 74.58% of the population.

The problems is that while attempting to implement the program, it was discovered that reward cards would be costly, (a \$4.00-\$8.00 fee each for service charges), not secure and untrackable. The alternative option was to provide individuals with cashier checks to be able to track and make cancellations if needed. Though this option is secure, it will cost \$6.00 per check for the banks to process the cashier checks, totaling \$12,000.00 in additional fees for 2,000 \$50 checks.

Another option was to print checks directly from COG. This option would allow checks to be traced and the costs would be minimal in comparison to the other two options. However, staff struggles with the fact that only 2,000 Fresno County residents would be allowed to participate in the program, reaping the benefits of Measure C. If the program is launched as scheduled on December 1st, few participants would be eligible for 8-consecutive weeks with work and school holidays until mid-January. There is a risk that they might not continue carpooling

COG staff, FCTA staff, and FCTA's contracted outreach agency, JSA, discussed a complete revision of the program. JSA would assist the Measure C agencies to create a Countywide Carpool Incentive Program that would be available to an unlimited number of Fresno County residents to register and be eligible to win prizes by participating in a 6-month or annual carpool program. Participants would sign up for the incentive online by completing and submitting weekly carpool logs. Their names would be entered into an opportunity drawing each week they carpooled and completed a log online.

The implementing agencies would seek to develop public/private partnerships with appropriate agencies such as the Air District, hybrid car makers, travel agencies, etc. to provide a GRAND PRIZE which could include a hybrid car. Other additional prizes could include a scooter, travel opportunities,

bicycles, carwash passes, Measure C tee-shirts, etc. Every prize would be related to the promotion of clean air, carpooling, and/or reducing emissions. The program would launch in mid-January 2009, in conjunction with another major clean air promotion scheduled for that time period. At PAC, staff was directed to supply more information. Staff will report back to PAC and then bring the item back to the COG Policy Board.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

D. Measure "C" Extension Update [BOREN]

1. RTMF Ordinance

Tony Boren, Executive Director gave an update on the RTMF Ordinance. He stated that the Ordinance is currently in draft form and attorneys from all Fresno County cities were reviewing it to provide input. Mr. Boren pointed out that meeting the requirement to have the Ordinance enacted by January 1, 2009 was impractical and a formal agenda item relating to this discrepancy would be included on the Policy Board's December agenda with an alternate, postponed date.

Mayor Whalen (Clovis) expressed concern regarding 'Vesting Maps' and Indemnification. Mr. Boren explained that the FCTA Board adopted an indemnification set of policies and language was being drafted for inclusion in the Ordinance that would address the 'Vesting Maps' issue.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

2. Regional Transportation Program

Tony Boren, Executive Director gave an update on the Regional Transportation Program. He reported that staff would present the initial draft of the project delivery schedule for the regional component of Measure "C" in December. It will be the start of the 45-day review and comment period.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

E. Blueprint Update [STECK]

Barbara Steck (COG) reported that the eight county San Joaquin Valley Blueprint planning process is currently developing Valleywide alternative scenarios to review as the Valley moves towards identifying a Valley Vision for growth to the year 2050. This process is similar to that which was recently completed at the county level. Each of the eight Valley COGs has now weighed in on their perspective for future growth, which in turn has been used in developing a more regional Valley view. From this effort, three Valleywide alternative growth scenarios will be introduced for feedback in mid-November. The Great Valley Center (GVC) is coordinating the media outreach for these activities and is maintaining a website at www.valleyblueprint.org. The website will include an interactive component once the Valleywide scenarios are made available. In addition, GVC is organizing a Valleywide Blueprint Summit, which will be held in Fresno on Monday, January 26th. Please mark your calendars as this event will provide local agencies and community members a chance to comment on the Valleywide scenarios.

QUORUM: Mayor Whalen (Clovis) left at 6:22 pm making 10 members present representing 64.45% of the population.

Staff is preparing a Fresno County Blueprint Progress Report (through Phase III). This report will include the updated information on Fresno's preferred concept, which the COG Policy Board endorsed growth principles for in May of this year. The Blueprint is a work in progress and this report will provide details on that progress for the county level effort. The Blueprint Summit on January 26, 2009 will mark substantive movement toward the Valley Vision. Staff will present an in depth analysis of the Blueprint Scenarios at the next Regional Policy Council meeting and at the PAC and COG Policy Board meetings in December.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

F. Caltrans Monthly Report [CALTRANS]

Sharri Elhert (Caltrans) gave updates on various Caltrans projects throughout Fresno County. Ms. Elhert reported that the Highway 99 widening project between Ashlan Ave. and Avenue 7 was divided into two phases. Phase I would include construction between Ashlan Ave. and Grantland Ave. Phase II would include widening between Grantland Ave. and Avenue 7 in Madera County. Ms. Elhert also reported that the environmental work on the widening project of Highway 99 between Goshen Avenue

through Kingsburg was complete and approximately 40% designed. The project is scheduled for advertisement in the spring of 2010.

The Highway 180 project from Clovis Ave. to Academy is underway and on schedule. It is scheduled for completion by the end of 2009.

QUORUM: Mayor Rodriguez (Kerman) arrived at 6:27 pm making 11 members present representing 65.94% of the population.

Mayor Rodriguez took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

Fresno COG Sitting as the Council of Governments Policy Board

IV. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

A motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lopez, (Orange Cove) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. Executive Minutes of October 30, 2008 | Approve |
| B. Farmland Conservation Model Program Update [SOBRADO] | Information |
| C. Monthly Legislative Update [DANSBY] | Information |
| D. Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO] | Information |

	Project	Applicant
1.	Head Start Program – Preschool and Early Head Start 2009 Refunding Application	Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission

For a summary of these items, please see the November 20, 2008 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Status Report on Sacramento Lobbying Activities—Steve Samuelian, California Consulting LLC [SAMUELIAN]

Steve Samuelian reported that the California Legislature was in special session, the approval of the State & Local Partnership Grant was beneficial for Fresno County, and the veto of SB974 was successful. Mr. Samuelian outlined areas where the Governor of California was proposing budget cuts in order to mitigate the deficit. Mr. Samuelian emphasized that Propositions 1A and 42 were not in this initial proposal for budget cuts.

Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) asked that Senator Darell Steinberg and Senator Alan Lowenthal be invited to a future meeting of the COG Policy Board.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

B. Fresno COG's 2009 Legislative Platform [DANSBY]

Jennifer Dansby (COG) reported that in January 2008, the Board approved the first Fresno COG Legislative Platform which included the advocacy priorities of the Fresno COG in state and federal legislative matters. The Legislative Platform represents a unified voice when communicating legislative priorities to state and federal lawmakers as well as to relevant state and federal agencies.

It also provides guidance to the Fresno COG staff and lobbying partners when advocating on behalf of the Policy Board.

The Legislative Platform must now be updated so that it reflects the most current priorities for advocacy in the upcoming 2009 state and federal legislative sessions. Included in the agenda packet was the 2008 Fresno COG Legislative Platform for Board review. There are a number of revisions necessary to make the document current.

To generate discussion and feedback for the 2009 Fresno COG Legislative Platform, staff provided a PowerPoint presentation at the PAC. Staff asked that any feedback be sent to Jennifer Dansby. Staff would like to finalize the document for the Policy Board's approval in December or January.

It is staff's intention that a short-list of top regional priorities will be extracted from the Final Legislative Platform for "One Voice" advocacy in Sacramento in 2009.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Board.

C. FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program Amendment #3 [BESHEARS]

Les Beshears (COG) reported on this item.

Work Element 170 Regional Transportation Plan / Work Element 172 Congestion Management Plan
This year FHWA is including a review of the Congestion Management Plan as part of the annual certification requirements. Staff is transferring \$5,000 in FHWA PL funding and match from WE 170 to WE 172 to be used in updating the Congestion Management Plan. This is a transfer and there is no cost increase to the budget.

Work Element 313 Environmental Justice

The Valley Transportation Planning Agency directors submitted a joint application to develop a Tribal Environmental Justice Transportation Report. This project is carried in the Kern Council of Governments budget. The grant amount is \$250,000 with the \$27,000 match provided by the eight valley COG's. Fresno COG's share of the match, to be funded with local funds, is \$6,100.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Soleno (Reedley) to approve the 2008/09 Overall Work Program Amendment #3 increasing the budget \$6,100 with local funds.. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

D. 2009 Washington D.C. "One Voice" Update [STECK]

Barbara Steck (COG) reported that staff has been working with the project selection committee in preparation for Fresno COG's "One Voice" trip to Washington D.C. (February 7-12, 2009). The committee met to review and score the 11 projects that were submitted for consideration. Lists of the projects and project scores were included in the agenda package. The committee met a second time (via conference call on October 30th) to review the scores and develop a recommended list of regional priorities to forward to the COG Policy Board for approval. That list was also included in the package. COG's consultant in Washington recommended that staff limit the requests for earmarks to four projects. In the past staff tried to select projects according to the appropriations bills and limit the dollar amount requested. Two of the projects submitted this year do not ask for earmarks and will, therefore, be considered for a separate list as policy priorities.

The committee also met to discuss policy issues that might be considered for inclusion in our "One Voice" materials. The draft list will be presented at the PAC for comment. In addition, staff will be developing a strategy to make requests for the reauthorization of the federal transportation bill, due to take place in 2009. The committee met at 9:30 AM on November 13th to discuss which projects to recommend for consideration in that category. An updated list was handed out at the Meeting.

A motion was made by Councilmember Aguayo (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lujan (Selma) to approve the "One Voice" selection committee's list of regional priority projects with the acknowledgement that SR 180 is the #1 priority. A vote was called for and the motion carried unanimously.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

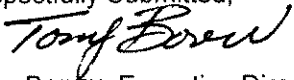
Tony Boren, Executive Director, reported that the next meeting of the COG Policy Board is scheduled for December 18, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. A joint TTC/PAC meeting will be held on December 12, 2008. Mr. Boren also reported that the Fresno COG business office will be closed on Friday, December 26, 2008, and Friday January 2, 2009 the day after New Years.

B. Items from Members

None.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



TONY BOREN, Executive Director
Council of Fresno County Governments

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Attachment A
Observers and Non-Members
COG Board Meeting
November 20, 2008

Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes
John Mulligan, General Public
Jeffrey D. Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Russell Clemings, Fresno Bee
Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG
Suzanne Martinez, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG
Renee DeVere-Oki, Fresno COG
Jennifer Dansby, Fresno COG



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2009 Fresno COG “One Voice” Meetings

Agenda Overview

DRAFT December 1, 2008

Sunday, February 8th

5:00 PM Staff Briefing and Dinner
Old Ebbits

Monday, February 9th *Cannon House Office Building Room 121*

8-8:30 Briefing at Hotel – Cleveland Park Room

9:15am **Meet on the Hill and Agenda Review**

9:30am **“One Voice” Funding and Policy Priorities**
Presentations to Offices of Rep. Radanovich , Rep. Nunes ,
Rep. Cardoza and Rep. Costa

11:00am **Break**

11:30am **New Opportunities Panel: The Economic Stimulus Program**
Meeting with Obama Administration officials and Congressional staff
regarding the economic stimulus program being adopted in January 2009
and other key activities related to reviving the economy.

12:30pm **Lunch: Rayburn or Longworth Cafeterias**

1:30pm **New Opportunities Panel: Surface Transportation Reauthorization**
Meeting with Obama Administration officials and Congressional staff
regarding the reauthorization of highway and transit programs (SAFETEA-
LU) prior to September 2009 and funding of key “One Voice Projects

2:30pm **Break**

3:00pm **New Opportunities Panel: COPS and Byrne Program Resources**
Meeting with Obama Administration officials and Congressional staff
regarding the funding opportunities for “One Voice” communities in the
public safety area and the new initiatives to be implemented in 2009

4:00pm Adjourn

6:00pm

Group or Individual Dinners

Tuesday, February 10th

8-8:30

Briefing at Hotel – Cleveland Park Room

9:30am

Meeting with Senator Diane Feinstein and Staff
Review of “One Voice” Funding and Policy Priorities
Hart Senate Office Building Room 331

10:30am

Return to Cannon House Office Building Room 121

11:00am

California Leadership Focus
Meeting with one of California’s House Committee or Subcommittee
Chairs (*see attached list*) to discuss key issues of concern to “One
Voice” delegation

11:30am

New Opportunities Panel: *Climate Change and Energy Independence*
Meeting with Obama Administration officials and Congressional staff
to discuss developing legislation regarding energy independence
climate change, and cap and trade measures initiatives

12:30pm

Lunch: *Rayburn or Longworth Cafeterias*

1:30pm

California Leadership Focus
Meeting with one of California’s House Committee or Subcommittee
Chairs (*see attached list*) to discuss key issues of concern to “One
Voice” delegation

2:00pm

New Opportunities Panel: *Housing and Community Development*
Meeting with Obama Administration officials and Congressional staff
regarding new initiatives in the areas of housing and community
development including

3:00pm

Adjourn

6:00pm

Group or Individual Dinners

Wednesday, February 11th

- 9:30am **White House Briefing with Intergovernmental Relations Office**
Hilton Garden & Inn Conference Room - Ballroom
Meeting with White House local government liaison staff to discuss how the Obama Administration will relate to localities and development of the new *White House Office of Urban Policy*
- 10:30am Transfer to Senate Hart Office Building
- 11:00am **Meeting with Senator Boxer and Staff**
Review of "One Voice" Funding and Policy Priorities
Hart Senate Office Building Room 112
- Transfer to Site of Congressional Awards Lunch
- 12:00pm **Congressional Awards Luncheon** – NEED TO DISCUSS LOCATION AND COST
Honoring Reps. Costa, Nunes, Radanovich and Cardoza
Location to be determined
- 2:00pm **New Opportunities Panel: *Immigration Policy***

Meeting with Obama Administration officials and Congressional staff regarding plans to pursue immigration reform legislation in 2009 and how it could impact the region.
- 3:00pm **California Leadership Focus**
Meeting with one of California's House Committee or Subcommittee Chairs (*see attached list*) to discuss key issues of concern to "One Voice" delegation
- 3:30pm **Governor Schwarzenegger's Office**
Discussion with Governor's Washington DC office regarding the Governor's 2009 federal priorities and impacts on the COG Region
- 4:00 pm Adjourn

California House Leaders – Group from Which “California Leadership Focus” Will Be Drawn

1. Representative **Nancy Pelosi** (8th District) – Speaker of the House
2. Representative **George Miller** (7th District) – Chairman of the Education and Labor Committee
3. Representative **Henry A. Waxman** (30th District) – Chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee
4. Representative **Bob Filner** (51st District) – Chairman of the Veterans Affairs Committee
5. Representative **Lynn Woolsey** (6th District) – Chairwoman of Subcommittee on Healthy Families and Communities
6. Representative **Joe Baca** (43rd District) – Chairman of the Department Operations, Oversight, Nutrition and Forestry Subcommittee
7. Representative **Ellen Tauscher** (10th District) – Chairwoman of the Strategic Forces Subcommittee
8. Representative **Maxine Waters** (35th District) – Chairwoman of the Housing and Community Opportunity Subcommittee
9. Representative **Brad Sherman** (27th District) – Chairman of the Terrorism, Nonproliferation, and Trade Subcommittee
10. Representative **Loretta Sanchez** (36th District) – Chairwoman of the Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism Subcommittee
11. Representative **Jane Harman** (36th District) – Chairwoman of the Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment Subcommittee
12. Representative **Zoe Lofgren** (16th District) – Chairwoman of the Elections Subcommittee, and the Immigration, Citizenship, Refugees, Border Security, and International Law Subcommittee
13. Representative **Linda Sanchez** (39th District) – Chairwoman of the Commercial and Administrative Law Subcommittee
14. Representative **Howard Berman** (28th District) – Chairman of the Courts, the Internet and Intellectual Property Subcommittee
15. Representative **Pete Stark** (13th District) – Chairman of the Health Subcommittee
16. Representative **Anna G. Eshoo** (14th District) – Chairwoman of the Intelligence Community Management Subcommittee
17. Representative **Mike Thompson** (1st District) – Chairman of the Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence Subcommittee

Fresno COG "One Voice" ~ 2009 Recommended Regional Priorities

State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave. <i>THUD (STP)</i> #1 Priority	Completion of construction of the segment of SR 180 from Temperance to Academy	Southeast Fresno County	21	\$3M	Fresno COG
Never Give Up - Fresno County Gang Prevention Initiative Justice: Commerce, Justice, Science	Institute first step of countywide Gang Prevention Initiative	Countywide	18, 19, 20, 21	\$3M	County of Fresno
Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Roadway rehabilitation, improvements and enhancements to facilitate economic development.	Golden State Boulevard through Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, and portions of Fresno Co.	20, 21	\$3M	Fresno COG
Veterans Boulevard <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Diagonal connection between Herndon Ave. and Grantland in NW Fresno	NW area of City of Fresno	19	\$3M	City of Fresno
Recycled Water Master Plan System – Phase C Interior (EPA-STAG)	Complete build-out of main water transmission lines. Developed in 5 phases – Total Cost - \$35 million	City of Clovis	21	\$1.5M	City of Clovis
Regional Data Interoperability Project	Provide true interoperability between regional law enforcement, ambulance and fire by adding data compilation	Fresno County	18, 20, 21	\$3.5M	Fresno County
Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.	Manning Avenue entrance to Reedley over the Kings River	21	\$500,000	City of Reedley
Highway 269 Bridge Project <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Build a 500 foot bridge across the Arroyo Pasajero Creek	Near the City of Huron	20	\$1.5M	Fresno COG

Note: The "One Voice" Project Selection Committee recommended this list of projects for the 2009 trip. They also recommended that the 5 transportation projects be recommended for funding at a 5 year cost level in the reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Bill (MAP 21).

THIS LIST WAS APPROVED BY THE FRESNO COG POLICY BOARD ON NOVEMBER 20, 2008

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Federal Transportation Authorization for 2009

(This list includes the costs to complete work on projects during the duration of the next FHA authorization period)

State Route 180 - Temperance to Academy Ave. <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Completion of construction of the segment of SR 180 from Temperance to Academy	Southeast Fresno County	21	TBD	Fresno COG
Golden State Corridor Economic Development Infrastructure <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Roadway rehabilitation, improvements and enhancements to facilitate economic development.	Golden State Boulevard through Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, and portions of Fresno Co.	20, 21	TBD	Fresno COG
Veterans Boulevard <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Diagonal connection between Herndon Ave. and Grantland in NW Fresno	NW area of City of Fresno	19	\$60 million	City of Fresno
Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction. <i>THUD (TCSP)</i>	Manning Avenue Bridge Rehabilitation and Reconstruction.	Manning Avenue entrance to Reedley over the Kings River	21	\$4.5 million	City of Reedley
Highway 269 Bridge Project <i>THUD (STP)</i>	Build a 500 foot bridge across the Arroyo Pasajero Creek	Near the City of Huron	20	TBD	Fresno COG
State Route 99 Improvements	Entire Hwy 99 corridor through San Joaquin Valley	San Joaquin Valley	18,19,20,21	TBD	Fresno COG
State Route 180 Improvements	State Route 180 Improvements (Entire Corridor)	County of Fresno	18, 19, 20, 21	TBD	Fresno COG
Rural Road Safety and Rehabilitation	McKinley, CF-Bishop (4 mi) Mt. Whitney, Howard -145 (4 mi) Dickenson, 180-Shaw (5 mi) Auberry Rd, 168-Frazier (2 mi)	County of Fresno	18 20 18 & 19 21	\$4.96 million \$4.02 million \$5.02 million \$4.12 million Total \$18.12	County of Fresno
Principles for Authorization	California Consensus on Federal Transportation Authorization for 2009	County of Fresno		N/A	Fresno COG

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Fresno COG “One Voice” 2009 Policy Priorities

Fresno Yosemite International Airport <i>DHS (Authorization)</i>	Establish FYI as an international Port of Entry (POE) with the US Dept. of Homeland Security, Customs and Border Protection Agency (CBP)	Fresno Yosemite International Airport	
Air Quality Enterprise/ Empowerment Zone Designation <i>Federal Tax Legislation (Authorization)</i>	Establishment of new designation	San Joaquin Valley	
Economic Stimulus Bill (\$700 billion)	RE: Money coming for housing rehab. (Fresno County/City will receive \$17 million). and boost CDBG – 18 month window to take advantage of help. Infrastructure incentive funding. Possibly designating “Fresno County” more needy.	Fresno County	
Additional Infrastructure Stimulus Bill	Congress may be going back in to session to pass additional bill – infrastructure – will have short turn around time.	Fresno County	
Alternative Energy	The growing population and expanding economy of the San Joaquin Valley will require increased supplies of clean energy. “Clean energy” is defined here as increasing the energy use efficiency of our homes and businesses and other resources; and producing more electricity and fuel in the Valley from renewable energy resources such as solar, wind and biomass. Support the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley’s efforts to ensure an adequate, diverse supply of clean, locally produced energy to meet the needs of all sectors of the region (residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, governmental). as a treasured environmental resource.	SJ Valley	
State Route 99	Promote regional “Valley Voice” position that focuses on the projects listed in the “99 Business Plan” and goods movement.	SJ Valley	
Economic Development “Star Bond”	Based upon our designation as “Appalachia of the West”, request expedited support for economic stimulus programs.		Radanovich/Costa
National Parks Infrastructure Needs	Determine specific infrastructure needs for national parks. Access is critical to tourism effort		Radanovich
High Speed Rail – Federal Component			Costa

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2009 "ONE VOICE" TRIP PARTICIPANTS

1. **Trinidad Rodriguez**, Fresno COG Policy Board Chairman and Mayor, City of Kerman
2. **Susan Anderson**, Fresno County Board of Supervisors, Supervisor, District 2
3. **Judy Case**, Fresno County Board of Supervisors Chair; Supervisor, District 4
4. **Bob Whalen**, Mayor, City of Clovis
5. **Ashley Swearengin**, Mayor-elect, City of Fresno
6. **Ramon Dominguez**, Mayor, City of Huron, I-5 Business Development
7. **Rico Aguayo**, Councilmember, City of Fowler
8. **Cynthia Sterling**, Councilmember, City of Fresno
9. **Steve Rapada**, Councilmember, City of Reedley
10. **Mary Fast**, Councilmember, City of Reedley
11. _____, City of Kingsburg
12. **Glenda Hill**, Councilmember, City of Orange Cove
13. **Michael Derr**, Councilmember, City of Selma
14. **Frank Franco**, Chairman, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District; Director, Fresno County EOC
15. **Darius Assemi**, Granville Homes
16. **Jeffrey T. Roberts**, Representing the Building Industry Association -
17. **Al Smith**, CEO, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
18. **Steve Geil**, President/CEO, Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County
19. **Paul Thorn**, Vice President of Business and Finance, Economic Development Corporation Serving Fresno County
20. **Kathy Millison**, City Manager, City of Clovis
21. **Jose Antonio Ramirez**, Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee Chair, City Manager, City of Firebaugh
22. **Andy Souza**, City Manager, City of Fresno
23. **Russell C. Widmar**, City of Fresno, Fresno Yosemite International Airport, Director of Aviation
24. **Kendall Groom**, Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District
25. **Debbie Hunsaker**, Fresno Business Council
26. **Kirk Hunter**, Southwest Transportation
27. **Lydia Zabrycki**, Director of Business Partnering, Quad Knopf
28. **Jason Paul**, Kleinfelder
29. **Amy Huerta**, Government Affairs Manager, Greater Fresno Area Chamber of Commerce
30. **Rocky Rogers**, City Manager, City of Reedley
31. **John Mulligan**, Deputy Public Works Director, City of Sanger
32. **Sandy Sanchez**, Pre-Development Manager, O & S Holdings, LLC
33. **Dr. G. Gary Manross, Ph.D.** Chairman/CEO, Strategy Research Institute
34. **Darren Rose**, Congressman Radanovich's office
35. **Julianne Tuggle**, Assistant to Susan Anderson, County of Fresno
36. **Tony Boren**, Executive Director, Council of Fresno County Governments
37. **Barbara Steck**, Deputy Director, Council of Fresno County Governments
38. **Marla Day**, Executive Assistant, Council of Fresno County Governments
39. **Brenda Lauchner**, Planner, Council of Fresno County Governments
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**Sacramento Update**

Friday, November 21, 2008 7:17 PM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Earlier this week I met with the Offices of Speaker Bass, Assemblyman Arambula, Assembly Republican Leader Villines, Senate Republican Leader Cogdill, and Senator Dean Florez in the Capitol.

The "Big 5" plus incoming Senate President Pro-Tem Senator Steinberg have been meeting throughout the week attempting to negotiate a budget agreement.

The Legislature was originally scheduled to have a special floor session this Sunday to discuss and possibly vote on a budget package. The Sunday session has been cancelled and a new Floor session has been scheduled for Tuesday.

Our office continues to work with the Valley delegation, Governor's Office, and other legislative leaders to advocate for preservation of Prop. 1A, Prop. 42, and other issues important to local government, special districts, transportation, and school districts.

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Re: Prop 84 Update - AT&T Yahoo! Mail



Re: Prop 84 Update

Tuesday, November 25, 2008 12:40 AM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Many of you have asked for an update on the Prop. 84 \$400 million for Parks and Rec. money. Today I visited with Sedrick Mitchell Chief Deputy Director of State Parks and Rec. Department regarding Prop. 84.

The Department will issue recommended guidelines on or around Dec. 1, 2008 and public hearings will take place from approximately Dec. 1 to Jan. 15. If there are significant changes to the document then another round of public hearing could be held in January or February 2009.

Either way, the application must be out by April 2009 per AB 31 legislation. The application deadline will likely be around October or November 2009.

AB 31 does not mandate any maximums or minimums for the grant and also does not mandate any local match from the applicant.

Based on past history the Dept. often sets the minimum around \$100K or slightly higher and the maximum somewhere between \$2.5 million and \$5 million. The Dept. does not traditionally require a match for this type of program.

When the Depts. recommended guidelines are available we will let you know. We continue to monitor this issue closely.

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Monday, December 1, 2008 7:00 PM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

NEWS RELEASE
For Immediate Release
Monday, November 24, 2008

Contact: Carrol Terrazas
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CALIFORNIA CONSULTING, LLC
NEW PROJECT MANAGER ANNOUNCED

California Consulting, LLC a grant writing and state lobbying company owned by former

Assemblyman Steve Samuelian is pleased to announce the addition of Danielle Sotelo as a Project Manager.

Danielle Sotelo is a Project Manager with California Consulting, LLC responsible for grant research, identification, and grant writing. Due to her extensive background with government she also assists with Governmental Affairs issues for the company. Danielle has a wide range of knowledge at various levels of government.

Ms. Sotelo earned a Bachelor's Degree in International Relations with Pepperdine University in Malibu, California. Her emphasis was in Political Science and minor in Philosophy.

After interning with the Office of U.S. Congressman George Radanovich, Danielle taught at San Joaquin Valley College as an Instructor of Sociology and Ethics.

She has studied abroad extensively including eight months in Argentina and the South American region studying the culture, language and history of South America.

Additionally, Ms. Sotelo worked in Washington D.C. for the Guatemala Human Rights Commission, a human rights organization based in the nation's Capital.

Ms. Sotelo brings with her a wealth of experience to serve California Consulting clients. Her experience in education, political science, philosophy, history, sociology, and ethics has given her the broad breadth of experience to assist our clients superbly.

California Consulting, LLC is a statewide grant writing and lobbying company with more than 40 clients statewide including 19 cities and 7 school districts. The firm has generated more than \$52 million in new funding for its clients.

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**SACRAMENTO TRIP
COG – JAVIER GUZMAN
Monday, Dec. 1, 2008**

12:00 Noon Assembly Swearing-In Ceremony

3:00 PM Jack O'Connell, California State Superintendent
 of Public Instruction
 Anthony Monreal, Deputy Superintendent
 Camille Maben, Child Development Division Director
 Greg Hudson, Deputy Director
 Lupita Alcala, Legislative Director
 Chris Reeve, Legislative Representative
 Department of Education
 1430 N Street, Suite 5602
 Sacramento, CA 95814
 (916) 319-0456

Other Meetings:

Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines

Newly elected Valley Assemblymember Danny Gilmore

Participants in Meeting:

1. Robert Silva, Mayor of Mendota & COG Fresno Rep
2. Trini Rodriguez, Mayor of Kerman & COG Fresno Rep
3. Victor Lopez, Mayor of Orange Cove & COG Fresno Rep
4. Alex Valdez- I5SSC
5. Tony Silva-I5SSC
6. Ray Uzeta- Director, Federation of San Diego County
7. Fred Villasenor-4-C-Council of Santa Clara
8. Javier Guzman- CLCDA
9. Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC



State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tuesday, December 2, 2008 7:47 PM

From: "steve samuelian" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>

Yesterday, a delegation of San Joaquin Valley leaders met with State Superintendent of Public Instruction Jack O'Connell at his Sacramento Office. The meeting topic was childcare in the Valley. In addition to Mr. O'Connell, the California Department of Education was represented by Deputy Superintendent Anthony Monreal, Child Development Division Director Camille Maben, Deputy Director Greg Hudson, Legislative Director Lupita Alcala, and Legislative Representative Chris Reefer.

The San Joaquin Valley delegation included Fresno Council of Governments (COG) Chairman and City of Kerman Mayor Trinidad Rodriguez, Orange Cove Mayor Victor Lopez, California Latino Child Development Association Director Javier Guzman, I-5 Social Services Corporation Directors Alex Valdez and Tony Silva.

The meeting was organized by California Consulting, LLC and Owner Steve Samuelian attended the meeting.

The following topics were discussed at the meeting:

Emergency Loan Program for budget impasses

Multi-Year contracting

Electronic Billing

AB 905

Equity/Parity for Valley Centers

The above issues are vital to childcare centers throughout the Valley. Several follow up items and discussion are planned with Superintendent O'Connell and his senior staff regarding these issues.

While in Sacramento the San Joaquin Valley delegation also met personally with Assembly Republican Leader Mike Villines and newly elected Valley Assemblyman Danny Gilmore both at their Offices in the Capitol.

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John Navarrette
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December 2, 2008

Trinidad Rodriquez, Chairman
Council of Fresno County Governments
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Fresno, CA 93721

RE: Joint Workshop of the Board of Supervisors with Council of Fresno County Governments
(COG) Board January 29, 2009 at 4:00 P.M.

Dear Mr. Rodriquez:

This is to confirm the date and time agreed upon by the COG Board and Board of Supervisors to hold a Joint Workshop on the Challenge of Funding of Local Government Services, on January 29, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. The location will be the COG Sequoia Conference Room, 2035 Tulare St., Fresno, CA.

This joint workshop will provide opportunity to discuss the budgetary challenges currently faced by city and county governments, the need to enhance city/county cooperation and collaboration in addressing additional service demands posed by population growth and how we can continue to work together in establishing land use policies that benefit the entire region. More specifically, this joint workshop offers an opportunity to consider what future adjustments may be possible to our tax-sharing MOUs as cities propose to expand their Sphere of Influence Boundaries.

I look forward to your participation in this important event. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jose Leon-Barraza
Economic Development Coordinator

c: Board of Supervisors
Alan Autry, Mayor, City of Fresno
Andy Souza, City Manager
John Navarrette, Interim County Administrative Officer
Lynn Gorman, Deputy Director of Planning, PW&P
Bernard Jimenez, Development Services Manager, PW&P
Kevin Briggs, Chief Deputy County Counsel

**State Controller's Office
Division of Accounting and Reporting
Report of Abandoned Vehicle Abatements
Vehicle Code Section 9250.7(c)
Fiscal Year 2007-08**

Pursuant to Vehicle Code (VC) section 9250.7(c), each service authority is annually required to prepare and submit the following information to the State Controller's Office on or before October 31. VC 9250.7(c) states: "Every service authority that imposes a fee authorized by subdivision (a) shall issue a fiscal yearend report to the Controller on or before October 31 of each year summarizing all of the following for the previous fiscal year."

Please complete the following for the previous fiscal year:

County of Fresno

(1)	Total revenues received by the service authority.	\$ <u>715,577.99</u>
(2)	Total expenditures by the service authority.	\$ <u>703,771.36</u>
(3)	Total number of vehicles abated.	<u>4,442</u>
(4)	Average cost per abatement	\$ <u>158.44</u>
(5)	Any additional, unexpended fee revenues.	\$ <u>11,626.63</u>
(6)	Number of notices to abate.	<u>4,442</u>
(7)	Number of vehicles disposed of.	<u>183</u>
(8)	Total expenditures for towing and storage	\$ <u>45,640.20</u>

In addition, service authorities that fail to comply with VC 9250.7(c) will be held accountable to the provisions of VC section 9250.7(d), which state: "Each service authority that fails to submit the report required pursuant to subdivision (c) by October 31 of each year shall have the fee suspended for one year pursuant to subdivision (b)."

Prepared by: Clark C. Thompson

Date: October 27, 2008

Title: Planning Coordinator III

Note: Fresno COG's percentages
used to calculate payments to
local jurisdictions are:
50% based on abatements
50% based on population

Submit to:

Office of the State Controller
Attention: Linda Brida
Division of Accounting and Reporting
P.O. Box 942850
Sacramento, CA 94250

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Brida in the Division of Accounting and Reporting at (916) 324-8605 or lbrida@sco.ca.gov.

