

***TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE/
POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE***

***ADMINISTRATIVE
CONSENT ITEM IX. A.-F.***

**Council of Fresno County Governments
Fourth Quarter Progress Report for FY 2008-09
Ending June 30, 2009**

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING

WE 110 - Regional Streets and Highways

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional streets and highways planning process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Continued participation in the Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- Involvement with related subcommittees of the CFPG group evaluating and making recommendations on policy and procedure updates related to programming.
- Continued use of the *California Transportation Improvement Program System* (CTIPS) and involvement in program updates.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors Association Model Coordinating Committee (MCC) and Programming Coordination Group (PCG) which has now been combined into one interagency coordinated call.

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WE 111 - Regional Transportation Modeling

Objective: To maintain a continuing, cooperative, and coordinated regional transportation modeling process that is responsive to local needs as well as state and federal requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Provided various model data to consultants, member agencies, and Caltrans.
- Continued participation in the Caltrans led Statewide Modeling/Information Sharing Group. Helped coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) Modeling/Air Quality Coordinating Committee. This committee was established to provide interagency transportation conformity consultation. The meetings are attended by representatives of the eight Valley RTPAs; the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA); Caltrans; the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD); and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).
- COG staff is chair of the San Joaquin Valley TP+/Cube Model Users Group.
- Kept the road network database up-to-date. The database is used for modeling and other reporting purposes.
- Continuing the land use update for traffic model to year 2003 conditions by updating land use information utilizing 2000 Census data and local data. Reviewed final land use and validated network. The Model Steering Committee adopted the validated 2003 base year model.
- The COG Board adopted the new validated model and land use.
- The Freeway Deficiency Study was completed.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin River Crossing study.

- COG Modeling staff participates in the Regional Targets Advisory Committee developing green house gas targets and modeling requirements for the San Joaquin Valley.
- [BITNER]

WE 112 - Regional Traffic Monitoring

Objective: To maintain the Fresno Regional Traffic Monitoring Program as a source of current traffic information for use by member agencies and the public, and as a validation tool for the Countywide Traffic Model.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinated the *Traffic Counts Program* and provided technical assistance to member agencies.
- Provided traffic counts in response to public requests.
- Prepared Annual Highway Performance Monitoring System update.

[BITNER]

WE 113 – Regional Transportation Planning Studies

Objective: The Regional Transportation Planning Studies work element is intended to provide resources to conduct focused transportation studies for the Fresno County region.

Accomplishments:

- Fehr and Peers have conducted a preliminary traffic analysis of the Study Area including traffic counts, several traffic demand model runs, and baseline reviews. Several staff-level meetings with the consultant, the County of Fresno, the City of Fresno and Fresno COG have taken place to identify critical direction for the study. A full committee meeting, which will involve a broad list of stakeholders is scheduled for early January 2009.
- Drafted RFP for the Golden State Corridor: Economic Development Infrastructure Improvements Engineering and Planning Study. Transmitted draft RFP for Project Development Team Review and scheduled meeting to finalize RFP. [DAWSON]

[TWEBSTER]

WE 114 – Fresno-Madera County Freeway Interchange Deficiency Study

Objective: Through a Caltrans Partnership Planning Grant, the Council of Fresno County Governments and the Madera County Transportation Commission are joining the cities of Fresno, Clovis, Madera, Selma, Kingsburg, Chowchilla and the counties of Fresno and Madera in an assessment of the current freeway systems and interchanges within Fresno and Madera counties. The purpose of the Fresno-Madera County Freeway Interchange Deficiency Study is to determine, based on projected population growth and build out of existing general plans, if a regional transportation impact fee will be required from future development in Fresno County in order to keep the metropolitan transportation system functioning properly.

Accomplishments:

- Released the Request for Proposal for the Freeway Deficiency Study Phase II.
- Interviewed consultants for the Phase II deficiency study. Fehr and Peers was selected for the study.
- Initial kick off meeting was held and consultant team is progressing in development of the deficiency study traffic model and delivering a fee study technical document.
- Additional traffic counts were taken to aid in validation of freeway ramps.

- Reviewed initial deficiency study findings.
- Consultant is finalizing final project costs.
- Project has been completed

[BITNER]

WE 115 – Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Plan

Objective: The primary objective of this project is to develop a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program.

Accomplishments: On October 9, 2008 the Council of Fresno County Governments and the Fresno County Transportation Authority adopted a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program based on the following fee levels:

Land Use Category	Fee
<i>Residential Developments (\$/dwelling unit)</i>	
Single-Family Dwelling (market rate)	\$1,727
Single-Family Dwelling (affordable)	\$863
Multi-Family Dwelling (market rate)	\$1,212
Multi-Family Dwelling (affordable)	\$606
<i>Non-Residential Developments (\$/sq. ft.)</i>	
Education	Exempt
Government	Exempt
Commercial/Retail	\$1.96
Commercial/Office/Service	\$1.23
Light Industrial	\$0.49
Heavy Industrial	\$0.10
Other Non-Residential	\$0.42

As part of the fee adoption process, both Policy Boards agreed to a “phase-in” program whereby the fees collected in the 2009 would be 30% less than the identified fee, in 2010 the fees collected would be 15% less than the identified fee, and in 2011 the fee collected would be 100% of the identified fee.

At this point in the process, Fresno COG and FCTA staff will work with our member agencies to help them adopt and enact the Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee program.

[BOREN]

WE 120 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Urban

Objective: To carry on the continuing urban area public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Federal Transit Administration under TEA-21 (1997), the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977) and AB-120 (Statutes of 1979); the Social Service Improvement Act (SB-826, 1988); the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments; the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

Accomplishments:

- **Demand-Responsive Service Evaluation:** Staff continues to monitor the system for productivity, cost effectiveness, and compliance with ADA regulations.

- *Management Information Systems:* Staff continues to develop and maintain various MIS programs and services. Major work included generating ridership numbers for NTDB, and preparing the NTDB sample selection for FY09-10.
- *National Transit Database Report:* National Transit Data Base (NTDB) annual operating statistics for FY2008-09 are being compiled for the report to the Federal Transit Administration. NTDB data collection is an ongoing process.
- *Coordinate with Air District:* Staff reviews Air District's plans and rule making and attends workshops on topics related to transit planning. Staff also works closely in developing funding request strategies from the SJVUAPCD for related TCM's such as alternative fuels funding and transit pass subsidy funding.
- *Review Development Proposals:* Staff continues to work closely with the development community in order to promote pedestrian and transit-friendly development through review and comment on development proposals.
- *Community Outreach and Public information:* FAX information continues to be maintained on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fresno.gov/index.html>. Staff continues to work with major employers to promote public transit, and to find creative ways to increase transit's market share. Staff has participated in several community outreach activities with various local agencies.
- *Service Coordination:* The Clovis/FAX Metro pass continues to be a success, and FAX continues to include transit service schedules and information for Clovis Stageline in the FAX Schedule Guide.
- *Bus Rapid Transit Master Transit Plan:* The next steps in the Plan implementation are being pursued with the PTIS.
- *Regional Farebox:* The contract has been approved for Fare Logistics, and will now be funded with ARRA funds. Staff anticipates the project to be completed by March 2010.
- *Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC):* The SSTAC completed the Annual Unmet Transit Needs process, and its recommendation that there are no unmet transit needs in Fresno County was approved by the COG Policy Board after a public hearing on June 26, 2008.
- *Passenger Survey:* Staff has initiated a FAX passenger satisfaction survey being conducted through a contract with AIS Market Research. The survey will be completed during the first quarter of FY09-10.

[DOWNS]

WE 121 – Public Transit -Human Services Transportation (JARC)

Objective: The Human Services Transportation Coordination work element's aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs including the Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities; the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program.

On August 10, 2005, President Bush signed the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act – A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU). This new legislation included human services transportation coordination provisions which aim to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that communities coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs. Coordination will enhance transportation access, minimize duplication of services, and facilitate the most appropriate cost-effective transportation

The human services transportation coordination provisions include the following activities:

- Requires the establishment of a locally developed, Coordinated Public Transit-Human Services Transportation Plan for all FTA human service transportation programs: Section 5310 Elderly individuals and individuals with disabilities program, Section 5316 Jobs Access and Reverse Commute Program and Section 5317 New Freedom Program.

- Requires the plan to be developed by a process that includes representatives of public, private and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public.

Accomplishments:

- Issued a call for projects for the FTA Section 5316, JARC Large Urban grant program. This program is administered by Fresno COG.
- Issued a call for projects for the FTA Section 5316, JARC, rural and small urban component. This program is administered by Caltrans.
- Received five grant applications for the COG administered component of the Federal Transit Administration Section 5316 JARC grant program.. We also convened the SSTAC grading committee to review and score the grant applications. All submitted grant applications were awarded funding.
- Started the process of programming the grants awarded for Section 5316 JARC grant program .

[SOBRADO]

WE 122 – Public Transit – Human Services Transportation (New Freedom)

Objective: The Human Services Transportation Coordination work element's aim is to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities, older adults, and individuals with lower incomes by ensuring that public and non-profit agencies coordinate transportation resources provided through multiple federal programs including the Formula Program for Elderly Persons and Persons with Disabilities; the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program and the New Freedom Program.

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- Requires the plan to be developed by a process that includes representatives of public, private and nonprofit transportation and human services providers and participation by the public.

Accomplishments:

- Issued a call for projects for the FY 2008, 2009 FTA Section 5317, New Freedom, Large Urban grant program. This program is administered by Fresno COG.
- Issued a call for projects for the FY 2009 FTA Section 5317, New Freedom, rural and small urban component. This program is administered by Caltrans.
- Received four grant applications for the COG administered component of the Federal Transit Administration Section 5317 New Freedom grant program. We also convened the SSTAC grading committee to review and score the grant applications. All submitted grant applications were awarded funding.
- Started the process of programming the grants awarded for the Section 5317 New Freedom grant program.

[SOBRADO]

WE 123 – Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS)

Objective: The purpose of this work element is to identify and evaluate viable alternative mass transportation options for Fresno County, and develop ridership and cost projections for various scenarios to establish a long-range plan leading to optimum connectivity within the region.

Accomplishments:

- Multiple public scooping meetings introducing various BRT option for the Ventura/Kings Canyon corridor and the Blackstone corridor were conducted.
- The PTIS consulting team prepared a Project Initiation document for an FTA Very Small Starts Grant. Staff and the consulting team continue to work towards the development of a Locally Preferred Option leading to entry into Project Development with the FTA approval.
- A market analysis evaluating long-range employment profile and origin-destination linkages for all of Fresno County was completed.
- Staff and the PTIS consulting team held coordinating meetings with the City of Fresno's Activity Center consultants and staff to integrate findings from both planning efforts.
- A current conditions and trends analysis was prepared by the consulting team, and will be presented to the TAC during the first quarter of FY09-10 along with the market analysis.
- A low level system evaluation of the FAX, FCRTA services was prepared.

[DOWNS]

WE 124 – Transit Professional Development

Objective:

The purpose of this Professional Development project is to provide a training and capacity building program for staff planners, decision makers and the development industry of the Central San Joaquin Valley.

Accomplishments:

- Working with Caltrans, FAX, and the City of Fresno to get the program up and running. One meeting has been held thus far.

[SOBRADO]

WE 130 - Regional Public Transportation Planning - Rural

Objective: To carry on the continuing rural public transportation planning process to satisfy the requirements of the Alquist-Ingalls Act (AB-402, 1977); the Social Service Improvement Act (AB-120, 1979); the Mello Act (SB-157, 1985); the Specialized Transportation Services Act (SB-826, 1988) the Federal Clean Air Act Amendments (1990); the 1988 California Clean Air Act and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (Public Law 101-336).

Accomplishments:

- The staff of the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency and the Rural Consolidated Transportation Service Agency prepared and completed their updates to the Consolidated Transportation Service Agency's Operations Program and Budget for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year. The document was circulated for forty-five days for public comment before adoption on June 25, 2009.
- The Fresno COG's Social Service Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) completed its annual "Unmet Transit Needs" outreach process during the Fourth Quarter. The Council reviewed the staff's analysis during the Fourth Quarter before reaching a finding recommendation that transit needs will be reasonably

met for the coming fiscal year. The Fresno COG Board adopted the finding following a legally noticed Public Hearing on June 26, 2009.

[WEBSTER]

WE 150 - Other Modes - Aviation & Rail

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the aviation, non-motorized and rail modes.

Accomplishments/Aviation:

- Monitored aviation issues and legislation important to Fresno County.

Accomplishments/Rail:

- Monitored rail issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Monitored activities of the California High-Speed Rail Authority and other activities related to high-speed rail in California.
- Presented to the COG Committees and Policy Board during the June 2009 cycle of meetings information and strategies regarding the potential location of a high-speed train heavy maintenance station in Fresno County. Recommendations were approved by the Policy Board.
- Participated in a meeting of the San Joaquin Valley Rail Committee on April 30, 2009 in Martinez. Key agenda items included presentation on the deployment by the BNSF of its ATMS and presentation and discussion of Division of Rail capital projects and potential federal stimulus (ARRA) grants. Other reports were made on route performance, Amtrak California train and thruway bus operations, and state/federal budgets and legislation.
- Scheduled and conducted a meeting of the Fresno COG Rail Committee on April 10, 2009. Major agenda items included San Joaquin Valley Railroad Abandonments and Implications for Fresno County and for Future Passenger Rail and Short-Haul Freight Rail in the San Joaquin Valley and the Joint High-Speed Rail / Rail Consolidation Study and Related Items.
- Continued efforts with Fresno Area Residents for Rail Consolidation (FARRC) and other interested citizens and organizations regarding the potential rail consolidation project in Fresno and other projects.

[THOMPSON]

WE 151 – Bicycle and Pedestrian

Objective: To maintain a continuing, coordinated planning process in the bicycle and pedestrian transportation modes.

Accomplishments:

- Monitored bikeway issues and legislation important to Fresno County.
- Staff sits as a voting member representing the San Joaquin Valley on Caltrans Bicycle Advisory Committee (CBAC). The purpose of the CBAC is to advise Caltrans on technical issues related to bikeways planning and implementation. Participated via teleconference in meetings of the CBAC on April 2 and June 4, 2009. Agenda items at the first meeting included various status reports (Highway Design Manual Revision, NEVs, AB 1581 Recommendations, Bikes on Roadways Training, DD-64 R! Implementation, etc.) and discussions on Bicycles on Amtrak and Pavement Safety Edge. Agenda items at the second meeting included most of the same status reports and also a discussion of Bridge Rail Height.
- Extensive outreach to member agencies regarding bikeway planning and mapping. Information received converted to GIS format. Completion of mapping expected in first quarter of F.Y. 2009-10.
- Coordinated with County Planner Shay Dewey on the County's update of its Bicycle Transportation Plan.

[THOMPSON]

WE 153 – Airport Land Use Commission

Objective: To ensure the orderly development of lands in the vicinity of public use airports within Fresno County and ensure consistency of land use development with the various Airport Land Use plans within Fresno County.

Accomplishments:

- Conducted two Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC) reviews and held the first ALUC meeting to determine consistency with the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan.
- Created a GIS map base to facilitate ongoing and future presentations to the Commission.
- Began establishing procedures and reviewed current, best-practices from other ALUCs in order to establish more meaningful and functional process for the COG.

[TWEBSTER]

WE 170 - Regional Transportation Plan

Objective: To develop and publish, on a four-year basis, the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) for Fresno County which addresses at a minimum a twenty year planning horizon. The plan shall include both long-range and short-range strategies and actions for implementing an integrated intermodal transportation system. The plan will address the federally required Safe, Accountable, Flexible, and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) planning factors. The final rule for SAFETEA-LU implementation was released in February 2007 with an effective date of March 16, 2007.

Accomplishments:

- Commenced holding weekly meetings of appropriate COG staff to discuss issues related to 2011 Regional Transportation Plan. Initial discussions have focused on environmental requirements of the new Plan.
- Developed the Regional Transportation Plan Public Outreach Plan.
- Worked with local agency representatives to ensure accurate information continues to be included in RTP updates.
- Processed Administrative Modification #1 to the RTP on August 14, 2008.
- Formal Amendment #2 was made available for 30 day public review and comment November 19-December 18.

[THOMPSON]

WE 172 - Congestion Management Process

Objective: To respond to federal congestion management planning requirements, and have a Congestion Management Process (CMP) in place by the end of November 2009. The Fresno County CMP will address congestion-related issues in Fresno region in a systematic and regional approach. As an integral part of Fresno COG's planning process, the Fresno County CMP will be incorporated in the RTP and TIP process.

Accomplishments:

- Collected 2006/2007 traffic counts and performed LOS analysis on the location with existing counts
- Performed LOS analysis on 2030 network
- Adopted Congestion Management Objectives
- Developed & adopted CMP alternative strategies (except land use strategies)
- Conducted preliminary analysis on capacity increasing projects

- Reviewed potential CMP land use strategies
[CAI]

WE 180 - Air Quality Transportation Planning

Objective: The Air Quality Transportation Planning Work Element provides for the development and maintenance of a coordinated transportation and air quality planning process. The federal and California Clean Air Acts require that transportation plans, programs and projects be consistent with, or conform to, state air quality implementation plans, and establishes the criteria and procedures for determining whether or not they conform. In order to be in compliance with federal and state regulations, transportation activities can not produce new air quality violations, worsen existing violations, or delay timely attainment of the national ambient air quality standards. With the State of California taking the national and international lead on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change, new tasks are being required of transportation planning agencies.

Accomplishments:

- On-going coordination with local, State, and federal agencies regarding air quality and transportation issues.
- Monitored State and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements.
- Continued participation in the Statewide Transportation Conformity Working Group including meetings and transmitting updates from the working group.
- Continued participation with the other seven Valley Regional Planning Agencies (RPA) in the San Joaquin Valley Model Coordinating Committee (MCC) and the Programming Coordination Group (PCG) to address pertinent transportation, modeling, air quality, and conformity analysis issues. On May 28, 2009 the structure and name of this committee was changed to incorporate quarterly workshops and more hands-on participation. The committee is now called the Interagency Consultation Group.
- Assisted and drafted project level (hot-spot) transportation conformity determinations for transportation agencies.
- Provided Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) assistance for transportation agencies.
- Participated in conference calls with staff from ARB, EPA, FHWA, Caltrans and various members of the other San Joaquin Valley RPAs.
- Attended San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD) Board meetings and workshops related to transportation.
- Presented air quality updates to the Fresno COG Transportation Policy Committee, the Transportation Technical Committee and the Policy Advisory Committee.
- Attended community meetings and tracked the development of Air Quality Elements in General Plans requirements.
- Began draft and attended planning meetings for the upcoming 2011 RTP greenhouse gas/climate change element.
- Tracked and attended meetings/webcasts and legislative developments related to Climate Change initiatives (AB 32 and SB 375), attended and reviewed Regional Target Advisory Committee (RTAC) work products..
- Prepared comment letters regarding implementation of Climate Change legislation, one letter requesting a meeting with Speaker Pro tem Steinberg and local agencies regarding the costs of implementation.
- Membership and active participation in the San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition.
- Submitted comment letter to SJVUAPCD regarding Rule 9410- Employer-based Trip Reduction.
- Revised air quality elements for the FAX Short Range Transportation Plan update.
- Completed the June 2009 Redetermination of Conformity.

[Dawson]

TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT

WE 210 – Measure C Reauthorization

Objective: To provide the organizational structure and staffing for development of an Expenditure Plan that will guide the utilization of a proposed ½ cent sales tax measure that is tentatively scheduled for the November 2006 ballot. The Reauthorization process is being guided by a Regional Steering Committee consisting of elected officials, interested regional stakeholders and the general public. Staffing is provided by COG.

Accomplishments:

- COG staff continues to work with PB Americas Inc. in developing a Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee program which is a requirement of Measure “C”. Staff anticipates a COG Policy Board decision on the RTMF in August 2008. Measure “C” requires that all COG member agencies adopt the RTMF by January 1, 2009 or risk losing a percentage of their Street Maintenance pass-through funding.
- Staff began development of the Measure C Carpool Program and sought approval of the Program Concept from the TTC, PAC and Policy Boards
- COG Board approved establishment of January 1, 2010 as the revised enactment date for member agencies implementing the Measure “C” Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee Program.
- Finalized Joint Powers Agency Agreement

[BOREN]

WE 211 – Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee

Objective: To inform the public and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public in the 2006 Measure C Extension Expenditure Plan.

Accomplishments:

- A meeting of the Citizen Oversight Committee was held June 11, 2009.
- One vacant position on the committee was advertised in the Fresno Bee, and notices were posted to the Fresno COG website and emailed out to Fresno COG’s email databanks. The position was filled, but the nominee resigned before attending his first meeting due to work conflicts that require him to be out of town.
- Prepared and began sending out the 2009-2010 Local Agency Reporting Forms
- Prepared a new Application Form reflecting 9 available positions on the committee (due to resignation and term expiration). Approved newspaper advertisements designed by JSA for Fresno County Transportation Authority regarding the positions.

[LAUCHNER]

WE 212 – Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program

Objective: To expend Measure C Carpool/Vanpool Program funds to encourage an increase in carpooling, commuter vanpooling and farmworker vanpooling in Fresno County.

Accomplishments Commuter Vanpool Program: COG staff continues to:

- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures
- Develop and release notifications of funds available via website, email, public service announcements, news articles, participate in community events, radio and television interviews, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.

- Work with marketing agency to develop outreach material used for community events, presentations, and mailings.
- COG staff continuously updates all related information and forms online.
- COG staff receives and evaluates all applications for the commuter vanpool program. Monitor all subsidies and reimbursements for renewals at the vanpool's 12 month anniversary. Receive and process all renewal applications. Mailed award letters to new and existing vanpool drivers.
- Create new partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase vanpool and carpool awareness and participation. Provided one-on-one visits with employers and employees and distributed informational material.
- Completed a redesign of the Valleyrides.com website to include the Measure C commuting programs, and Tulare County commuter information (due to a funding and partnership with TCAG staff). The new website includes Measure C Vanpool functionality and information.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies, reimbursements and award letters.
- Continuous research and development to improve and enhance Commuter Vanpool Program.

Accomplishments Carpool Subsidy Program: COG staff continues to:

- Worked with JSA (marketing agency) to develop outreach material used for community events, presentations, partner recruitment and mailings. Developed and began implementing a media plan for outreach to the community.
- Mailed and emailed partnership information to businesses in the Fresno County region.
- Completed a redesign of the Valleyrides.com website to include the Measure C commuting programs, and Tulare County commuter information (due to a funding and partnership with TCAG staff). The new website includes Carpool Program functionality and information.
- Develop notifications of funds available via valleyrides website, email, public service announcements, news articles, participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees (still in process).

[GARZA/LAUCHNER]

WE 213 – Measure C Rail Consolidation

Objective: To implement the Measure C Rail Consolidation Subprogram. This will increase safety, reduce traffic congestion by moving the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railroad tracks adjacent to the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad tracks through Fresno, provide for new under- or over-passes that separate vehicular and rail traffic, and fund efforts to secure an additional \$600 to \$900 million of needed funding from state, federal, or other agencies to fully fund rail consolidation.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in a meeting of the Technical Assessment Group for the Rail Realignment/High-Speed Train Study on April 28, 2009. Meeting purpose was to continue to identify, discuss, and evaluate alternative alignments.
- Finalized in April 2009 the Cooperative Agreements between the Authority and the Fresno COG for the Joint High-Speed Rail / Rail Consolidation Study.
- Participated in two meetings with railroad representatives to discuss railroad participation, positions, and concerns regarding the Rail Realignment/High-Speed Train Study. The first meeting was held with the Union Pacific on June 25, 2009 in Roseville and the second meeting was held with the BNSF on June 29, 2009 in San Bernardino.

[THOMPSON]

WE 214 – Measure C ADA/Seniors/Paratransit Taxi Scrip

Objective: To implement the Measure C Taxi Scrip Program for enhanced taxicab transportation services for persons 70 years of age and older living in the Fresno County (service area) region.

Accomplishments: Staff continues to:

- Improve and update tracking, reporting and information in database for taxi scrip program.
- Continuous development and release of program notifications such as funds available, forms, bilingual educational literature, question and answers via website, email, public service announcements, television interviews, videos for Road Shows, group presentations, news articles, community events and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- COG staff continuously updates all related information, forms and applications online as well as ensures that all distribution centers have complete and updated resources.
- Visit all distribution centers no less than once a month to ensure proper sales reporting, documentation, and provide training sessions on a needs basis.
- A vendor reimbursement agreement was drafted to provide all vendors/distributors with a sales percentage reimbursement for administrative costs incurred. All vendors agreed with terms and conditions of the agreement and will now begin to reimburse Measure C for all scrip sold (minus a 5% administration fee).
- COG staff receives and evaluates all applications for Taxi Scrip Program and Proxy Designation Forms.
- Mailed letters and 2009-2010 User ID cards to all users in the database.
- Continue to provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- COG staff receives and processes invoices, subsidies, reimbursements and sales.
- Continue to review biweekly taxi vendor logs and submitted taxi scrip for accuracy and reimbursement.
- Created partnership with various local vendors, private and public organizations to act as currency distributors and as educators to increase taxi scrip program awareness and participation.
- Continuous research and development to improve and enhance the Taxi Scrip Program.
- Work with marketing agency to develop outreach material used for media, community events, presentations, and mailings.

[GARZA]

WE 215 – Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Programs

Objective: To implement the Measure C Farmworker Vanpool Program, encouraging an increase in farmworker vanpooling participation in Fresno County.

Accomplishments:

- Improve, evaluate, and monitor tracking and reporting procedures.
- Develop and release bilingual notifications of funds available via website, email, public service announcements, videos for Roadshows, news articles, participate in community events, and other means available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- COG staff continuously updates all related information and applications online and works closely with vanpool provider to educate Farmworkers on informational program items.
- COG staff receives and evaluates all individual applications for the Farmworker vanpool program.
- Created new partnerships with vanpool providers and with public and private organizations to increase Farmworker vanpool awareness and participation.
- Provide customer service through phone calls, assisting walk-in traffic and arranging onsite visits with public and private organizations.
- Receive and process monthly vanpool invoices and mail out subsidies and reimbursement.

- Mailed informational items to farm labor contractors to insert in weekly pay checks. Continuous research and development to improve and enhance Farmworker vanpool program.
- Work with marketing agency to develop outreach material used for community events, presentations, and mailings.

[GARZA]

WE-220 – Transportation Program Development

Objective: To identify transportation improvements proposed for implementation within a short-range period of compliance with federal and state requirements.

Accomplishments:

- Continued participation in the Statewide California Federal Programming Group (CFPG) established to provide a linkage between State, Federal, and Regional Transportation Planning Agencies involved in transportation programming activities.
- Involvement with related subcommittees of the CFPG group evaluating and making recommendations on policy and procedure updates related to programming.
- Continued use of the *California Transportation Improvement Program System* (CTIPS) and involvement in program updates.
- Continued participation in the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors Association Model Coordinating Committee (MCC) and Programming Coordination Group (PCG) now call this Interagency Consultation Group.
- COG staff continues to work with its member agencies in an effort to develop/maintain a financially constrained-transportation improvement program.
- COG staff continues to attend California Transportation Commission meeting and Statewide RTPA meetings to monitor, regional, state and Federal transportation issues.
- Correspondence with Agency staff and Caltrans regarding preparation and delivery of the Obligation Plan for 2008/09.
- Development and posting of the Annual listing of projects for projects delivered in FFY 2007/08.
- The 2009 FTIP was adopted by the COG Policy Board July 31, 2008 and submitted to Caltrans and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for approval. Federal approval was received on November 17, 2008.
- Formal Amendment #3 was approved by FHWA on February 29, 2009.
- Formal Amendment #4 was approved by FHWA on March 17, 2009.
- Formal Amendment #5 was available for public review between 3/9-3/23/09 and approved by Fresno COG on 3/24/09.
- Administrative Amendment #6 was approved by Caltrans on March 25, 2009.
- Formal Amendment #7 was approved by FHWA on April 30, 2009.
- Administrative Modification #8 was approved by Caltrans on April 24, 2009.
- Formal Amendment #9 was approved by Caltrans on June 17, 2009.
- Administrative Modification #10 was approved by Caltrans on June 19, 2009.
- Formal Amendment #11 was released for public review between June 29-July 13, 2009.
- COG staff continues intergovernmental coordination and public notification for all formal amendments to the FTIP. COG staff also continues to conduct administrative amendments to the FTIP as needed.
- Continued involvement, participation and monitoring of monthly California Transportation Commission meetings, Regional Transportation Planning Agency meetings, and Self-Help County Coalition meetings.
- Coordination with FHWA, FTA, Caltrans and local agencies on the implementation of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

[BOREN/DEVERE-OKI]

SERVICES AND GENERAL COORDINATION ACTIVITIES

WE 310 - Intergovernmental Coordination

Objectives: 1) To promote coordination, cooperation and communication on administrative and planning matters among local agencies, the COG, federal and state agencies. To enable various agencies, including Native Americans, to participate in and review the regional planning process; 2) To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities; and 3) To provide local agencies and the public the opportunity to review and comment upon federal grant proposals through the Local Clearinghouse Process; and 4) To provide local agencies with information on federal and state legislation, regulations, guidelines, and policies that effect the Fresno COG and our member agencies.

Accomplishments:

- Continued to provide staff support to the Association for the Beautification of State Route 99. Organized bimonthly meetings for the Association, assisted with correspondence, conducted research, and prepared staff reports.
- Continued efforts towards implementing the *2000 Highway 99 Beautification Plan* by recommending the adoption of a draft Highway Beautification Overlay Zoning District by the Cities of Kingsburg, Selma, Fowler, Fresno, and Fresno County. Provided guidance and support to Fresno County planning staff as the Overlay made its way through the adoption process.
- Continued monitoring other SR 99 beautification efforts such as the Great Valley Center's Highway 99 Project and Caltrans' *Highway 99 Plan*.
- Provided ongoing support to member agencies of the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority in the establishment of this new program in Fresno County. Issues discussed over the course of the quarter include election of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Authority and a determination of time standards and personnel costs for use in calculating program costs.
- Staff continues to outreach to the Native American Tribal governments, both federally and non-federally recognized, in Fresno County to solicit their input and to seek their participation in COG activities. Staff continues to provide all of the tribes with ongoing meeting notifications and any other pertinent information that may be of interest to the tribes. Fresno COG will be working with Kern COG who will be the lead agency on a grant to enhance outreach to Tribal governments.
- Continue process of member agency outreach to provide update on the SJV Regional Blueprint Planning Process and determine how COG can assist with implementation.
- Continued outreach with staff and administrators of member agencies to gather input for the Blueprint.
- Provide ongoing updates to member agencies on progress with Blueprint activities.
- Assumed Valleywide coordination role on work with eight Valley COGs on for SJV Blueprint.
- Staff continues involvement/collaboration on Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) projects of local, valley-wide, and State interest.
- Staff participates in monthly meetings with the Fresno County Rural Collaborative Committee headed by the Fresno County Economic Opportunities Commission that offers capacity enhancing opportunities for rural areas.
- Executive Director and Deputy Director have been holding meetings with member agency Board and PAC members to provide information and solicit input.
- Staff participates in monthly meetings with the Fresno Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Council where legislation and local, state and federal policies are discussed that affect the Fresno region.
- Fresno COG staff devotes significant time to on-going legislative activities including, but not limited to, monthly reports detailing pending state and federal legislation in current sessions, bill analysis, regular correspondence to state and federal representatives communicating positions on bills of interest by our

Policy Board, and the development of an annual Fresno COG Legislative Platform.

- In March, staff submitted a Draft 2009 Fresno COG Legislative Platform for Policy Board approval.
- The 5th annual Sacramento One Voice took place in March.

[BOREN/STECK/DANSBY/FAWCETT]

WE 311 - Public Information and Participation

Objective: To provide the public with information on activities, meetings, planning documents and reports, and to seek advice from the public on COG's planning activities. This work element is intended to highlight the COG's desire to encourage more public participation in the transportation planning process, consistent with TEA 21 requirements. This will include public involvement in the development stages of plans and programs as well as throughout the adoption process. COG's Public Involvement Procedures will be consulted and followed during each phase of plan or program development.

It is Fresno COG's desire that the citizens of Fresno County and its cities assist in delineating values, goals, and objectives of transportation-related services and planning documents. Further, it is Fresno COG's intent that those same citizens, charged with the responsibility of providing feedback on a continuous basis, will participate in the selection of transportation facilities and programs for planning and programming under Fresno COG's authority. Finally, it is the goal of Fresno COG to adequately provide information to and solicit input from historically underserved community of Fresno County (i.e. elderly, minority groups, youth, disabled and lower income people).

Accomplishments:

- Prepared agenda packages, reports, and notices for COG's three monthly public meetings.
- Filled requests for information about Fresno COG and/or their member agencies and updated various listings.
- Designed and printed outreach materials for Fresno COG staff as requested for Blueprint, several Measure C programs and Outlook Newsletter.
- Developed a new outreach plan for the Measure C Carpool Program. Developed and approved many new materials for outreach distribution and began implementing a media plan for the program. Completed redesign of the Valleyrides.com website.
- Continued updating Fresno COG's website with a variety of graphics, and material and calendar entries.
- Developed a Public Outreach Plan for the Regional Transportation Plan Update. Continue to fine tune the plan, a research outreach strategies.
- Facilitated one meeting of the Public Information Officers Peer Group.
- Continued working with Fresno County Transportation Authority Staff and consultants on public outreach for Measure C projects and programs.
- Attended meetings, reviewed materials and helped promote Public Transportation Infrastructure Study Public Outreach.
- Developed a Fresno COG Facebook page and monitor it daily.

[LAUCHNER]

WE 312 - COGView Internet Home Page

Objective: To create a source that provides easy access to government and other information for Fresno County residents, member agencies, and perspective business interests using the latest technology of the World Wide Web. Additional objectives include enhancing potential economic development and increasing public knowledge and involvement of COG activities as well as reduce costs.

Accomplishments:

- The Fresno COG website maintains minutes and agendas for the Fresno COG Technical Advisory Committee, the Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board. Committee members have the choice of continuing to receive agenda by mail or they can sign up to receive links to the agendas online by email.
- Air quality, transportation modeling data and other information is updated regularly on the website.
- Updated and added reports and publications put out by the Fresno COG.
- Calendar, Announcement and Meeting sections are continuously updated and kept current on the Fresno COG website. Meeting agenda/handout links are included on the online calendar.
- Provided support and ongoing maintenance of the COGView website.
- Continued to provide ongoing support and maintenance of the COGView website.

[LAUCHNER/SOBRADO]

WE 313 – Environmental Justice Activities

~~**Objectives:** Devise ways to ensure that Fresno County's disadvantaged and minority populations are being included in the transportation process. The COG's Environmental Justice Task Force, whose members include representatives from community based organizations that represent low-income, minority, elderly, disabled, Native American, and farmworker communities as well as representatives from local government agencies, Caltrans, and FHWA, met on a monthly basis from March of 2004 through spring of 2005.~~

In response to Federal and State emphasis on Title VI and Environmental Justice an effort has been added to this work element that will involve establishing an Environmental Justice Task Force to develop a process with which to assess and ensure compliance of Fresno COG's transportation planning efforts with environmental justice requirements and Title VI. The Task Force will play a key role in evaluating COG's current Environmental Justice and Public Participation efforts and provide guidance on how to achieve the desired results. The Task Force will also help define the target population within Fresno County, identify the needs of the target population and develop appropriate performance measures for gauging the regional benefit and burdens of transportation system investments on the target population.

An Environmental Justice Report will be prepared, which will include the Environmental Justice Task Force efforts and recommendations, as well as the analysis used to evaluate the Regional Transportation Plan to ensure that the programs, policies, and activities outlined in the plan serve all segments of the region without generating disproportionately high adverse impacts upon target populations.

Caltrans has developed an Environmental Justice Desk Guide that will serve as a resource for COG staff to better understand Environmental Justice issues and provide guidelines for the implementation of Environmental Justice in the planning process. Fresno COG staff has reviewed the Caltrans Desk Guide and plans to use the recommendations provided by incorporating them, as applicable, in our Environmental Justice efforts.

The Environmental Justice Task Force has reviewed the Fresno County Environmental Justice and has provided valuable guidance to strengthen key points made in the Plan. Fresno COG staff has also had the Fresno County Environmental Justice Plan translated into Spanish for Spanish-speaking stakeholders. A draft copy of the Fresno County Environmental Justice Plan has been completed and will be release for 45-day review and comment during the January/February 2009 Fresno COG public meetings cycle.

Accomplishments:

- Participated in three all-day meetings with Indian tribes from throughout the San Joaquin Valley as part of the Indian Tribal mapping exercise being run out of Kern COG.
- Outreached and networked to Indian tribes from Fresno County in order to facilitate dialog to better incorporate them into the transportation process.

[SOBRADO]

WE 320 - Technical Assistance to Members

Objective: To provide member governments with specialized technical assistance services. It is intended that the major beneficiaries of this service be the smaller cities with limited technical staff resources.

Accomplishments:

- *Rural Communities Collaborative of Fresno County (RCCFC):* Served on RCCFC Steering and General Committees. The RCCFC is a volunteer organization geared toward helping rural communities to become self-sufficient through increased social and economic development. The Collaborative acts as a catalyst in identifying available federal, state, and local resources available to serve local community needs and provides access to and dissemination of those resources. Fresno COG staff also continues to participate in I-5 Business Development Committee activities, which focus on identifying economic development opportunities on the westside of Fresno County.
- *I-5 Business Development Corridor:* COG staff continues to participate in this work activity which focuses attention on planning, growth and economic issues facing the communities in western Fresno County.
- Currently assisting rural communities with establishing videoconferencing platforms in order to help cut the cost, time and air quality detriment associated with frequent travel to required meeting.
- COG staff is providing additional support to help fund the project through various competitive as well as available, government formula grants.

[BOREN]

WE 330 – Outside Technical Assistance

Objective: To provide traffic modeling information to outside agencies on a cost reimbursement basis. Also, to provide program support functions for microcomputer applications (accounting, utility billing, etc.) to interested parties on a cost reimbursement basis.

Accomplishments:

- Conducted modeling to support several traffic impact studies for local consultants.

[BITNER]

WE 340 – Traffic Demand Management Program

Objective: Transportation Demand Management (TDM) includes a wide variety of transportation control measures having a goal of reducing overall motor vehicle usage. In prior years, the predominate effort of this activity has been promotion of ridesharing. Declining state and federal revenue to support this effort in recent years has resulted in a less ambitious Program beginning in 1996/97.

Accomplishments:

Ridematching:

- Currently has over 1,400 registered users in the *Carpool/Vanpool Online Matchlist* program at www.Valleyrides.com. Maintained this current and active database of commuters, referring callers to the online system or inputting information for clients.
- Website has been redesigned to incorporate all Measure C programs and to improve user functionality.
- Worked with marketing agency to incorporate www.Valleyrides.com on Measure C outreach material used for community event participation, presentations, and mailings available to all Fresno County residents including the Tribal membership and employees.
- Worked with other TDM agencies, employers and vanpool agencies to facilitate matches and refer clients. These agencies include: CSU Fresno, South Valley Rideshare, San Joaquin Commute Connection, Fresno Area Express, Tulare Council of Governments, KART, VPSI and Enterprise Rideshare.

Information Services:

- Filled requests for transit referrals and information; park and ride lot information; vanpool subsidies and referrals; transportation guides; bikeway maps; and additional bikeway information.
- Updated the Valleyrides.com website with current information.
- Mailed out copies of the Fresno Clovis Bikeways Map and the city of Kingsburg Bikeway Map as requested.

Administration:

- Prepared and maintained program records, invoices, budget and Quarterly Report.
- Attended Fresno COG Committee meetings as appropriate.

[GARZA]

WE 350 - Fresno Regional Data Center

Objectives: To perform the duties as an Affiliate State Census Data Center and provide assistance to member agencies and the general public in obtaining, analyzing and utilizing census and other demographic data in support of the area-wide planning process. Also to provide continuing support to the internal data needs for traffic simulation modeling requirements including the updating and development of alternative socio-economic scenarios and providing data support for COG prepared reports and plans.

Accomplishments:

- Assisted 50 individuals from governmental agencies, businesses, and the public in their information needs.
- Monitored, prepared and distributed Census 2000, State of California Department of Finance and other data to member agencies and the public.
- Developed socio-economic data for alternative land use scenarios for consultants' traffic impact studies and special studies.
- Provided demographic information for COG-prepared documents and presentations.
- Responded to U.S. Census Bureau inquiries on member agencies' submittals for the 2010 U.S. Census Participant Statistical Areas Program (PSAP).
- Worked on update of socio-economic model data for transportation model.
- Worked on preparation of data book for use by member agency staff and the public.
- Worked on calculation of transit population for use in determining Transportation Development Act funding shares.
- Prepared Affiliate State Census Data Center activity report as required, and State of California Department of Finance population surveys.

[CHUNG]

WE 360 – One Voice Advocacy

Objective: ‘One Voice’ unites Fresno County communities and regional interests in a voluntary and collaborative effort to seek federal and state funds and support annually for projects and legislative priorities of regional significance. All projects and legislative priorities chosen shall contribute to an improved quality of life throughout the Fresno County region.

One Voice Accomplishments:

- Fresno COG Policy Board identified list of projects and priority issues for advocacy in Washington D.C. through annual One Voice trip.
- Staff and DC Consultant successfully led a delegation of forty-five elected representatives and community stakeholders to Washington D.C. February 8-12 for the One Voice trip.
- Staff and consultant successfully led a delegation of thirty-eight elected representatives and community stakeholders to Sacramento on March 9th to 10th for the One Voice trip.

Also, at the Valleywide level, the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies have united through the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council to build consensus on projects and legislative priorities in order to advocate at the state and federal level through their own lobbying effort, termed “Valley Voice”. This effort takes the Valley COG’s and their respective elected officials to Sacramento and Washington D.C. on an annual basis beginning in 2008. More details are highlighted in WE 820.

The “One Voice” and “Valley Voice” efforts heighten the COGs’ visibility and solidify relationships with both elected and staff representatives in Washington D.C. as well as in Sacramento.

One Voice and Valley Voice Accomplishments:

- Seven Washington DC “One Voice” visits
- Five Sacramento “One Voice” visits
- Two Sacramento “Valley Voice” trips
- One Washington DC “Valley Voice” trips.

[DANSBY/FAWCETT]

REGIONAL COORDINATION OF TRANSPORTATION, LAND USE AND HOUSING

WE 410 – San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process

Objective: The San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint Planning Process is a multi-year planning effort envisioned to support long range regional planning through comprehensive development of regional consensus. The goal of the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Planning Process is to develop a preferred future growth vision for the region through the use of scenario planning.

Accomplishments:

During the first two years, Fresno COG worked with the other 7 SJV COGs to coordinate our county efforts into a Valleywide Vision. We have conducted the community outreach and modeling activities that have allowed us to:

- Solicit input on community values.
- Define a Vision Statement for Fresno County.

- Develop Goals, Objectives and Measurable Outcomes that are consistent with the Values and Vision.
- Developed four “what if” growth scenarios to compare to the status quo.
- Select a “preferred growth concept” to submit to the Valleywide modeling effort.
- Developed four Valleywide scenarios with assistance from all Valley COGs and UC Davis.
- Made recommendation to SJV Regional Policy Council on a preferred growth scenario.
- There were many sub-tasks associated with these accomplishments which have been included in former year’s quarterly reports.

The following represent the tasks completed for the first quarter of the 2008-09 FY

- Made several presentations to community groups on Blueprint progress.
- Worked with Valley COGs and UC Davis to coordinate Valleywide modeling efforts.
- Worked with Local Government Commission to develop strategy to address density issues with local land use agencies.
- Worked with CA Partnership for SJV on LUHA and Transportation working group tasks.
- Coordinates with local water agencies in an effort to garner data for Blueprint modeling efforts.
- Coordinated with Model Farmland Conservation project to integrate with Blueprint planning.

The second quarter of FY 2008-09 built upon the work from the first quarter

- Prepared and submitted grant proposal for fourth year funding to Caltrans.
- Continued work with the Valley COGs in identifying alternative regional scenarios.
- Completed DRAFT Fresno County Blueprint Progress Report to summarize first three years of the project.
- Forwarded three Valleywide growth scenarios to the Blueprint Regional Advisory Committee (BRAC) for their recommendation.
- Reported BRAC’s recommendation to Fresno Blueprint Roundtable and Fresno COG Policy Board.
- Worked with Valley COGs and Great Valley Center to plan Valleywide Blueprint Summit where the scenarios would be presented to stakeholders and the general public for their recommendation.
- Work with Local Government Commission to prepare “Community Housing Survey” for January Summit
- Continued working with Valleywide local agency planners group.

The third quarter saw the culmination of three years work:

- Held the Valleywide Blueprint Summit on Jan. 26, 2009.
- Received notification of 4th year Blueprint funding.
- Prepared recommendation to SJV Regional Policy Council on preferred growth scenario for Valley
- Began work on 4th year Blueprint tasks:
 1. Valleywide Blueprint Final Report.
 2. Toolkit for Implementation.
 3. Translate Valley Blueprint principles into local implementation strategies and develop local government commitment.
 4. Convene meetings with local officials to discuss funding challenges of local government (and related “fiscalization of land use”).
 5. Address new greenhouse gas directives (SB 375) Develop adequate modeling tools for compliance with SB 375.
 6. Address the increasing of residential densities
 - a. Determine the impact of various development densities on the fiscal health of cities and counties in the San Joaquin Valley
 - b. Determine the market demand for higher density residential housing projects
 7. Greenprint - incorporate Farmland Conservation Model Program mapping, that includes improved information on water resources into the Blueprint for each of the Valley Counties.
 8. Work with Central California EDCs and Partnership for SJV to address jobs/housing issue.

9. Continue Blueprint's Valleywide presence by maintaining partnership with Great Valley Center for website oversight and production of one Valleywide Blueprint event .
10. Continue Using Adopted Methods to Measure the Effectiveness of the Regional Blueprint Plan.
11. Continue Extensive Public Outreach Efforts.

During the 4th Quarter, the Regional Policy Council (2 elected officials from each of the 8 Valley COGs) met and took the following actions:

- Adopted a list of Smart Growth Principles to be used as the basis of Blueprint planning in the San Joaquin Valley.
- Adopted Scenario B+ as the Preferred Blueprint Growth Scenario for the San Joaquin Valley to the year 2050. This preferred scenario will serve as guidance for the Valley's local jurisdictions with land use authority as they update their general plans.
- Fresno COG working with Merced CAG to transfer the responsibilities for Valley fiscal management of Blueprint grants.
- Valley project managers and COG Directors continue to conduct meetings and conference calls related to the Valley Blueprint and to make progress on 4th year tasks.

[STECK]

WE 411 – Farmland Conservation Model Program

Objective: Develop a plan, strategy, and program to conserve prime agricultural lands in the Central Valley. The Program will build upon initial activities to identify farmlands of strategic importance, and to develop a program to protect farmlands that is consistent with long term planning goals that maintain agriculture as a key economic and cultural force in the region. The program is first intended for the benefit of Fresno County and subsequently, the other counties making up the San Joaquin Valley.

Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee members first met in June of 2007. Comprised of key stakeholders in Fresno County, steering committee members include Fresno County, the City of Fresno, the City of Clovis, the Fresno County Farm Bureau, and others. The purpose of the Farmland Conservation Model Program Steering Committee is to oversee the daily activities for implementing the Farmland Conservation Model Program. Also involved in the development of the plan is an advisory board comprised of stakeholders from governmental, the agricultural industry, the environmental and development community, amongst others that are involved in agriculture matters on regular basis that advised the Steering Committee on issues of importance to agriculture in Fresno County.

The deliverables for the Farmland Conservation Model Program include:

- Devise an approach to identifying "strategic" farmland
- Public Input
- Document factors affecting the conversion of farmlands
- Create a toolbox for decision makers to implement farmland conservation in Fresno County
- Provide a series of recommendations based upon the finding of this process
- Prepare a final report.

Accomplishments:

- Presented the Farmland Conservation Model Program at several city council meetings to mayors and the public to increase awareness and solicit feedback. Cities presented to include Sanger, Selma, Kingsburg, Parlier, Reedley, and others.
- Met with and coordinated meetings with agricultural stakeholders to refine the Farmland Conservation Model Program to a form that is amicable to stakeholders.

[SOBRADO]

VALLEYWIDE COORDINATED ACTIVITIES

WE 810 - Valley Air Quality Coordination

Objective: To ensure a coordinated and comprehensive approach to transportation and air quality planning among the eight San Joaquin Valley transportation planning agencies and the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District. The goal is to attain and subsequently maintain federal and state air quality standards. With the State of California taking the national and international lead on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions which contribute to climate change, new tasks are being required of transportation planning agencies.

Accomplishments:

- Continued contract administration for the Valley-wide Air Quality Planning and Coordination consultant. ~~Managed the efforts of the air quality consultant (including strategy, review of materials, processed invoices) on behalf of the eight Valley RPAs.~~
- On-going coordination with local, State, and federal agencies regarding air quality and transportation issues.
- Monitored State and federal guidance related to air quality transportation planning requirements.
- Presented air quality updates to the San Joaquin Valley RPA Directors Committee and the San Joaquin Valley RPAs Policy Council.
- Continued participation in the Statewide Air Quality Conformity Working Group including meetings and updates from the working group.
- Coordinate efforts with the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District (SJVUAPCD) to ensure a comprehensive and cooperative approach to air quality transportation planning.
- Participate with the other Valley RPAs in the San Joaquin Valley Model Coordinating Committee to address pertinent transportation modeling, air quality modeling and transportation conformity analysis issues.
- Continued coordination among Valley transit agencies.
- Tracked and attended meetings/webcasts and legislative developments related to Climate Change initiatives (AB 32 and SB 375).
- Completed the updated 2009 MOU Between and Among the SJVUAPCD and the eight Valley RPAs.

[DAWSON]

WE 812 – San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study

Objective: The San Joaquin Valley, the southern watershed of California's Great Central Valley, is a large, diverse, and complex area that contains millions of acres of the world's most fertile farmland, a wealth of natural resources, and large urban environments. Recognizing the substantial growth the area is currently experiencing, the Merced County Association of Governments (MCAG) with support from the other seven San Joaquin Valley COGs/ Metropolitan Planning Organizations (Fresno, Kern Kings Madera, San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Tulare) seeks to address the current and future need for coordinated bus services throughout the region.

Accomplishments:

- Staff provided industry data for reports, participated in conference call meetings, and the COG hosted two meetings in Fresno. Staff reviewed and provided comments on all reports and recommendations.
- The San Joaquin Valley Express Transit Study Travel Demand Analysis Report was circulated through the COG committees in December 2008, and is available on the COG website.

- The Study recommendations were circulated through the COG committees in February. The final report is expected in June 2009.

[DOWNS]

WE 820 – Valley Coordination Activities

Objective: To promote coordination, cooperation and communication among the eight San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies, including the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG), and other federal, state, and local governments, related to various regional planning processes.

Accomplishments:

- Coordinate the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council and Executive Directors' Committee meetings, including tracking of minutes and other relevant records.
- A staff member is Chairperson on the Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC), consisting of legislative staff from each of the eight Valley RTPAs. Meetings are held on a monthly basis or more often as needed, to discuss legislative issues of importance to the Valley and to build consensus on legislation and policy objectives at the state and federal level. The staff person is responsible for writing agendas and minutes for the meetings as well as providing monthly reports to the Valley COG Directors and quarterly reports to the Regional Policy Council on the VLAC activities. VLAC makes recommendations to these committees for positions on bills and policies that affect the Valley agencies and the Chairperson follows-up with correspondence communicating these adopted positions.
- The VLAC developed the 2009 Valley Legislative Platform in December/January.
- The VLAC organized the advocacy trips to Sacramento in January, 2009 and Washington D.C. in February, 2009. These advocacy trips are termed Valley Voice. The Valley Voice delegation includes members from the SJV Regional Policy Council and the Valley COGs. The goal of the trips are to adopt a set of regional projects & legislative priorities and advocate these priorities to our Valley State and Federal lawmakers.

The Regional Policy Council focused on the following issues during the Sacramento trip in January:

1. Senate Bill SB 375 Implementation
2. Transportation-Related Budget Issues
3. Support for San Joaquin Valley Goods Movement Program
4. Support Regional Partners' Initiatives

The Regional Policy Council focused on the following projects during the Washington D.C. trip in February:

1. Support for a National Goods Movement Program
 2. Support for Short-Haul Rail in the Valley
 3. Air Quality Issues
 4. Support for the California adopted consensus principles for the next Federal Transportation Authorization Act
- Work to develop a unified position and outreach related to the reauthorization of SAFETEA-LU.
 - Develop a valley-wide chapter for the Regional Transportation Plans.
 - Continue to work with Caltrans and other RPAs on issues related to plans, projects, and other needs associated with SR 99.
 - Staff continues to participate in meetings for the Caltrans SR 99 Business Plan Advisory Committee. A meeting took place in August. The committee includes Caltrans employees and staff from the eight Valley COG's working together to update the 2005 Caltrans SR 99 Business Plan.
 - Develop joint positions and participate in meetings related to High Speed Rail and Intercity Rail.
 - Coordinate efforts related to the implementation of a 511 information system in the San Joaquin Valley.
 - Pursue development of a videoconference system to reduce trips and vehicle miles traveled related to valley-wide meetings.

- Continue to investigate alternative methods of coordination of valley-wide activities.
- Coordination of Valleywide efforts related to SJV Regional Blueprint (WE 410)
- Coordination and consultation on efforts to address goods movement plans and projects.
- Staff participates in regular monthly and quarterly meetings with the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley and the Federal Interagency Task Force including the Partnership's legislative staffer meeting, the transportation working group and the air quality working group to help implement the Partnership's established goals.
- Fresno COG, along with staff from the other seven Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and Caltrans, have been working on updating the original SR 99 Business Plan Dated 2005. The new Business Plan will be finalized in spring of 2009 to include an updated list of Valley projects on this important north/south trade corridor, a financial plan on how best to make these projects a reality, and highlights the successes since the original Business Plan. The Business Plan also includes discussion about the economic impacts of designating SR 99 as an Interstate. Meetings take place on a monthly basis.
- Updated SR 99 Business Plan was presented to all COGs in June.
- Continue activities, meetings and conference calls related to 4th year Blueprint tasks.

[STECK/BOREN/DANSBY/FAWCETT]

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

WE 910 – COG Administration

Objective: To effectively administer the planning program and fiscal operations of the COG.

Accomplishments:

- Staff monitored funding levels, expenses and budgets. Policy Board adoption of the FY 2009/10 Overall Work Program occurred in May, 2009.
- Supervised planning staff activities and progress on work assignments.
- Coordinated preparation of agendas, related materials and committee schedules.
- Conducted ongoing management team meetings to coordinate staff assignments and outcomes.
- Conducted staff evaluations as needed.

[BESHEARS/BOREN]

WE 911 – Overall Work Program and Budget Development

Objective: To develop an Overall Work Program (OWP) and Budget consistent with federal and state funding priorities and local agency needs.

Accomplishments:

- Development of the FY 2008/09 Overall Work Program began in January 2008.
- FY 2008/09 Overall Work Program adopted May 2008.
- Amendment #1 adopted June 2008.
- Amendment #2 adopted October 2008
- Amendment #3 adopted November 2008
- Amendment #4 adopted March 2009.
- Development of FY 2009/10 Overall Work Program began in January 2009.
- FY 2009/10 Overall Work Program adopted May 2009.
- Amendment #1 adopted June 25, 2009

[BESHEARS/BOREN]

WE 912 - Local Transportation Funds Administration

Objective: To administer the Local Transportation Fund (LTF) and State Transit Assistance (STA) Fund in accordance with the California Transportation Development Act.

Accomplishments:

- Staff recorded sales tax deposits from the State Board of Equalization and STA allocations from the State Controllers Office. Member Agency Claims were processed. Allocation Instructions were prepared and sent to the Auditor Controllers Office. Changes in state regulations were monitored through the TDA Ad Hoc Committee chaired by the Division of Mass Transportation.

[BESHEARS]

WE 920 – Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Administration

Objective: To provide under contract, administrative and fiscal management services for the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency (FCRTA).

Accomplishments:

- During the Fourth Quarter, Staff processed claim reimbursement for provided transit service.
- Staff continued to respond to Caltrans on pending Grant requests.
- Staff also performed a variety of administrative functions concerning: general administration; accounting; risk management; procurement; and statistical analysis.
- The General Manager completed the preparation of several progress reports to State and Federal Agencies in conjunction with existing Grants and related programs..
- Staff completed and submitted its American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant Application during the Fourth Quarter.
- Staff completed the preparation, review and adoption of the Budget for 2009-10, with numerous supportive documents by the Board of Directors on June 25, 2009.

[WEBSTER]

WE 930 – Fresno County Transportation Authority Administration

Objective: To provide personnel support services to the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Staff provided payroll and benefit administration for the Fresno County Transportation Authority.

[BESHEARS]

WE 940 - Freeway Service Patrol

Objective: To continue the Freeway Service Patrol, in coordination with Caltrans and the California Highway Patrol, in an effort to remove minor incidents rapidly, thereby reducing congestion, secondary accidents and vehicle emissions.

Accomplishments:

- Administered the FSP tow contracts. This primarily included reviewing and paying invoices for towing services and radio use, both on a monthly basis, and paying for radio repairs and miscellaneous supplies (i.e. brochures) on an as-needed basis.
- Ongoing coordination and communication with the Freeway Service Patrol Statewide Oversight Committee and with Caltrans Traffic Operations, including annual program benefit/cost evaluations.

[THOMPSON]

WE 950 – Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program

Objective: To administer the activities and duties of the Fresno County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority.

Accomplishments:

- Ongoing communication with AVA Service Authority members, particularly regarding eligible expenses for reimbursement and reporting requirements.
- Calculated payment amounts to eligible local jurisdictions for AVA expenses.
- Provided FY 2008-09 Second Quarter Summary Report to the Fresno COG Policy Advisory Committee and Policy Board at the May cycle of meetings.
- Conducted a meeting of the AVA Working Group on May 21, 2009. The meeting purpose was to share local agency AVA experiences with one another, identify and correct errors in quarterly reporting forms, and all other issues of concern.

[THOMPSON]

2007/08 OWP Allocated Funds:	Percent	Budget	Year to	Local	FHWA	FTA MPO	FTA	Partner	BTH	FTA	Cal	FTA	PFM01	FSP
		Authorized	Date	Resources	PL	5303	X077	Planning	BTH		Blueprint		6086(024)	6086(26)
			Expense											
110 Regional Streets & Roads	78%	307,122	239,117	27,427	211,690									
111 Regional Transp. Modeling	67%	396,984	264,172	33,711	230,461									
112 Regional Traffic Monitoring	96%	267,130	256,001	76,506	179,495									
113 Reg. Transp. Studies	28%	100,000	28,228	3,238	24,990									
114 Traffic Deficiencies	98%	50,000	49,064	9,813				39,251						
115 Reg. Transp. Mitigation Fee	100%	162,700	162,700	65,317	97,383									
120 Public Trans. - Urban	56%	627,406	349,269	119,229		40,639				189,401				
121 JNARC	1%	1,910,990	15,901	9,645										
122 New Freedom	0%	695,088	0					6,256						
123 FTRIS	16%	3,014,000	482,164	482,164										
124 Transit Prof. Deve.	0%	56,500	0											
130 Public Trans. - Rural	97%	28,500	27,672	3,174		24,498								
150 Other Modal Elements	76%	17,000	12,842	12,842										
151 Bicycle & Pedestrian	102%	28,448	29,012	4,889	24,123									
153 Airport Land Use	91%	25,000	22,683	2,602	20,081									
170 Regional Transp. Plan	79%	252,064	200,297	25,096	145,920	29,281								
172 Congestion Management Plan	1%	10,700	81	9	46	26								
180 Air Quality	87%	207,700	179,667	20,608	122,236	36,823								
210 Measure "C"	103%	210,467	216,401	216,401										
211 Measure "C" Oversight Comm.	81%	10,500	8,511	8,511										
212 Measure "C" Car/Van Pool	36%	523,254	188,437	188,437										
213 Measure "C" Highspeed Rail	3%	260,000	8,393	8,393										
214 Measure "C" ADA/Seniors	18%	911,099	166,844	166,844										
215 Measure "C" Farm Van Pool	12%	668,908	82,269	82,269										
220 Transportation Prog. Dev.	91%	157,800	143,580	26,491	49,125								67,964	
310 Intergov. Coordination	81%	136,600	110,519	110,519										
311 Public Info. and Partic.	60%	132,200	79,747	9,147	51,419	19,181								
312 COG View Internet	58%	18,100	10,421	1,196	1,393	7,832								
313 Environmental Justice	41%	19,000	7,701	3,275	2,213	2,213								
320 Technical Assist. Members	103%	14,000	14,415	14,415										
330 Outside Technical Serv.	49%	55,000	26,742	26,742										
340 Rideshare Program	18%	60,750	11,107	11,107										
350 Regional Data Center	91%	95,300	86,466	9,917	46,847	29,702								
360 One Voice Advocacy	95%	113,300	107,674	107,674										
410 California Blue Print	47%	591,602	275,159	35,032							240,127			
411 Farmland Trust	83%	100,000	82,854	4,240										
810 Valley Air Quality Coord.	88%	173,469	153,463	140,257										
812 Valley Express Transit	90%	11,800	10,623	10,623		13,206								
820 Valley RTPA Coordination	74%	123,000	91,268	12,268										
910 COFG Admin.	56%	233,631	130,046	130,046						79,000				
911 OWP & Budget	79%	16,910	13,395	1,537	669	11,189								
912 Transportation Funds Adm.	101%	132,000	132,860	132,860										
920 FCRTA Admin.	97%	279,137	271,562	271,562										
930 Trans. Auth. Admin.	105%	2,500	2,635	2,635										
940 Freeway Service Patrol	84%	354,600	299,278	62,188										
950 Abandon Vehicle Abatement	102%	9,500	9,703	9,703										
Total Allocated Funds	37%	13,571,759	5,060,943	2,700,559	1,208,091	214,590	6,256	39,251	78,614	79,000	240,127	189,401	67,964	237,090



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Re: COG - Sept Report

Pages (incl. cover sheet): 35

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**COG Report
September 2009**

Update on some of the activities recently at California Consulting, LLC.

MORE GRANT AWARDS:

Since our last Update on July 24, 2009 the following grant applications written by California Consulting, LLC grant writers have been approved and funded for our clients:

City of Delano, COPS Hiring Program \$423,134
City of Arvin, COPS Hiring Program \$198,501
City of Sanger, COPS Hiring Program, \$518,954
City of Huron, COPS Hiring Program, \$135,944
City of Parlier, COPS Hiring Program \$252,554
City of Salinas, COPS Hiring Program, \$3,837,546
City of Coalinga, Tree grant, \$33,066
McFarland Unified School District, USDA Rural Development, \$40,000
City of Taft, USDA Rural Development, \$63,000
City of Delano, Justice Assistance Grant, \$31,924
City of Delano, Neighborhood Stabilization grant \$733, 210
City of Wasco, Neighborhood Stabilization grant \$303,592
City of McFarland, Neighborhood Stabilization grant \$149,629
City of Taft, Neighborhood Stabilization grant \$149,286
City of Lemoore, Justice Assistance Grant, \$39,300
City of Avenal, Office of Traffic Safety grant, \$5,437
City of Soledad, Office of Traffic Safety grant, \$16,429
Fresno County, Public Defender's Office Adjudication grant \$147,758
Kern County, Public Defender's Office Adjudication grant \$147,092
Fresno County, USDA Farmer's Market Grant, \$98,000

LOBBYING SUCCESS:

SB 716 - California Consulting's lobbying team worked successfully with COG's and key policymakers at the State Capitol to help amend SB 716. The amendments allow non-urban counties and cities to continue their use of Local Transportation Funds for streets and roads maintenance while fully addressing the unmet transit needs of their communities. After numerous meetings, conference calls, and trips to the State Capitol this important bill was successfully amended. We wish to thank the San Joaquin COG, Senator Wolk and her staff, Senator Lowenthal and his staff and others for working diligently with our office to bring about these amendments. Of particulate note, several State Legislators including Senate Majority Leader Florez, Senator Cogdill, and Assemblymembers Arambula, Galgiani, Gilmore, and Villines should be commended for their hard work on this issue. In light of the new amendments several cities and COG's that were previously strongly opposed to SB 716 have now adopted "neutral" positions on the legislation.

SB 375 - California Consulting has been engaged in the SB 375 issue for a long time. SB 375 requires each regional Metropolitan Planning Organization to develop a plan for achieving greenhouse gas emission reduction targets from cars and light trucks. There is money in the budget for implementation of SB 375 and California Consulting has been and will continue to be involved in the process for distribution of these dollars.

Water - We continue to be involved in the water issue that has consumed much of the Legislature's time over the last few months. No fewer than 5 Water bond bills were discussed and hotly debated during the recently concluded Legislative session. SB 3 (Wolk), SB 1 (Simitian), AB 1 (Huffman), SB 2 (Pavley), and AB 2 (Feuer/Huffman) all were introduced and discussed at

various levels. As well, a working group was formed of Senators and Assemblymembers from both political parties. An agreement on the water issue was not reached. There continues to be discussion about a potential "special session" on Water where legislators would be called back to the State Capitol to deal exclusively with this important issue. California Consulting will continue to monitor and advocate aggressively for the Valley and State's water needs.

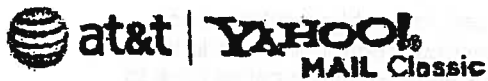
SACRAMENTO MEETINGS:

Through California Consulting's regular meetings with State Legislators, the Governor's office, Cal-Trans and other key State agencies in Sacramento we are able to stay on the cutting edge of information coming out of the State capitol.

PROP. 84 IS OUT

The much anticipated parks and recreation Prop. 84 grant application is out and available. The application is due March 1, 2010. Our team has been reviewing the guidelines for months and has held more than a half dozen meetings in Sacramento with State Parks and Recreation staff members regarding this issue in the last 6 months. If you are currently a client of California Consulting, please contact us asap if you would like us to apply for Prop. 84 for your parks and recreation needs. If you are not a current client, feel free to contact us to discuss our services.

Quality Education Investment Act - QEIA - 'AT&T Yahoo! Mail'



Quality Education Investment Act - QEIA

Friday, September 4, 2009 11:18 PM

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

QEIA Background.doc (36KB), QEIA Lobby Day 09.02.09.doc (705KB),
QEIA Solution to Budget Problems.doc (36KB), QEIA Talking Points.doc (37KB)

California Consulting, LLC is working with Steve Rhoads at Strategic Education Services. See the attachments. Steve Rhoads is doing a great job lobby on the QEIA issue. This is a very serious and important issue for every school district that has QEIA schools. After you read the attachments please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks, Steve

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Quality Education and Investment Act Background Sheet

The Quality Education and Investment Act (QEIA) was created as a result of the CTA vs. Schwarzenegger lawsuit over the level of funding owed to schools from the suspension of Proposition 98 in 2004-2005. The QEIA program was established in 2006 to provide additional resources to eligible low-performing schools to reduce class sizes, provide additional resources and support to students, and increase student achievement. The program has been funded, until this year, with \$402 million in state general fund dollars, outside of Proposition 98 due to the fact it was part of a court settlement to repay schools for money owed from prior years.

The final (July) 2009-10 state budget included a complex one-time funding mechanism for QEIA. The QEIA budget funding mechanism works as follows:

Step One: QEIA districts will receive their QEIA funding as they always have, but with the funding coming from Prop 98 rather than the state general fund (non-98) side of the budget. This provides the state with roughly \$400 million in state general fund savings that was the ultimate goal of this agreement.

Step Two: In order to free up \$400 million in Prop 98 funds available to make these QEIA payments, the state had to reduce other Prop 98 spending. They do this by reducing QEIA district revenue limits by an equivalent amount.

Step Three: To keep these QEIA districts fiscally whole, they are "authorized" to "apply" to the state for federal funding to backfill the revenue limit cut made in Step 2.

Concerns:

The proposed revenue limit cuts to districts are cuts in unrestricted funding that must be made equally across all schools in a QEIA district – not just at QEIA schools (due to federal comparability requirements under Title 1).

Currently, the identified federal backfill dollars to repay this cut are restricted federal dollars (state set aside dollars for School Improvement Grants (SIG) and Title One) that can only be used at eligible Title 1 and/or Program Improvement schools. It is unclear whether a school district can use federal funds to backfill the revenue limit cuts in non-Title 1 schools.

In addition, it is not clear that there are currently sufficient (state set aside) federal dollars available to fully fund the revenue limit cut or that using these federal funds to backfill the revenue limit cuts will avoid federal "supplement not supplant" restrictions. Lastly, it is unclear what will happen to QEIA schools that are not Title I schools and therefore not eligible for those federal funds to replace revenue limit funds.

School districts need to have assurances from both state and the federal officials that this funding swap is both possible and without penalties. School districts should be held harmless from any possible federal sanctions should this funding swap become unsuccessful.

Quality Education and Investment Act A Solution to a Budget Problem

Background

The QEIA program was established in 2006 to provide additional resources to eligible low-performing schools to reduce class sizes, provide additional resources and support to students, and increase student achievement. The program has been funded, until this year, with \$402 million in state general fund dollars, outside of Proposition 98 due to the fact it was part of a court settlement to repay schools for money owed from prior years. The final (July) 2009-10 state budget included a new one-time funding mechanism for QEIA for the budget year. The purpose of the new and complex funding proposal was to free up state general fund dollars to avoid additional reduction in the human services budget.

Problem

This complex funding mechanism for QEIA impacts 488 schools in 138 school districts.

This complex funding mechanism:

- Reduces only QEIA district revenue limits by an amount equivalent to \$402 million
- Authorizes QEIA districts to "apply" to the state for federal funding to backfill the revenue limit cuts
- There is no guarantee that school districts will be eligible for federal funds
- The federal funds are restricted dollars being used to backfill unrestricted dollars

Solution

The legislature needs to ensure that the integrity and overall components of QEIA are maintained. Further, our most needy students and schools should not be faced with additional challenges that impact their educational achievement and fiscal solvency. Any solution to ensure that QEIA districts are held harmless must meet the following principles:

- The revenue limit must be restored
- School districts must be made whole as promised.
- School districts must be held harmless from any federal sanctions
- No solution should be at the expense of non-QEIA school districts
- Federal Funding cannot solve this problem

Suggested Talking Points
QEIA Day – Wednesday, September 2nd
Sponsored by ACSA, CTA and SES

 Introductions

 Inform them about your school district and the cuts you have had to make.

 Explained what Section 39 of AB 2 4x does:

- ✓ Reduced the school district revenue limit
- ✓ Does protect QEIA school funding
- ✓ Our school district is at risk
- ✓ Backfill with School Improvement Grants (SIG)

 Explain why it does not work

- ✓ It is probably illegal. It may jeopardize future federal funds.
- ✓ Regulations are not even approved
- ✓ Funds will not reach the state until January at best
- ✓ Places the school district in great jeopardy
- ✓ Impact of the revenue limit reductions are disastrous

 The revenue limit must be restored

 The general fund loss can be offset by the expected categorical program savings for 2009-10.

 It has been **41 days** since the AB 2 4x passed the legislature. There are only 9 days left to this session.

 We have been given promises that this issue will be resolved. We have been shown nothing!

 Our children and our community deserve to know how this issue is going to be handled. We do not want to find out after the session is over.

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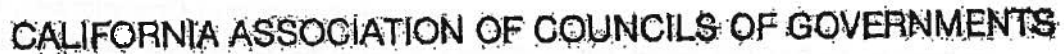


Letter to Cynthia Bryant of Prop 84 funds

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See attached letter from CALCOG on important issue related to Prop. 84 fund distribution. Let me know if you have any questions. Thanks. Steve



League of Nations: Geneva

The CALCOG members agree with the fund allocation in the SACOG memo. Members also agree that the individual applications will conform to the allocation. And most importantly, that the members all have as the primary goal of these funds to make the modeling improvements in time to use them in the first round of SCS/APS.

I do want to point out that the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, while not listed in the SACOG memo, has indicated it plans to submit an application for funds under this program.

We also want to mention that it is important that the Household Travel Survey should go forward. It is a crucial tool used by the state and regions alike. As a result, a portion of the \$12 million should be dedicated to this project. CALCOG is currently working with Caltrans to determine the specific cost of the survey.

Sincerely,



Rusty Selix
Executive Director

CC: Members of the Strategic Growth Council

SB3X 12(Steinberg), the QEIA fix bill - 'AT&T Yahoo! Mail'



SB3X 12(Steinberg), the QEIA fix bill

Thursday, September 10, 2009 7:02 PM

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QEIA Per ADA Allocation.xls (38KB), Categories of Children.doc (35KB),
Chart 09.10.09.doc (25KB)

See attachments and the message below. Please help! We are working with Steve Rhoads to provide a coordinated effort on this endeavor.

Thanks. Steve Samuelian

This is important. We need you to contact legislators and legislative staff to urge them to support SB 3X 12(Steinberg), the QEIA fix bill. Yes, the number of the bill has changed. The bill will not be in print until tomorrow. You should refer to the bill as the QEIA fix bill. The bill number will have no meaning to anyone. Please take the time to make the calls today and tomorrow.

The bill will be amended tomorrow in the Senate, sent to Assembly Appropriation, sent to the Assembly floor, and then sent back to the Senate for the final vote. This is all going to be done in one day. That is why it is extremely important to call, email, and fax the legislators and their staff ASAP. Thank you.

Stephen Rhoads

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QEIA School Districts

Because of AB 2 4x, the Revenues of the School Districts are reduced by their QEIA Allocations

(This reduction will impact all schools in the district)

District Name	County Name	2008-09 QEIA Allocation	2009-10 Revenue Limit Reduction	District Revenue Limit Cut Per ADA
Hawarden Unified	Alameda	\$569,200		\$27
Livermore Valley Joint Unified	Alameda	\$305,100		\$13
Oakland Unified	Alameda	\$2,703,100		\$106
San Leandro Unified	Alameda	\$232,600		\$28
Alameda Total		\$3,806,000		
Chico Unified	Butte	\$110,200		\$7
Oroville City Elementary	Butte	\$283,400		\$101
Butte Total		\$393,600		
Pieper Joint Unified	Colusa	\$241,200		\$32
Colusa Total		\$241,200		
Antioch Unified	Contra Costa	\$785,700		\$41
MT Diablo Unified	Contra Costa	\$4,486,100		\$132
Rimburg Unified	Contra Costa	\$2,140,700		\$230
West Contra Costa Unified	Contra Costa	\$5,319,000		\$183
Contra Costa Total		\$12,731,500		
Del Norte County Unified	Del Norte	\$240,900		\$5
Del Norte Total		\$240,900		
Lake Tahoe Unified	El Dorado	\$302,200		\$25
El Dorado Total		\$302,200		
Conthens Unified	Folsom	\$672,500		\$17
Central Unified	Folsom	\$226,600		\$12
Colusa-Durham Unified	Folsom	\$32,300		\$7
Fresno Unified	Fresno	\$1,527,900		\$21
Golden Plains Unified	Fresno	\$554,000		\$22
Kings Canyon Joint Unified	Fresno	\$764,900		\$88
Mendota Unified	Fresno	\$644,900		\$26
Parlier Unified	Fresno	\$1,436,600		\$198
Fresno Total		\$7,966,000		
Klamath Union Joint Unified	Humboldt	\$316,600		\$68
Humboldt Total		\$316,600		
Calico Unified	Imperial	\$700,900		\$48
Water Elementary	Imperial	\$687,100		\$25
Meadow Valley Elementary	Imperial	\$217,500		\$25
San Pasqual Valley Unified	Imperial	\$155,400		\$22
West Imperial Union Elementary	Imperial	\$282,700		\$7
Imperial Total		\$2,043,600		

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Big Pine Unified	Inyo	\$69,600		\$69,600
Inyo Total		\$69,600		\$69,600
Bakersfield City	Kern	\$1,779,300		\$1,779,300
Landar Elementary	Kern	\$859,700		\$859,700
Way Union High	Kern	\$1,274,000		\$1,274,000
Union Elementary	Kern	\$308,500		\$308,500
McFarland Unified	Kern	\$1,618,000		\$1,618,000
McLave Unified	Kern	\$1,495,000		\$1,495,000
Pond Union Elementary	Kern	\$149,000		\$149,000
Richland Union Elementary	Kern	\$621,800		\$621,800
Tehachia City	Kern	\$810,200		\$810,200
Wasco Union Elementary	Kern	\$89,800		\$89,800
Kern Total		\$21,260,300		\$21,260,300
Corcoran Unified	Kings	\$1,687,900		\$1,687,900
Hamlet Elementary	Kings	\$1,006,900		\$1,006,900
Reidsburg Unified	Kings	\$1,146,000		\$1,146,000
Kings Total		\$3,840,800		\$3,840,800
Kern County Unified	Kern	\$443,700		\$443,700
Kern County Total		\$443,700		\$443,700
Alhambra Unified	Los Angeles	\$982,900		\$982,900
Baldwin Park Unified	Los Angeles	\$1,305,800		\$1,305,800
Compton Unified	Los Angeles	\$6,869,300		\$6,869,300
East Whittier City Elementary	Los Angeles	\$324,600		\$324,600
El Monte City Elementary	Los Angeles	\$782,800		\$782,800
Harwood Unified	Los Angeles	\$1,123,200		\$1,123,200
Leffler Elementary	Los Angeles	\$3,388,700		\$3,388,700
Long Beach Unified	Los Angeles	\$1,239,100		\$1,239,100
Los Angeles Unified	Los Angeles	\$13,822,100		\$13,822,100
Los Nietos	Los Angeles	\$287,200		\$287,200
Lyndwood Unified	Los Angeles	\$2,684,000		\$2,684,000
Montebello Unified	Los Angeles	\$7,821,600		\$7,821,600
Paramount Unified	Los Angeles	\$1,507,100		\$1,507,100
Pasadena Unified	Los Angeles	\$736,900		\$736,900
Los Angeles Total		\$175,346,400		\$175,346,400
Madera Unified	Madera	\$1,450,100		\$1,450,100
Madera Total		\$1,450,100		\$1,450,100
San Gabriel City Elementary	Monterey	\$243,900		\$243,900
San Juan Total		\$243,900		\$243,900

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Round Valley Unified	Mendocino	\$170,000	\$471
Ukiah Unified	Mendocino	\$342,300	\$56
	Mendocino Total	\$512,300	
Gustine Unified	Merced	\$182,300	\$100
Hilmar Unified	Merced	\$107,800	\$48
Merced City Elementary	Merced	\$356,100	\$33
Planada Elementary	Merced	\$324,800	\$420
	Merced Total	\$971,000	
Chualar Union Elementary	Monterey	\$230,500	\$739
Greenfield Union Elementary	Monterey	\$1,002,600	\$408
King City Union	Monterey	\$525,500	\$224
Salinas City Elementary	Monterey	\$1,448,100	\$195
Salinas Union High	Monterey	\$881,100	\$68
Santa Rita Union Elementary	Monterey	\$363,700	\$126
Soledad Unified	Monterey	\$642,700	\$155
	Monterey Total	\$5,094,200	
Napa Valley Unified	Napa	\$515,900	\$31
	Napa Total	\$515,900	
Anaheim Union High	Orange	\$6,202,200	\$195
Capistrano Unified	Orange	\$382,800	\$8
Fullerton Elementary	Orange	\$496,900	\$38
Orange Unified	Orange	\$1,809,500	\$62
Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified	Orange	\$383,700	\$15
Santa Ana Unified	Orange	\$11,086,500	\$201
	Orange Total	\$20,361,600	
Alvord Unified	Riverside	\$1,732,600	\$91
Banning Unified	Riverside	\$1,365,300	\$291
Coachella Valley Unified	Riverside	\$7,392,800	\$421
Desert Sands Unified	Riverside	\$1,899,500	\$69
Jurupa Unified	Riverside	\$806,500	\$41
Moreno Valley Unified	Riverside	\$4,439,600	\$127
Palo Verde Unified	Riverside	\$1,057,200	\$299
Perris Elementary	Riverside	\$1,356,200	\$249
Romoland Elementary	Riverside	\$294,000	\$112
San Jacinto Unified	Riverside	\$339,600	\$38
	Riverside Total	\$20,683,300	
Del Paso Heights Elementary	Sacramento	\$493,700	\$284
Natomas Unified	Sacramento	\$305,700	\$28
North Sacramento Elementary	Sacramento	\$602,100	\$120

QEIA School Districts

**Because of AB 2 4x, the Revenues of the School Districts are reduced
by their QEIA Allocations**

(This reduction will impact all schools in the district)

District Name	County Name	2008-09 QEIA Allocation 2009-10 Revenue Limit Reduction	District Revenue Limit Cut Per ADA
Rio Linda Union Elementary	Sacramento	\$244,100	\$23
River Delta Joint Unified	Sacramento	\$108,400	\$50
Sacramento City Unified	Sacramento	\$7,697,600	\$167
	Sacramento Total	\$9,451,600	
Hollister	San Benito	\$417,300	\$73
	San Benito Total	\$417,300	
Colton Joint Unified	San Bernardino	\$1,020,600	\$44
Fontana Unified	San Bernardino	\$2,325,600	\$59
Lucerne Valley Unified	San Bernardino	\$386,000	\$245
Needles Unified	San Bernardino	\$264,000	\$246
Ontario-Montclair Elementary	San Bernardino	\$4,760,500	\$206
Rialto Unified	San Bernardino	\$8,864,300	\$321
San Bernardino City Unified	San Bernardino	\$15,080,100	\$286
	San Bernardino Total	\$32,701,100	
Chula Vista Elementary	San Diego	\$1,648,900	\$62
Escondido Union Elementary	San Diego	\$496,200	\$27
Grossmont Union High	San Diego	\$2,086,000	\$89
Mountain Empire Unified	San Diego	\$171,000	\$109
San Diego Unified	San Diego	\$3,438,200	\$28
San Ysidro Elementary	San Diego	\$352,100	\$71
South Bay Union Elementary	San Diego	\$1,163,300	\$147
Sweetwater Union High	San Diego	\$720,900	\$18
Vista Unified	San Diego	\$297,300	\$12
	San Diego Total	\$10,373,900	
San Francisco Unified	San Francisco	\$4,343,000	\$82
	San Francisco Total	\$4,343,000	
Lodi Unified	San Joaquin	\$1,920,900	\$65
Stockton Unified	San Joaquin	\$2,031,100	\$56
	San Joaquin Total	\$3,952,000	
Ravenswood City Elementary	San Mateo	\$984,700	\$210
Redwood City Elementary	San Mateo	\$596,300	\$72
	San Mateo Total	\$1,581,000	
Santa Barbara Elementary	Santa Barbara	\$297,200	\$64
Santa Maria Joint Union High	Santa Barbara	\$2,392,000	\$330
Santa Maria-Bonita Elementary	Santa Barbara	\$249,900	\$20
	Santa Barbara Total	\$2,939,100	
Alum Rock Union Elementary	Santa Clara	\$1,910,100	\$143

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District Name	County Name	2008-09 QEIA Allocation	2009-10 Revenue Limit Reduction	District Revenue Limit Cut Per ADA
San Jose Unified	Santa Clara	\$1,335,100		\$44
	Santa Clara Total	\$3,245,200		
Pajaro Valley Unified	Santa Cruz	\$3,072,500		\$167
	Santa Cruz Total	\$3,072,500		
Redding Elementary	Shasta	\$197,200		\$56
	Shasta Total	\$197,200		
Happy Camp Union Elementary	Siskiyou	\$89,600		\$654
	Siskiyou Total	\$89,600		
Fairfield-Suisun Unified	Solano	\$1,194,300		\$55
Vallejo City Unified	Solano	\$3,073,500		\$187
	Solano Total	\$4,267,800		
Petalum City Schools	Sonoma	\$171,400		\$22
Santa Rosa City Schools	Sonoma	\$274,400		\$16
	Sonoma Total	\$445,800		
Keyes Union	Stanislaus	\$338,000		\$259
Modesto City Elementary	Stanislaus	\$320,100		\$20
Turlock Unified	Stanislaus	\$442,000		\$33
	Stanislaus Total	\$1,100,100		
Yuba City Unified	Sutter	\$649,700		\$52
	Sutter Total	\$649,700		
Cutler-Orosi Joint Unified	Tulare	\$1,626,800		\$413
Dinuba Unified	Tulare	\$1,830,300		\$331
Farmersville Unified	Tulare	\$1,036,900		\$446
	Tulare Total	\$4,494,000		
Hueneme Elementary	Ventura	\$419,600		\$54
Oxnard Elementary	Ventura	\$4,179,500		\$281
Santa Paula Elementary	Ventura	\$857,600		\$243
	Ventura Total	\$5,456,700		
Washington Unified	Yolo	\$316,500		\$46
	Yolo Total	\$316,500		
Marysville Joint Unified	Yuba	\$354,500		\$36
	Yuba Total	\$354,500		
Grand Total		\$382,077,200		

**The Following shows the State-wide Impact on
Selected Group of Students if SB3X 12(Steinberg) is
not Passed**

 **Disadvantage Children** - Students eligible for the federal free or reduced lunch program are cut by an average of \$92 per child. This is 2.6 times greater than the cut for children who are not eligible (\$35 per child)

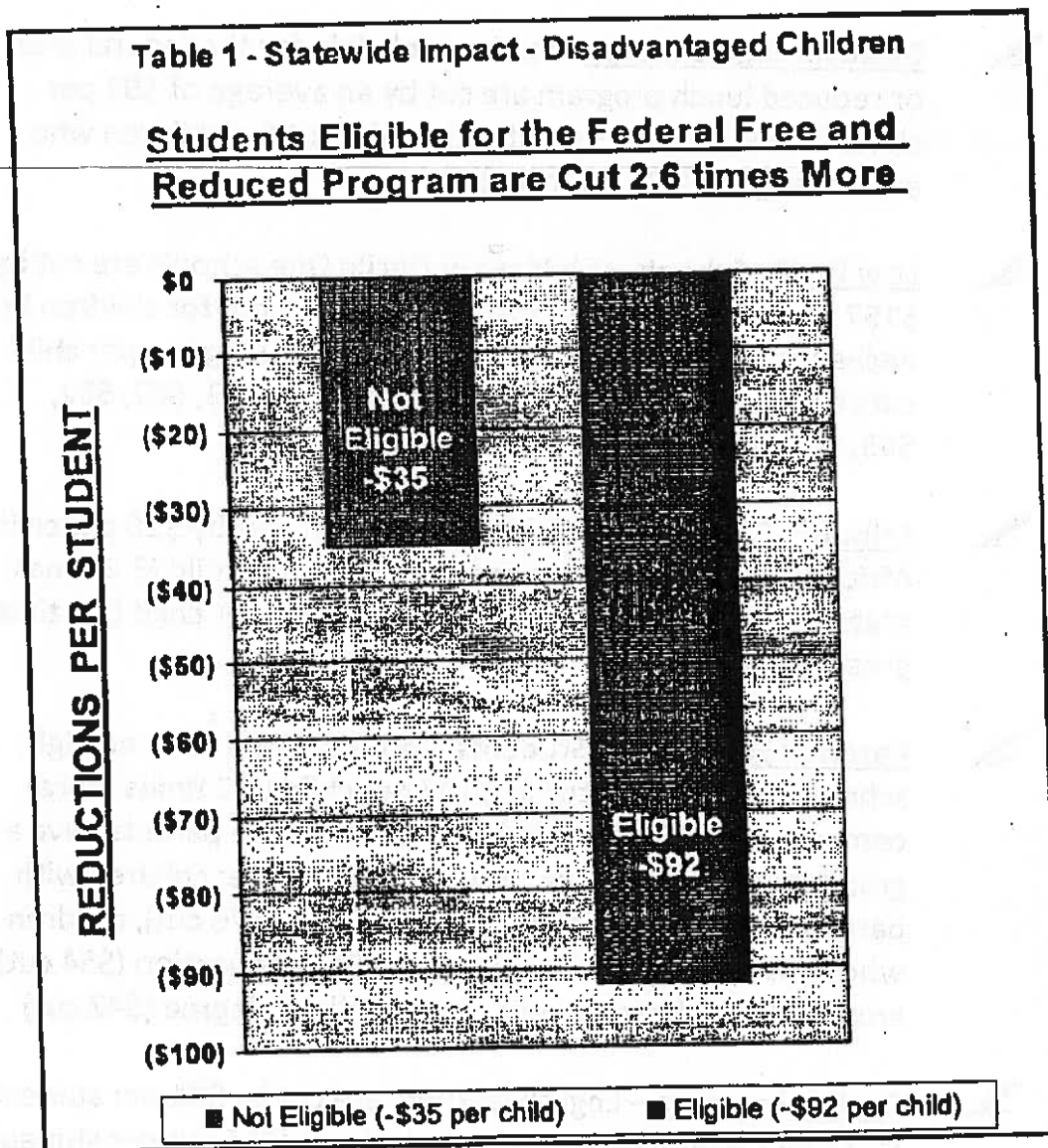
 **Low Decile Schools** - Children in Decile One schools are cut by \$157 per child. This is almost ten times the cut for children in decile ten schools (\$16 per child). The following are per child cuts for each of the ten deciles: \$157, \$137, \$93, \$67, \$52, \$33, \$32, \$29, \$22, and \$16 per child.

 **Minority Differences** - White children are cut by \$26 per child, African-American children are cut by \$83 per child (3.2 times greater), and Latino children are cut by \$90 per child (3.5 times greater)

 **Parental Education** - Students whose parents have no high school education are cut by \$107 per child (3.2 times more) compared to \$33 per child for children whose parents have a graduate education. The other categories are: children with parents that have a high school education (\$76 cut), children whose parents have some type of college education (\$54 cut), and children whose parents have a college degree (\$42 cut)

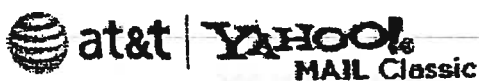
 **English Learners** - English learners are cut by \$91 per student (1.7 times) compared to non-EL students (\$55 cut per student).

Table 1 shows the statewide impact on students who are eligible for the Federal Free and Reduced Lunch Program if SB 3X 12 (Steinberg) is not passed.



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From: "steve samuella" <ca-consulting@sbcglobal.net>
To: "Carrol Terrazas" <carrol.ca-consult@sbcglobal.net>
SB 84 DOC091009.pdf (144KB)

Attached is the final language. The bill will be taken up later today. Stephen Rhoads has done a fantastic job working on this project. Steve

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**AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL NO. 84
AS AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY SEPTEMBER 4, 2009**

Amendment 1

In line 2 of the heading, strike out "Leno" and insert:

Steinberg

Amendment 2

Below line 2 of the heading, insert:

(Principal coauthor: Assembly Member Bass)
(Coauthors: Senators Florez, Hancock, and Romero)
(Coauthors: Assembly Members Brownley, Carter, De Leon, Torlakson, and V. Manuel
Perez)

Amendment 3

Strike out lines 1 to 3, inclusive, of the title, and insert:

An act to amend Section 39 of Chapter 2 of the Fourth Extraordinary Session of the
Statutes of 2009, relating to education finance, and making an appropriation therefor.

Amendment 4

On page 2, before line 1, insert:

SECTION 1. Section 39 of Chapter 2 of the Fourth Extraordinary Session of
the Statutes of 2009, is amended to read:

Sec. 39. (a) (1) The sum of four hundred two million dollars (\$402,000,000)
is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Superintendent of Public Instruction
for the 2009-10 fiscal year to be allocated to schoolsites selected to participate in the
Quality Education Investment Act program pursuant to Section 52055.730 of the
Education Code. Local educational agencies shall receive funding, on behalf of funded
schools, at the rates established pursuant to subdivisions (a) and (i) of Section 52055.770
of the Education Code. Local educational agencies and school sites receiving this
funding shall comply with all of the requirements of the Quality Education Investment
Act program specified in Article 3.7 (commencing with Section 52055.700) of Chapter
6.1 of Part 28 of Division 4 of Title 2 of Part 28 of the Education Code.

(2) Notwithstanding Section 52055.770 of the Education Code, for purposes of
making the computations required by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California
Constitution, the appropriation made by this subdivision shall be included in the "total
allocations to school districts and community college districts from General Fund
proceeds of taxes appropriated pursuant to Article XIII B," as defined in Section 41202
of the Education Code for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

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(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the appropriation made in this subdivision shall be in lieu of the appropriation required by subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (c) of Section 52055.770 of the Education Code for the 2009-10 fiscal year.

(b) For each school district and chartering authority receiving an allocation pursuant to subdivision (a), the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall reduce its revenue limit determined pursuant to Section 42238 of the Education Code or its general purpose entitlement determined pursuant to Section 47633 of the Education Code, as applicable, for the 2009-10 fiscal year by the amount of the allocation received pursuant to subdivision (a). However, the reduction shall occur only upon determination by the Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Finance that an equivalent amount of additional federal or state funds that may be used by school districts and chartering authorities for the same purposes as funds received pursuant to Sections 42238 and 47633 of the Education Code have been made available to that school district or chartering authority.

(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, local educational agencies that participated in the Quality Education Investment Act Program in the 2009-10 fiscal year may, on behalf of eligible schoolsites, apply to the State Department of Education for grants provided to the state pursuant to subdivisions subsections (a) and (g) of Section 1003 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6303 et seq.) and for moneys reserved by the state pursuant to subdivision subsection (g) of Section 1003 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The State Department of Education shall award grants to schoolsites during the 2009-10 fiscal year from funds provided pursuant to subdivision subsection (a) or subdivision subsection (g), as appropriate, of Section 1003 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which apply for these funds pursuant to this subdivision and meet all of the eligibility requirements for the receipt of these funds.

(d) The Superintendent of Public Instruction and the Director of Finance shall report to the Legislature the amount of the reductions specified in subdivision (b), if any, that will not be eligible for restoration with available federal funding by March 1, 2010.

(e) The Superintendent of Public Instruction shall use sixty-four million eight hundred seventy-two thousand dollars (\$64,872,000) in one-time carryover funds provided to the state under subsection (a) of Section 1003 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (20 U.S.C. Sec. 6303 et seq.), as appropriated pursuant to Provision 7 of Item 6110-134-0890 of Chapter 1 of the Third Extraordinary Session of the Statutes of 2009, in combination with other available funds, for the purpose of awarding grants to local educational agencies that participate in the Quality Education Investment Act Program in the 2009-10 fiscal year.

(f) It is the intent of the Legislature that the first priority for a source of funding to restore the reductions specified in subdivision (b) shall be federal funds.

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Amendment 5

On page 2, strike out lines 1 to 28, inclusive, and strike out pages 3 to 6, inclusive

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**Public Update - Title 1, Part A Waivers**

Thursday, September 10, 2009 2:02 AM

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

To: "Carrol Terrazas" <carrol.ca-consult@sbcglobal.net>

The purpose of this update is to provide information about the Title I, Part A Waivers process and its current status.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) has provided significant new funding for programs under Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The ARRA has targeted \$10 billion nation wide to local educational agencies (LEAs) for schools receiving Title I, Part A funds to help improve teaching and learning for students most at risk of failing to meet academic achievement standards. In July of 2009, Secretary of Education Duncan of the U.S. Department of Education (ED) invited states to participate in the submission of specific waivers pertaining to Title I, Part A of ESEA. This invitation detailed information about the types of waivers that could be submitted, which entities may submit a waiver, waiver contents and requirements, duration, and acceptable formats for submission (see www.ed.gov/programs/titleiparta/title-i-waiver.doc).

ED has invited states to submit waivers of Title I, Part A statutory and regulatory requirements related to providing parents with 14 day notice of their public school choice options when their school has been newly identified for program improvement (PI); supplemental educational services (SES) and public school choice; the prohibition on approving schools and LEAs in PI as SES providers; maintenance of effort; and to allow an LEA to use Title I funds to offer SES in addition to public school choice to eligible students in Title I schools in the first year of PI.

ED has also invited states to submit waivers related to the use of ARRA funds including: allowing exclusion of Title I, Part A ARRA funds in "set-aside" calculations, in determining the per-pupil amount of SES, and carryover limitations.

California intends to apply for each waiver on behalf of its LEAs. The waiver is intended to provide increased flexibility, increase the quality of instruction for students, and improve the academic achievement of students. The waiver application is reviewed and acted on by the State Board of Education (SBE) prior to submission to ED. A public notice and comment period is included as part of the SBE waiver application process. The SBE is scheduled to review and act on the waiver application at its September 16-17, 2009 meeting. Upon SBE approval, ED will receive California's request for Title I, Part A waivers later in September 2009.

The California Department of Education (CDE) is preparing an application process for those LEAs seeking Title I, Part A waivers. The LEA waiver application will be made available by the CDE to interested LEAs following ED approval. The LEA Waiver Application will include, specific to each waiver, statutory assurances, assurances of meeting waiver conditions, and as required, a narrative statement by the applicant LEA describing its obligations.

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We wanted to bring the attached letter from California Department of Parks and Recreation to your attention. Pay particular attention to the section regarding Prop 84. The Prop 84 application is now officially out and available and is due March 1, 2010. The Prop 84 grant is a historic opportunity to fund parks and recreation in California.

If you are a current California Consulting, LLC client please contact us if you would like our team to pursue any of these grant opportunities for you. If you are not a current California Consulting, LLC client feel free to contact us to inquire about our services.



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Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor

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Ruth Coleman, Director

September 1, 2009

**RE: California State Parks (CSP) Proposition 84 Local Assistance Grants:
Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008
and Nature Education Facilities Grant Program**

Dear local officials and interested parties,

CSP's Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) is pleased to provide important updates about the following new competitive grant programs from the Proposition 84, 2006 Bond Act.

- Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008
- Nature Education Facilities Grant Program

**Statewide Park Development and Community Revitalization Program of 2008
(Statewide Park Program)**

This new competitive grant program was created by Assembly Bill 31 (De Leon) Chapter 623, Statutes of 2008. There will be two rounds awarding \$368,000,000 to critically underserved communities throughout California. The 2009/10 Budget Act appropriated \$184,000,000 for the first competitive round.

ROUND ONE APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 1, 2010

Applications for the \$184,000,000 first competitive round must be post marked or hand delivered to OGALS no later than March 1, 2010.

Application Guide – April 1, 2009

The final version of the Statewide Park Program Application Guide, dated April 1, 2009, is available at www.parks.ca.gov/grants. The Application Guide provides all application requirements and instructions. OGALS recommends that applicants start using the Project Selection Criteria and Technical Assistance beginning on page 26 as a project location and concept planning guide.

Technical Assistance Workshops

OGALS will hold technical assistance workshops throughout the state starting in October 2009. Attendees are encouraged to ask questions about application requirements, including project selection criteria. The workshop schedule and locations will be announced soon through a separate notice and will also be posted on www.parks.ca.gov/grants. Applicants are also encouraged to contact Viktor Patiño at vpati@parks.ca.gov or (916) 651-8598 for technical assistance.

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Nature Education Facilities Grant Program

This new competitive program will award \$93,000,000 in grants for development of nature education facilities, buildings, structures and exhibit galleries that present collections to inspire and educate the public and for marine wildlife conservation research equipment and facilities. The 2009/10 Budget Act appropriated \$93,000,000. Funding was made available through the Parks and Nature Education Facilities chapter in Proposition 84 as set forth in Public Resources Code Division 43, Chapter 8, §75063 (b).

Release of Draft Application Guide

The Draft Application Guide is available on our website at www.parks.ca.gov/grants

Public Hearings

OGALS will hold four public hearings at the locations and times noted on the enclosed flyer. The purpose of the meetings is to allow the public to provide comments on the proposed guidelines. These comments will help to assist OGALS in developing user-friendly guidelines that effectively meet the program's legislative intent. There is no cost to attend the public hearings and RSVPs are not required.

Start of Public Comment Period

The public comment period begins September 1, 2009, and ends October 1, 2009. OGALS must receive all comments by October 1, 2009. Interested parties may send OGALS comments on the draft guidelines by mail, email, or fax.

Mail: Sandy Berry
California Department of Parks and Recreation
Office of Grants and Local Services
PO Box 942896
Sacramento, CA 94296-0001

Email: sberr@parks.ca.gov

Fax: Attn: Sandy Berry
Fax: (916) 653-6511

Final Nature Education Facilities Application Guide and Technical Assistance Workshops

At the conclusion of the public comment period, OGALS will publish the final guide and then hold technical assistance workshops throughout the state. These workshops will answer questions about grant program application and administrative requirements.

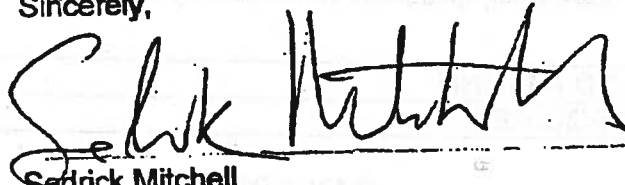
Applications for grant funds will be due approximately three months after OGALS publishes the final Application Guide.

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We encourage you to check our website at www.parks.ca.gov/grants for further updates about the Statewide Park Program, Nature Education Facilities Program, or annual grant programs.

We look forward to working with you on these exciting new programs to improve the quality of life for communities throughout California.

Sincerely,



Sedrick Mitchell
Deputy Director, External Affairs

Enclosure

cc: Patti Keating, Chief, Office of Grants and Local Services



**CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS
OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES
NATURE EDUCATION FACILITIES (NEF) PROGRAM GUIDE
PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULE**

The purpose of each public hearing is to allow the public to provide comments on the proposed guidelines. These comments will help to assist OGALS in developing user-friendly guidelines that effectively meet the program's legislative intent.

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND

NO RSVP REQUIRED

SACRAMENTO AREA

Effie Yeaw Nature Center
2850 San Lorenzo Way
Carmichael CA 95609

Monday
September 14, 2009
1:30p.m. - 4:30p.m.

BAY AREA

Oakland Zoo
Marian Zimmer Auditorium
9777 Golf Links Rd
Oakland CA 94605

Thursday
September 24, 2009
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

FRESNO AREA

Chaffee Zoo
Falk Education Building
894 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728

Wednesday
September 16, 2009
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

LOS ANGELES AREA

Steinmetz Park Senior Center
1545 South Stimson Avenue
Hacienda Heights, CA 91745

Thursday
October 1, 2009
9:30a.m. - 12:30p.m.

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Senate Committee on Local Government
Senator Patricia Wiggins, Chair
State Capitol, Sacramento, California 95814
(916) 651-4115
www.sen.ca.gov/locgov

September 14, 2009

TO: People Interested in Local Government, Public Finance, and Land Use
FROM: Senator Patricia Wiggins
SUBJECT: Local Government Bills During 2009

Because you are interested in public finance, land use, redevelopment, and governance topics, I want you to know about some of the more interesting bills that the Senate Local Government Committee worked on during 2009.

The Governor has until October 11 to act on the bills that the Legislature passed this year. An urgency bill takes effect when it's chaptered; regular bills will take effect on January 1, 2010.

These brief summaries cover a selection of the 75 bills that the Committee has reviewed. If you want to read the Committee's bill analysis or get a copy of a bill, please go to the Legislature's official website www.leginfo.ca.gov. You can also use that website to retrieve other bill analyses, official histories, voting records, and any veto messages.

LOCAL FINANCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

SB 27 (Hancock) prohibits counties and cities from entering into specified agreements to rebate local sales tax proceeds. **Status:** Signed; Chapter 4, Statutes of 2009.

* **SB 80 (Senate Budget Committee)** shifts \$350 million in property tax increment revenues from redevelopment agencies to schools. **Status:** Senate Floor; concurrence in Assembly amendments failed, reconsideration granted, two-year bill.

SB 99 (Senate Local Government Committee) imposes additional transparency and accountability requirements on public agencies that provide conduit financing. **Status:** Governor's Desk.

SB 279 (Hancock) authorizes Mello-Roos Act financing for water conservation, energy efficiency, and renewable energy improvements on any real property. **Status:** Governor's Desk.

SB 676 (Wolk) increases or eliminates the statutory limits on 11 local fees. Status: Governor's Desk.

SB 684 (Cogdill) and SB 85 (Cogdill) modify the property tax allocation formulas to increase annual allocations to specific counties. Status: SB 684 - Assembly Appropriations Committee; two-year bill. SB 85 - Senate Floor; two-year bill.

SCA 12 (Liu) exempts stormwater and urban runoff management fees or charges from voter approval requirements. Status: Senate Floor; two-year bill.

* AB 14xxxx (Assembly Budget Committee) and AB 15xxxx (Gaines) rely on Proposition 1A (2004) to borrow \$1.935 billion in property tax revenues from counties, cities, and special districts to help the State General Fund. Status: Signed; Chapters 13 & 14, Statutes of the 2009 Fourth Extraordinary Session.

* AB 24xxxx (Bass & Blakeslee) and AB 30xxxx (Assembly Budget Committee) divert and later repay \$971 million in Highway Users Tax Account (HUTA) revenues from counties and cities to help the State General Fund. Status: Assembly Floor; concurrence in Senate amendments died without a vote.

* AB 26xxxx (Assembly Budget Committee) shifts \$1.7 billion in property tax increment revenues from redevelopment agencies to schools in 2009-10 and another \$350 million in 2010-11 to help the State General Fund. Status: Signed; Chapter 21, Statutes of the 2009 Fourth Extraordinary Session.

AB 474 (Blumenfield) authorizes contractual assessment financing for water efficiency improvements on real property. Status: Governor's Desk.

AB 1388 (Hernandez) authorizes counties, cities, and special districts to sell general obligation bonds at negotiated sales. Status: Governor's Desk.

LOCAL POWERS & GOVERNANCE

SB 43 (Alquist) authorizes a joint powers agency (JPA) to use a unique, no-bid design-build process to build a professional football stadium in the City of Santa Clara. Status: Governor's Desk.

SB 101, SB 102, and SB 103 (Senate Local Government Committee) are the annual Validating Acts. Status: The Governor signed SB 101 as Chapter 2, Statutes of 2009 (urgency). SB 102 and SB 103 are on the Governor's Desk.

SB 106 (Senate Local Government Committee) requires school district, community college district, and county board of education officials to receive the same ethics training as other local government officials. Status: Assembly Appropriations Committee; two-year bill.

SB 113 (Senate Local Government Committee) is the annual Local Government Omnibus Act, making 39 relatively minor and noncontroversial changes to the state laws affecting local agencies' powers and duties. Status: Governor's Desk.

SB 250 (Florez) requires dogs and cats to be spayed or neutered under certain circumstances. Status: Assembly Floor inactive file; two-year bill.

SB 694 (Correa) requires competitive bidding on certain types of local public works contracts. Status: Senate Local Government Committee; two-year bill.

AB 18 (Knight) extends city councils' deadline to fill vacancies by appointment by 30 days and clarifies councilmembers' terms of office in new cities. Status: Governor's Desk.

AB 155 (Mendoza) and * SB 88 (DeSaulnier) require a local public entity to obtain approval from CDIAC to file a federal bankruptcy petition. Status: AB 155 - Senate Local Government Committee; two-year bill. SB 88 - Senate Rules Committee; two-year bill.

AB 715 (Caballero) permits cities and counties to post approved ordinances on their websites in lieu of publishing the ordinances in general circulation newspapers. Status: Senate Local Government Committee; two-year bill.

AB 772 (Ammiano) authorizes counties to issue local identification cards that meet statutory criteria. Status: Governor's Desk.

LAND USE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

SB 12 (Simitian) creates the Delta Ecosystem and Water Council with authority over planning and development decisions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta. Status: Senate Floor; Conference Committee report pending; two-year bill.

SB 194 (Florez) enacts the Community Equity Investment Act of 2009 with special provisions for development in disadvantaged fringe, island, and legacy communities. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee; two-year bill.

SB 457 (Wolk) creates the Delta Stewardship Council with authority over planning and development decisions in the Sacramento-San Joaquin river delta. Status: Assembly Water, Parks and Wildlife Committee; two-year bill.

* SB 458 (Steinberg) expands the Delta Protection Commission's role, and creates the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy and the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta Conservancy Fund. Status: Conference Committee report pending on the Senate and Assembly Floors; two-year bill.

SB 505 (Kehoe) expands the fire safety planning requirements in local general plans' safety elements. Status: Governor's Desk.

SB 737 (Negrete McLeod) restores the requirement that every county with a public use airport must have an Airport Land Use Commission, with exceptions. Status: Senate Appropriations Committee; two-year bill.

AB 45 (Blakeslee) authorizes (and in some circumstances requires) cities and counties to permit the installation of small wind energy systems that meet statutory criteria. Status: Governor's Desk.

* AB 81xxx (Hall) exempts the approval of a professional football stadium in the City of Industry from requirements of the Planning and Zoning Law and CEQA, nullifies pending lawsuits, and prohibits future lawsuits. Status: Senate Rules Committee; two-year bill.

AB 300 (Caballero) requires the reduction of a proposed development's anticipated water demand based on voluntary water demand management measures. Status: Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee; two-year bill.

AB 333 (Fuentes) and AB 1084 (Adams) extend the life of existing tentative subdivision maps by two years. Status: AB 333 - Signed; Chapter 18, Statutes of 2009. AB 1084 - Governor's Desk.

AB 338 (Ma) exempts cities and counties from statutory voter approval requirements for forming and financing of Infrastructure Financing Districts (IFDs) that finance public transit facilities in transit villages, and increases the maximum area of a transit village development district. Status: Governor's Desk.

AB 494 (Caballero) exempts leases of agriculturally-zoned land for farmworker housing from the Subdivision Map Act. Status: Governor's Desk.

* AB 602 (Evans) changes the statute of limitations deadline for filing land use lawsuits involving affordable housing. Status: Senate Rules Committee; two-year bill.

AB 666 (Jones) requires county supervisors, when approving subdivisions in fire-prone areas, to find that adequate fire protection exists. Status: Governor's Desk.

REDEVELOPMENT

* SB 4xx (Cogdill) allows redevelopment officials to use the design-build contracting method for 10 public works projects. Status: Signed; Chapter 2, Statutes of the 2009 Second Extraordinary Session.

SB 93 (Kehoe) limits redevelopment officials' spending on public works outside of redevelopment project areas. Status: Governor's Desk.

* AB 27xxx (Evans) allows redevelopment officials to extend their project areas' time limits by 40 years in return for shifting 10% of their property tax increment revenues to a new state account to securitize a multi-billion state bond issue. Status: Assembly Floor; concurrence in Senate amendments died without a vote.

LAFCOs & BOUNDARY CHANGES

SB 215 (Wiggins) requires LAFCOs to consider regional transportation plans, including sustainable communities strategies, before they act on boundary changes. Status: Governor's Desk.

AB 528 (Silva) clarifies the reporting requirements for political contributions and spending on proposed boundary changes. Status: Signed; Chapter 113, Statutes of 2009.

AB 853 (Arambula) expedites city annexations of unincorporated fringe communities and unincorporated island communities. Status: Senate Local Government Committee; two-year bill.

AB 1582 (Assembly Local Government Committee) makes six changes to the state laws affecting LAFCOs. Status: Signed; Chapter 155, Statutes of 2009.

* This bill did not come to the Senate Local Government Committee.

INTERIM HEARING

On September 28, the Senate and Assembly Local Government Committees will hold a joint interim hearing in Sacramento on the long-term impacts of the Military Base Conversion Redevelopment Law. For more information about the hearing, call the Committee at (916) 651-4115.