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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

TRANSPORTATION TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, February 12, 2010
Time: 8:30 a.m.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date: Friday, February 12, 2010
Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place:

COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Transportation Technical Committee Members Attending:

Nicholas Don Paladino, Fresno Cycling Club
Jeffrey D. Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Dennis Manning, FARRC
Debbie Hunsaker, Alert-O-Lite
Bernard Jimenez, Fresno County
John Donaldson, League of Women Voters
Dwight Kroll, City of Clovis

Ken Hamm, City of Fresno
Gary Joseph, Fresno County Economic Opportunities Corp.
Janet Dailey, Fresno County
Scott Mozier, City of Fresno
Renee Mathis, City of Clovis
Noe Martinez, City of Reedley

Others Attending:

Will Washburn, Provost & Pritchard
Lydia Zabrycki, Quad Knopf
Mike Knopf, Quad Knopf
Walt Plachta, BSK
Jeff Roberts, Building Industry Association
Mary Gonzalez, City of Fresno
Jeff Long, Fresno COG/FAX
John Downs, COG/FAX

Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Todd Sobrado, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG

Transportation Technical Committee

The Transportation Technical Committee (TTC) will consider Items I – IV prior to the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting. This portion of the meeting is scheduled to begin at **8:30 a.m.**

The meeting was called to order by Scott Mozier, Chair.

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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Approve
Info/Accept
Authorize
Accept

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

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A motion was made by John Donaldson (LWV) and seconded by Debbie Hunsaker (AOL) to approve the Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

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Lauren Dawson (COG) informed the committee, that the Economic Development and Infrastructure Improvements on the Golden State Corridor Project are moving forward using Measure "C" funding. The elements of the study were reviewed, the process that the Interview Panel employed in the selection process was presented, and the rationale for the selection of the Quad Knopf team was delivered to the committee.

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Bernard Jimenez (Fresno County) commented to the committee that this was a unique opportunity to partner with the City of Fresno. There is also a private community group in the Fig Garden Home Owners Association that is actively engaged in this planning process. Fresno County encourages this process to move forward.

There was a consensus by the committee to move forward with the 2010/2011 Caltrans Transportation Planning Grants.

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John Donaldson (LWV) commented that he read in the Fresno Bee that the Rail Realignment was dead because of the High-speed rails unknown direction at this point.

Mr. Thompson explained that it may be dead in the sense that it is linked to the High-Speed Rail project. The Rail Realignment can still occur in terms of a western loop alignment; however it would be difficult to make happen given the cost for the Rail Realignment.

Dennis Manning explained that theoretically Rail Consolidation can still be done if the High-Speed Train comes through as planned but the cost would be large, and In the event that the High-Speed Rail does not come through as planned, Rail Consolidation could come back.

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

F. 2011 RTP Update

Clark Thompson (COG) explained that in past revisions of the RTP, staff would work for about 6 months and complete the document. It would then be adopted after that, and would then not be addressed again for another few years. Mr. Thompson also explained that with SB 375 and Blueprint planning, the RTP is being viewed as a living document. Mr. Thompson believes that the RTP needs to be addressed in an ongoing manner because the process that we will be engaged in getting ready for the 2014 RTP. Staff is working on the RTP and will be coming back in April for the initial review and comment period.

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

G. California Transportation Commission 2009 Annual Report to the California Legislature

Laural Fawcett (COG) reported on this item. The California Transportation Commission (Commission) shifted from programming to implementation mode for the nine Proposition 1B programs before the close of fiscal year 2008-09. The Commission has programmed all Proposition 1B dollars within its purview with the exception of the remaining cycles of the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP). Detailed descriptions and progress of Proposition 1B programs are provided in subsequent sections of the annual report. The Commission has also worked with statewide transportation stakeholders to deliver other programs within its purview, allocating over \$7.6 billion in state and federal transportation funding in the 2008-09 fiscal year, helping the state to achieve transportation construction activity in excess of \$9.0 billion in state construction contracts alone.

This outcome, considering the ongoing budget uncertainties, highlights the strong and dedicated commitment of all those involved. A copy of the full report is available on the website @ www.fresnocog.org under meeting package information.

Six issues will capture the transportation community's attention in 2010.

- The state's ongoing budget deficit and its impact on available transportation resources.
- Programming and funding the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Incorporating greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures into the planning, programming and implementation of transportation projects.
- Preservation of the state's transportation system, and how the needs continue to grow beyond available resources.
- Federal Transportation Bill re-authorization and how it may impact California's leveraging ability.
- Continuing pursuit of reliable funding to address the state's transportation system needs.

Tony Boren, Executive Director, informed the committee about the situation in Sacramento there is not enough money to provide funds for Transportation, and the Governor is making a proposal to swap the sales tax on gasoline. This would turn everything around for transportation funding. Mr. Boren also informed the committee that the Senate and the Assembly agreed on the language. What is most likely to come out of this is that there will be a mechanism for the MPO's to be the entity that assesses fees.

Dennis Manning (FARRC) commented on what was happening at FAX with the loss of Transit funding. Mr. Manning would also like to know where the BRT is headed. Ken Hamm (FAX) suggested coming back and talking more about the BRT.

Scott Mozier informed the committee that the current item is about the CTC Annual Report and suggested bringing this item back either through the PTIS or BRT process, or have an interim update at a more appropriate time.

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

H. West Area Transportation and Circulation Study Update

Tom Webster (COG) reported that Fehr and Peers has conducted a preliminary traffic analysis of the study area including traffic counts, 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 focusing on the direction for the study.

Fehr and Peers conducted a series of stakeholder interviews. The report on the interviews, a contract deliverable is currently underway. A steering committee meeting took place on February 09, 2010. A progress report was submitted to the committee and direction was provided to the consultant team.

Preliminary recommendations, based on financial constraints and roadway demands, are also underway. A draft report is expected in February or March of 2010.

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

I. The Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010, H.R.

Melissa Garza (COG) reported that in December 2009, the House introduced an anticipated "jobs package", Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010, that will provide states with sizeable infrastructure and potential job-saving initiatives to help weather the current economic lull. Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 redirects \$75 billion in Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) savings from Wall Street to Main Street to fund infrastructure and job investments to further stabilize jobs and provide additional emergency funding to help families who are suffering. It is emphasized that the companion bill that is still in the Senate is roughly half the house bill, and there is no guarantee on passage.

Due to the strict delivery requirements in the House bill, FHWA has gotten out in front of the legislative process and recommended that the state may assume Stim 2 funds of \$2.57 billion, which is equal to the actual level of funding received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Caltrans has provided each MPO with preliminary estimates of Stim 2 funds for their region. Each regional estimate may be different from what the region received under ARRA. Like ARRA, this package is aimed at funding "shovel ready" projects; however, there is a 90 day contract delivery timeline requirement for 50% of

all Stim 2 projects. In order for the state to meet the 90 days contract delivery timeline, amendments to add the Stim 2 preliminary estimates should be completed and federally approved by March 1, 2010. The estimated gross amount available for this region is \$33,245,046.

Fresno COG Activity:

Backing up from the March 1, 2010 anticipated Apportionment date, through our FTIP federal review and approval process, an amendment to the FTIP including eligible Stim 2 projects must be released for Inter Agency Consultation on February 5, 2010. Staff issued an urgency notice to member agencies requesting eligible projects. Staff will include these on FTIP Amendment # 20. The Executive Director of Fresno COG, as authorized by the Policy Board, will take action on the proposed amendment on February 19, 2010. Fresno COG anticipates State and Federal approval by March 1, 2010. The details of this amendment can be viewed at www.fresnocog.org.

COG staff has been actively participating in dialogue at both a state and national level, tracking policy recommendations and evaluating the needs of our region.

Tony Boren, Executive Director, explained to the committee that back in December a bill was passed called the Jobs for Main Street Act. This was basically taking funds from TARP that were paid back and redirected \$75 million of those funds to the Jobs for Main Street legislation.

Mr. Boren also explained the Federal Stimulus Target handout that was distributed at the meeting.

Scott Mozier (Fresno City) suggested that Ms. Garza send out an e-mail with this information to all the cities to let them know about the Jobs for Main Street Act 2010.

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

J. Formal Amendment #20 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program,

Melissa Garza reported on this item. Fresno COG is currently amending the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The 14-day public review and comment period for Amendment #20 commenced on February 5, 2010 and will close on February 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.; written comments are welcome. All documentation associated with this amendment are available for viewing on the Fresno COG website at www.fresnocog.org.

The 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is the incremental implementation of the long-range Regional Transportation Plan and includes programming for fiscal years 2008/09 through 2011/12. Amendment #20 provides for the modification and addition of projects into the FTIP.

For more information regarding the amendment process or the public review process, please contact Melissa Garza at 559-233-4148.

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

K. 2010-11 Overall Work Program Draft

Tony Boren (COG) reported on this item. A summary memo and the draft 2010-11 Overall Work Program (OWP) was distributed at the meeting. Staff provided a presentation on the document. Distribution of this draft OWP begins the review and comment period with adoption expected in May. This document is available on the website under OWP and also under the meeting package items in Committees & Agendas. The Intermodal Planning Group, the federal and state agency review committee, is scheduled to meet on March 2, 2010 to review the OWP.

Mr. Boren, discussed the 2010-2011 Draft OWP memo that was distributed to the committee at the meeting.

A motion was made by Debbie Hunsaker (Alert-O-Lite) and seconded by John Donaldson (LWV) to recommend the initiation of the 45-day review process. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Items from Staff

Mr. Boren informed the committee of a San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition flyer that announced a meeting on February 17, 2010.

B. Items from Members

Debbie Hunsaker informed the committee about a meeting she attended regarding the Governor's Small Business Advocacy group. The Governor has asked all businesses, small business in particular, to submit any regulations that are currently, either on the books or coming into play, that affect a businesses ability to retain jobs, jobs to stay in business or add jobs by the end of February. The Governor is committed to suspending these regulations and has the authority to do so in 60 day intervals. If change, look effective the Governor can continue to postpone or suspend them through the rest of his administration. Ms. Hunsaker encourages all business to provide comments to the Governors office.

Scott Mozier (City of Fresno) introduced Noe Martinez as the new City Engineer of the City of Reedley.

Mr. Mozier also wants to add an item for the election of a new Vice Chair to the agenda for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony Boren". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Tony Boren, Executive Director

JOINT Transportation Technical Committee / Policy Advisory Committee

The TTC and the PAC met as a joint Committee to consider scheduled public presentations brought before the Committees. This portion of the meeting began at 10:00 a.m.

V. PRESENTATIONS

A. Cemex – Morrow Mountain – Jolene Polyack

Jolene Polyack gave a PowerPoint presentation on Morrow Mountain. Ms. Polyack also invited the committee to take a tour of Morrow Mountain.

B. Broadband Presentation – Stan Santos, Vice President, CWA Local 9408

Stan Santos gave a presentation on Broadband.

C. Caltrans Monthly Report

There was no report from Caltrans.

POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
10:15 AM

Policy Advisory Committee Members Attending:

Rocky Rogers, City of Reedley (Chair)
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
Gabriel Gonzalez, City of Mendota
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Gerald Forde, City of Huron
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Don Pauley, City of Kingsburg
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F. 2011 RTP Update

Clark Thompson (COG) explained that staff will be very busy working on the RTP for the next month. The draft RTP will be brought back to initiate review and comment in April. As for now staff is conducting several focus groups.

Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) asked how these none-profit agencies were informed of this opportunity for the Mini Grant, and if there is a list of the ones that were selected.

Brenda Lauchner (COG) explained that she has been working with four groups that were selected.

1. Green Footprint
2. El Concilio De Fresno
3. The Belmont Merchants Association
4. Central California Center for Obesity Prevention

These four agencies have signed agreements and are meeting with people in different communities within the rural and urban parts of the community to get surveys done, meetings started and to process all the information that we have given them. This should be done by the end of February or beginning of March.

Ms. Ramos also asked how a non-profit organization can get on this list. Ms. Lauchner explained that they need to call or preferably e-mail so that COG staff can e-mail the information to them for a quicker response. There is an e-mail database and a mailing database.

Mr. Thompson also explained that these agencies only received \$2,500 each from the mini grants which is not a lot but is a big help to them.

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

G. California Transportation Commission 2009 Annual Report to the California Legislature

Laural Fawcett (COG) reported on this item. The California Transportation Commission (Commission) shifted from programming to implementation mode for the nine Proposition 1B programs before the close of fiscal year 2008-09. The Commission has programmed all Proposition 1B dollars within its purview with the exception of the remaining cycles of the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP). Detailed descriptions and progress of Proposition 1B programs are provided in subsequent sections of the annual report. The Commission has also worked with statewide transportation stakeholders to deliver other programs within its purview, allocating over \$7.6 billion in state and federal transportation funding in the 2008-09 fiscal year, helping the state to achieve transportation construction activity in excess of \$9.0 billion in state construction contracts alone. This outcome, considering the ongoing budget uncertainties, highlights the strong and dedicated commitment of all those involved. A copy of the full report is available on the website @ www.fresnocog.org under meeting package information.

Six issues will capture the transportation community's attention in 2010.

- The state's ongoing budget deficit and its impact on available transportation resources.
- Programming and funding the 2010 State Transportation Improvement Program (STIP).
- Incorporating greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction measures into the planning, programming and implementation of transportation projects.
- Preservation of the state's transportation system, and how the needs continue to grow beyond available resources.
- Federal Transportation Bill re-authorization and how it may impact California's leveraging ability.
- Continuing pursuit of reliable funding to address the state's transportation system needs.

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

H. West Area Transportation and Circulation Study Update

Tom Webster (COG) reported that Fehr and Peers has conducted a preliminary traffic analysis of the study area including traffic counts, 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 focusing on the direction for the study.

Fehr and Peers conducted a series of stakeholder interviews. The report on the interviews, a contract deliverable, is currently underway. A steering committee meeting took place on February 09, 2010. A progress report was submitted to the committee and direction was provided to the consultant team.

Preliminary recommendations based, on financial constraints and roadway demands, are also underway. A draft report is expected in February or March of 2010.

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

I. The Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010, H.R.

Melissa Garza (COG) reported that in December 2009, the House introduced an anticipated "jobs package", Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010, that will provide states with sizeable infrastructure and potential job-saving initiatives to help weather the current economic lull.

Jobs for Main Street Act of 2010 redirects \$75 billion in Troubled Asset Relief Program (TARP) savings from Wall Street to Main Street to fund infrastructure and job investments to further stabilize jobs and provide additional emergency funding to help families who are suffering. It is emphasized that the companion bill that is still in the Senate is roughly half the house bill, and there is no guarantee on passage.

Due to the strict delivery requirements in the House bill, FHWA has gotten out in front of the legislative process and recommended that the state may assume Stim 2 funds of \$2.57 billion, which is equal to the actual level of funding received under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). Caltrans has provided each MPO with preliminary estimates of Stim 2 funds for their region.

Each regional estimate may be different from what the region received under ARRA. Like ARRA, this package is aimed at funding "shovel ready" projects; however, there is a 90 day contract delivery timeline requirement for 50% of all Stim 2 projects. In order for the state to meet the 90 days contract delivery timeline, amendments to add the Stim 2 preliminary estimates should be completed and federally approved by March 1, 2010. The estimated gross amount available for this region is \$33,245,046.

Fresno COG Activity:

Backing up from the March 1, 2010 anticipated Apportionment date, through our FTIP federal review and approval process, an amendment to the FTIP including eligible Stim 2 projects must be released for Inter Agency Consultation on February 5, 2010. Staff issued an urgency notice to member agencies requesting eligible projects. We will include these on FTIP Amendment # 20. The Executive Director of Fresno COG, as authorized by the Policy Board, will take action on the proposed amendment on February 19, 2010. Fresno COG anticipates State and Federal approval by March 1, 2010. The details of this amendment can be viewed at www.fresnocog.org.

COG staff has been actively participating in dialogue at both a state and national level, tracking policy recommendations and evaluating the needs of our region.

Bruce Rudd (City of Fresno) commented that part of the staff report indicated that staff was looking at the financial strengths and funding options and asked if part of that was the creation of the infrastructure facilities district or other options that may have been done traditionally.

Mr. Webster explained that primarily what was going to be focused on was the cities Impact Fees, and that this might be something that may be provided in addition to, but not as the major source, of what is going to be looked at for funding. The main focus will be on the RTMF and Local Impact Fees

Lynn Gormen also commented that Mr. Webster was correct and that it was not part of the scope of the project to find new funding sources but to evaluate what is realistically available already.

Mr. Rudd suggested if a shortfall was identified that maybe the consultant would need to come up with some alternative financing structures including an infrastructure facility district that can be used

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

J. Formal Amendment #20 to the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program,

Melissa Garza reported on this item. Fresno COG is currently amending the 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). The 14-day public review and comment period for Amendment #20 commenced on February 5, 2010 and will close on February 18, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.; written comments are welcome. All documentation associated with this amendment are available for viewing on the Fresno COG website at www.fresnocog.org.

The 2009 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) is the incremental implementation of the long-range Regional Transportation Plan and includes programming for fiscal years 2008/09 through 2011/12. Amendment #20 provides for the modification and addition of projects into the FTIP.

For more information regarding the amendment process or the public review process, please contact Melissa Garza at 559-233-4148.

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

IX. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

All items on the consent agenda are considered to be routine and non-controversial by COG staff and will be approved by one motion if no member of the Committee or public wishes to comment or ask questions. If comment or discussion is desired by anyone, the item will be removed from the consent agenda and will be considered in the listed sequence with an opportunity for any member of the public to address the Committee concerning the item before action is taken.

A. Monthly Legislative Update [FAWCETT]	Information
B. Monthly Report – California Consulting LLC [BOREN]	Information
C. Monthly Report – Strategy Research Institute [BOREN]	Information
D. Regional Clearinghouse – [SOBRADO]	Approve
Project	Applicant
1. US Department of Agriculture Rural Development Grant	Parlier Unified School District

For a full summary of these items please see the February 12, 2010 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Dan Spears (Sanger) and seconded by Gerry Forde (Huron) to approve the Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

X. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. 2010-11 Overall Work Program Draft

Tony Boren, Executive Director, reported on this item. A summary memo and the draft 2010-11 Overall Work Program (OWP) were distributed at the meeting. Distribution of this draft OWP begins the review and comment period with adoption expected in May.

The document is available on our website under OWP and also under the meeting package items in Committees & Agendas. The Intermodal Planning Group, the federal and state agency review committee, is scheduled to meet on March 2, 2010 to review the OWP.

Tony Boren, Executive Director, discussed the draft 2010-11 OWP memo that was distributed at the meeting.

Kathy Millison (Clovis) suggested that it would be very helpful to include the JPA and any amendments into the OWP to help the new council members understand the history of the organization.

A motion was made by Kathy Millison (Clovis) and seconded by Ron Manfredi (Kerman) to recommend the initiation of the 45-day review process. A vote was called for and the motion carried. The JPA is included as Appendix M of the document.

B. Fresno COG's 2010 Legislative Platform

Laural Fawcett (COG) reported on this item. Staff and legislative consultant Steve Samuelian have completed the 2010 DRAFT Legislative Platform, a copy of which was included in the package for approval. This document serves as the official guidance for the Executive Director and staff in representing issues important to Fresno County, and to secure support for these issues from the legislature.

Kathy Millison (Clovis) encouraged the committee to review the 2010 Legislative Platform and get it back to staff as soon as possible with any issues.

A motion was made by Kathy Millison (Clovis) and seconded by Cruz Ramos (San Joaquin) recommend that the Policy Board authorize the Fresno COG's 2010 Legislative Platform as the official positions on transportation and other legislative policies related to the Legislative Platform.

C. Fresno COG's 2010 Sacramento One Voice Trip

Laural Fawcett (COG) reported on this item. Final preparations for Fresno COG's annual trip to the state legislature are underway. The 2010 Sacramento "One Voice" trip dates of March 9th and 10th were confirmed. The final draft of the regional issues that were discussed, as well as the scheduled meetings with state representatives, was included in the package.

Lynn Gorman commented on the process streamlining issue and the bullet point for "Application to allow for renewable energy projects would receive preferential treatment and moved to "the top of the stack". Ms. Gorman felt that characterizing it as "moving it to the top of the list" would mean that the local highway and infrastructure projects would get moved to the bottom of the list. Ms Gorman feels that this would create the wrong impression.

A motion was made by Don Pauley (Kingsburg) and seconded by Ron Manfredi (Kerman) recommending that the Policy Board authorize the Fresno COG's 2010 Regional Issues Priority List as amended. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. Valley Regional Planning Agencies 2010 "Valley Voice"

Laural Fawcett (COG) reported that the Regional Policy Council, made up of members from the 8 Valley Regional Planning Agencies, has developed a legislative platform and authorized the San Joaquin Valley Legislative Affairs Committee (VLAC) to announce its 2010 "Valley Voice" Sacramento Trip. The dates for the trip were on Wednesday and Thursday, February 3-4, 2010. Fresno County representatives included: City of San Joaquin Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Fresno County Supervisor Judy Case, Fresno COG Executive Director, Tony Boren. Staff provided a report at the meeting.

The dates for the "Valley Voice" Washington D.C. trip are May 4-5, 2010. Advocacy Issues that will be discussed at the State and Federal meetings are enclosed for review. Please contact staff person, Laural Fawcett, if you have questions.

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

E. Washington DC 'One Voice' Update

Barbara Steck (COG) reported that the Washington DC 'One Voice' trip will be rescheduled to spring because of the blizzard that took place in Washington DC. Ms. Steck will have more information on the trip next month.

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

XI. Other Business

A. Items from Staff

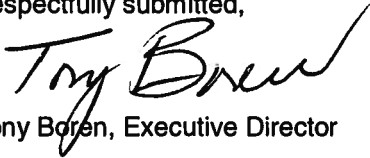
Mr. Boren informed the committee of a San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition flyer announcing a meeting that is taking place on February 17, 2010

B. Items from Members

Don Pauley (Kingsburg) informed the committee that the Cities of Fresno, Clovis, Selma, Sanger and Kingsburg sued Fresno County over the manner in which they are calculating their property tax administrative fees. This was heard in the Kingsburg court and the city's won the suit.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tony Boren", written over the printed name.

Tony Boren, Executive Director

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