



San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council

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REGIONAL POLICY COUNCIL

Agenda

Friday, June 25, 2010

(PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE FORUM)

9:00 am

Grand Occasions

4584 West Jacquelyn Avenue
Fresno, CA

1. Open Meeting

A. Action: Introductions

B. Action: Open for Public Comments for Any Item Not on the Agenda.

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2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

3. Consent Items:

A. Approval of December 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes (attachment)

4. Sustainable Communities Proposal Alternatives (Handout)

DISCUSSION/ACTION

R. Brummett/
A. Chesley

5. San Joaquin Valley Partnership Working Group – INFORMATION

M. Dozier

6. High Speed Rail Update - DISCUSSION

C. Bowen

7. Strategic Growth Partnerships White Paper – DISCUSSION/ACTION

J. Brown

8. FTIP/AQ Status - INFORMATION

T. Taylor

9. Blueprint Update – INFORMATION

B. Steck

10. Legislative Issues

VLAC

a. Valley Voice Debriefing (attachment) – INFO/DISCUSSION

b. AB 1955 (attachment) – DISCUSSION/ACTION

11. Feedback from March 26, 2010 Workshop (attachment) – DISCUSSION/ACTION

J. Brown/T. Boren

12. Appointment of representative for CALCOG – ACTION

J. Brown

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13. Fall Policy Conference Update (attachment) – INFORMATION

C. Yamzon

14. Other

Next Meeting – Regional Policy Conference – October 7 and 8 – Modesto

Pre-Forum Meeting with Keynote Speaker – Robert Grow – Envision Utah

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REGIONAL POLICY COUNCIL Executive Minutes Friday, June 25, 2010 (PRIOR TO EXECUTIVE FORUM) 9:00 am

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Members Attending:

Amarpreet, Dhaliwal, Mayor, City of San Joaquin, Fresno COG
Cheryl Wegman, Councilmember, City of Wasco, Kern COG
Tom Wheeler, Supervisor, County of Madera, MCTC
Frank Bigelow, Supervisor, County of Madera, MCTC
Bill Spriggs, Mayor, City of Merced, MCAG
Joe Oliveria, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Gustine, MCAG
Ann Johnston, Mayor, City of Stockton
Chuck Winn, Mayor, City of Ripon, SJCOG
Jeff Grover, Supervisor, Stanislaus County, StanCOG
Jim Ridenour, Mayor, City of Modesto
Allen Ishida, Supervisor, County of Tulare, TCAG
Paul Boyer, Councilmember, City of Farmersville, TCAG
Seyed Sadredin, SJVAPCD

List of Other Attending: Appendix A

1. Open Meeting

- A. Action: Introductions – Tony Boren, Fresno COG opened the meeting.
- B. Action: Open for Public Comments for Any Item Not on the Agenda.
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2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Nominations for Chair were opened. A motion was made by Councilmember Boyer and seconded by Councilmember Wegman to nominate Mayor Bill Spriggs for Chair. There were no other nominations. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

Nominations for Vice Chair were opened. A motion was made by Supervisor Wheeler and seconded by Mayor Johnston to nominate Supervisor Allen Ishida for Vice Chair. There were no other nominations. A vote was called for and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Spriggs took over as Chair of the meeting.

3. Consent Items:

A. Approval of December 4, 2009 Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved by consensus.

4. Sustainable Communities Proposal Alternatives - DISCUSSION/ACTION

Mr. Brummett referred to the June 18, 2010 memo that was distributed to members prior to the meeting. A discussion of options followed. Following the discussion, a motion was made by Supervisor Wheeler and seconded by Mayor Johnston to concur with the Directors; Committee recommendation of Alternatives # 2 and #4 supporting an expanded compact that includes all 16 urbanized areas and to develop an alternate proposal for Prop 84 funding that involves small cities and unincorporated communities, who want to participate, as partners to address SB 375 and Blueprint implementation. A vote was called for and the motion was passed.

5. San Joaquin Valley Partnership Working Group – INFORMATION Stacie Dabbs

Ms. Dabbs reported on the progress between the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley, the Policy Council, and the Directors in place of Mike Dozier. In January 2010 members from the Regional Policy Council and Partnership Executive Committee met to discuss coordinating efforts. The consensus was to take the following action:

- Update the Partnership Strategic Plan
- Identify roles and responsibilities
- Increase private sector engagement in Transportation Work Group and LUAH Work Group
- Improve communications between staff of each organization
- Work together to identify and secure funding sources for long term sustainability

Members of the Partnership board and staff participated in the Policy Council's Workshop in April to clarify the role of the Council. The Partnership anticipates continued collaboration with the Policy Council on behalf of the San Joaquin Valley.

6. High Speed Rail Update - DISCUSSION

Carrie Bowen gave a brief update. Ms. Bowen mentioned that several meetings are being scheduled to discuss High Speed Rail. The Fresno-Bakersfield section route utilizing the BNSF right of way is now approved. The San Jose – Merced section route is now approved as well. The Merced-Sacramento section route analysis is now underway. The board meeting of the High Speed Rail Authority will be in July in Los Angeles. The August board meeting will be in Tulare. The heavy maintenance yard sites, for the Fresno-Bakersfield section, have been reduced from eight to four. The Fresno-Merced sections for the heavy maintenance yard sites have not been reduced. Decision for the heavy maintenance yard will be made in 2011.

7. Strategic Growth Partnerships White Paper – DISCUSSION/ACTION

Jesse Brown gave a brief report. Included in the meeting package was a draft CALCOG position paper dated 6-7-10 that described the Strategic Growth Partnership, a proposed new statewide oversight committee similar to the CTC. It could become a forum where regions can work together to bring their views to strategic growth decisions of state agencies.

8. FTIP/AQ Status – INFORMATION – Tanisha Taylor

Mr. Sadredin (SJVAPCD) noted that there will be \$250,000 available for the eight MPOs for SB 375 implementation. Overall the Air District has \$300 million available in grant funding.

9. Blueprint Update – INFORMATION

Barbara Steck gave a brief report on the Blueprint status. The following summarizes the work in progress and completed:

- Implementation of the SJV Blueprint
- Tool Kit is being developed
- Draft SJV Blueprint Roadmap is available
- \$2.5m for model updates has been received
- 2 surveys being conducted on the Tool Kit
 - o Planners
 - o Local Agency Capacity Needs
- Tom Webster is working on Prop 84 funding opportunities as well as TIGER II for continued planning efforts
- Blueprint awards for this year's conference will be for Projects
- Greenprint event
 - o Studying Ag land, open space, trails

10. Legislative Issues

VLAC

- a. Valley Voice Debriefing (attachment) – INFO/DISCUSSION
- b. AB 1955 (attachment) – DISCUSSION/ACTION

There was no one present from VLAC to give report.

11. Feedback from March 26, 2010 Workshop - DISCUSSION/ACTION

A copy of the summary compiled by Nelson Nygard was included in the meeting package. Mr. Boren suggested that a sub-committee be formed to develop a structure. Mr. Boren also pointed out that Michael Sigala has been hired as a Coordinator to work with the Directors' and Policy Council. There was a brief discussion of possible alternatives. After discussion, a motion was made by Mayor Johnston and seconded by Mayor Ridenour to direct staff to develop a framework for formalizing a structure between the eight county COGs for further Policy Council review and discussion. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

12. Appointment of representative for CALCOG – ACTION

CALCOG has requested that the region have a representative. A motion was made and seconded to appoint Mayor Spriggs as representative and Supervisor Ishida as alternate. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

13. Fall Policy Conference Update– INFORMATION

Carlos Yamzon reported that the Fall Policy Conference will take place on October 6 and 7 in Modesto. Mr. Yamzon suggested that an award be given to the Governor at this conference. Mr. Spriggs suggested that an award should also be given to Sunne McPeak. A motion was made by Supervisor Ishida and seconded by Supervisor Wheeler to proceed with the awards. A vote was called for and the motion passed. Staff will get detailed information.

14. Other

Next Meeting – Regional Policy Conference – October 7 and 8 – Modesto (correction – October 6 and 7)

Tony Boren briefly reported on the status of the Caltrans projects. Meetings have been held between the Directors and Caltrans to develop a list of projects.

Sharri Bender-Ehlert (Caltrans) noted that Commissioner Assemi has not been confirmed by the Legislature and was suggested that a letter of support be sent for his confirmation. The item was not on the agenda for action, however, it was considered by the group as an item of urgency for action. A motion was made to send a letter of support. Mr. Spriggs suggested that a copy of the letter be sent to all constituents.

Pre-Forum Meeting with Keynote Speaker – Robert Grow – Envision Utah

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to attend the Executive Forum.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Boren
Chair, SJV Regional Planning Agencies Directors Committee

Others Attending:

Tanisha Taylor, SJCOG
Stacie Dabbs, SJV Partnership
Tony Boren, Fresno COG
Patricia Taylor, Madera CTC
Ron Brummett, Kern COG
Jesse Brown, MCAG
Andrew Chesley, SJCOG
Carlos Yamzon, StanCOG
Ted Smalley, TCAG
Carrie Bowen, High Speed Rail Authority
Christine Cox-Kovacevich, Caltrans
Sharri Bender-Ehlert, Caltrans
Ross Chittenden, Caltrans
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Cindy Malekos, StanCOG
Nathan Wahl, Consultant
Michael Sigala, Consultant
Kim Anderson, SJCOG
Marla Day, Fresno COG