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EXECUTIVE MINUTES

COUNCIL OF FRESNO COUNTY GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD Board Development Workshop

Date: Thursday, August 26, 2010
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Present: Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, City of Kerman, Chair
Mayor Dennis Lujan, City of Selma, Vice Chair
Mayor Harry Armstrong, City of Clovis
Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga
Mayor Javier Marquez, City of Firebaugh
Councilmember Rico Aguayo, City of Fowler
Mayor Ramon Dominguez, City of Huron
Mayor Bruce Blayney, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Victor Ruiz, City of Sanger
Supervisor Judy Case, County of Fresno

Janelle Kelley, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

QUORUM: At the start of the meeting there were 13 members present representing 45.74% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Coalinga, Firebaugh, Fowler, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, Selma and Fresno County). Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) arrived at 5:57 p.m. (14 members, 46.17%)

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Mayor Trinidad Rodriguez (Kerman).

1. Welcome and Overview – Tony Boren

Tony Boren, Executive Director opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves. Mr. Boren briefly explained the purpose of the Workshop.

2. Review and Discuss Fresno COG JPA and By Laws – Janelle Kelley, Legal Counsel

Ms. Kelley briefly reviewed the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) duties and authority. There was discussion about types of items that should be brought before the Board and actions taken. Ms. Kelley explained some of the problems with stepping outside the authority of the Board. There is language in the JPA that the Board may discuss items that are not within authority but the action should be taken by each individual council.

Following discussion, it was suggested that the Public Presentations be moved to the end of the agenda following business so that the Board can address items that are within their jurisdiction. It was also suggested that any items that were not within the parameters be addressed at that time. Members suggested moving the Fresno County Rural Transit Agency meeting to be held before the Policy Board rather than following the Board so that the Board would not have to adjourn and then reconvene to talk about other matters. It was also determined that no political candidates will be allowed to address the Board.

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

- 3. Review and discuss Board motion from the June 2010 meeting – Tony Boren**
 - a) Formation of subcommittee to set the framework for what Fresno COG gets involved in**
 - b) Input received from member agencies**

Item 3 was covered under Item 2 discussion.

- 4. Relationship of Fresno COG Policy Board and Regional Policy Council – Tony Boren/Barbara Steck**

Mr. Boren explained the role of the Regional Policy Council. The goal of COG staff is to make sure that the Policy Board is aware of what is being discussed by the Policy Council and any actions that are taken by that body.

QUORUM: Mayor Lujan (Selma) left the meeting. Thirteen members were in attendance representing 43.72% of the population.

- 5. Criteria for project selection for 'One Voice' and 'Valley Voice' trips - Barbara Steck**

Barbara Steck (Fresno COG) reviewed the criteria that has been used in the past for One Voice projects. The Policy Board agreed that the criteria should remain the same. The Call for Projects will be released in September.

- 6. Legislative Platform One Voice/Valley Voice – Melissa Garza**

Melissa Garza (Fresno COG) gave a brief presentation regarding the proposed issues for the 2011 Legislative Platform. The steps to be taken for this platform were outlined.

1. Update list of Issues
2. Research other Legislative Platforms for common issues
3. Return with draft document in October 2010
4. Approve 2011 Legislative Platform in November 2010

It was suggested that Economic Development be added to the platform. It was also suggested that Ms. Garza put this item on the September agenda for discussion prior to drafting the 2011 platform.

- 7. Ethics Training for Recertification– Barbara Steck**

Ms. Steck reminded everyone that Ethics training is available on line and through the League of California Cities. Contact Marla Day if you have questions regarding when your certification expires. Fresno COG will work with Hilda Montoy to schedule training before the end of the year.

- 8. Develop possible issues for September Board meeting action items – Tony Boren**

Review of the suggestions made at this Workshop will be included in the September meeting agendas.

- 9. Other Items**

a. Steve Samuelian, California Consulting gave a brief update. A letter was circulated for the Policy Board members to sign in support of Darius Assemi's confirmation on the California Transportation Commission. Mr. Samuelian also pointed out that the High-Speed Rail Authority will be meeting in Sacramento on September 2.

b. Mayor Rodriguez (Kerman) suggested a letter writing campaign to ask the Legislature to pass California State Budget. Mayor Silva (Mendota) suggested that the letter should also mention the unemployment that has resulted from no budget. Staff will draft a letter for approval in September.

10. Adjourn

There being no further items for discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Boren, Executive Director

Attachment A

Observers and Non-Members
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Steve Samuelian, California Consulting, LLC
Juan Garza, California Consulting, LLC
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
John Holt, City of Clovis
Don Pauley, City of Kingsburg
Alan Bengyel, City of Orange Cove
Rocky Rogers, City of Reedley
Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin
Bryce Atkins, City of Mendota
Leroy Brown, Public
Les Beshears, Fresno COG
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Brenda Lauchner, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG
Tom Webster, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG