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**FRESNO COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS POLICY BOARD
EXECUTIVE MINUTES**

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2011
Time: 5:30 p.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Members Attending: Mayor Jose Flores, City of Clovis
Councilmember Javier Marquez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler
Councilmember Andreas Borgeas, City of Fresno
Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron
Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman
Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota
Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier
Mayor Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Joshua Mitchell, City of Sanger
Mayor Kenneth Grey, City of Selma
Supervisor Judith Case, Fresno County

Neil Bretz, Caltrans
Zachary Redmond, Legal Counsel
Tony Boren, Executive Director

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Cardenas, Vice-Chair.

QUORUM: At the start of the Mayor's Selection Committee meeting there were 11 members present and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma).

Mayor's City Selection Committee

1. Call meeting to Order and Roll Call

David Cardenas, Vice-Chair of Fresno Council of Governments, called the meeting to order. There was a quorum present to conduct business.

2. Approval of April 28, 2011 Minutes
A motion was made by Mayor Fast (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to approve the minutes as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.
3. Appointments:

Fresno County Transportation Authority (Eastside)

Two year term to expire 2013

A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Councilmember Javier Marquez (Firebaugh) to reappoint Councilmember Dennis Lujan (Selma). There were no other nominations. A vote was called for and passed unanimously.

Fresno County Transportation Authority (Westside)

Two year term to expire 2013

A motion was made by Mayor Chavez (Huron) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to reappoint Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin. A vote was called for and passed unanimously.

4. Public Presentations (This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the committee on any matter the committee has jurisdiction over which is not on this agenda)

There were no public presentations.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Fresno Council of Governments

QUORUM: At the start of the Fresno Council of Governments meeting there were 12 members present representing 95.45% of the population and there was a quorum. (Clovis, Firebaugh, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Mendota, Parlier, Reedley, Sanger, Selma and County of Fresno).

Fresno COG Sitting As the Transportation Policy Committee

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. | TDA Claim Amendment (City of Clovis) Resolution 2011-15
[FAWCETT] | Approve |
| B. | Transportation Development Act (TDA) Final Estimates Resolutions
2011-13 and 2011-14 [FAWCETT] | Approve |
| C. | FY 2010-11 Third Quarter Progress Report [BESHEARS] | Accept |
| D. | Golden State Corridor- Amended Cooperative Agreement,
Resolution 2011-11; Contract Amendment [DAWSON] | Adopt/
Approve |
| E. | Transit Planning Documents | Initiate 45 day
review |
| | 1. Urban and Rural Consolidated Transportation Services Agency
(CSTA) FY 2011-12 Operations Program and Budget [JOSEPH] | |
| | 2. Clovis Consolidated Transportation Service Agency (CSTA) FY
2011-12 Operations Program and Budget [HALTERMAN] | |
| | 3. Short Range Transit Plan for the Fresno Urban Area 2012-16
[LONG] | |
| | 4. Short Range Transit Plan – FY 2011-16 [WEBSTER] | |
| F. | Obligational Authority [GARZA] | Information |
| G. | Grant Writing Workshop [MONGE] | Information |
| H. | Call for Cycle 3 Federal Safe Routes to Schools Projects
[THOMPSON] | Information |
| I. | Urban Greening Grant Program [Thompson] | Information |
| J. | Videoconferencing Update [BITNER/HAN] | Information |
| K. | FY 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)
Amendment Update [GARZA] | Information |

For a complete summary of these items, please see the May 26, 2011 Annotated Agenda.

Supervisor Case (County) asked that Item F – Obligational Authority be pulled for discussion. A motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Councilmember Marquez (Firebaugh) to approve the Transportation Consent Items with the exception of Item F as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

Item F. Obligational Authority. Supervisor Case asked for clarification of the "Use it or Lose it" compliance. Supervisor Case expressed her concern for possibility of losing funds for the area. Melissa Garza (Fresno COG) responded, explaining that staff has been meeting with all city managers regarding projects that can be advanced. Any projects that can be advanced are being moved forward to take advantage of the funding.

Supervisor Case asked that this item be brought back in June.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Public Transportation Infrastructure Study (PTIS) Final, Kimley Horn presentation [Downs]

John Downs (Fresno COG/FAX) and Julie Eldridge, Kimley Horn, presented this item. Ms. Eldridge presented a short powerpoint presentation summarizing the report. The PTIS final report and associated recommendations have been reviewed by the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) and stakeholder agencies. The report and associated recommendations and materials have been amended based on comments received during the review and is available for view on the Fresno COG website. A summary of the Study findings and recommendations was included in the meeting package.

Mayor Fast (Reedley) asked how this study relates to the small communities. It was explained that this study focused primarily on the Fresno/Clovis metropolitan area. Phase I (2003) focused on the rural communities. Supervisor Case asked if there was a population base number for Transit Oriented Development. Mayor Grey (Selma) expressed his concerns regarding parking reduction and how that would encourage people from outside the city to use the system if there was no parking available.

Following a brief discussion and an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Councilmember Borgeas (Fresno) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to accept the PTIS final report and associated recommendations. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Rail Update [BOREN]

Tony Boren, Executive Director presented this item. Mr. Boren referred to the recent Legislative Analyst's Office report on High Speed Rail. The report can be found on our website at http://fresnocog.org/siteadmin/AgendaFiles/290/high_speed_rail_051011.pdf. Staff will keep the Policy Board updated as more information is received.

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

C. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]

Neil Bretz, Caltrans presented this item. Mr. Bretz reviewed the May report that was included in the meeting package, highlighting projects of interest. Mayor Yep (Kerman) asked for more information regarding the proposed roundabout for Kerman. A Public Meeting will be held in Kerman for input. Mayor Fast (Reedley) spoke briefly on how the roundabout in Reedley is working for that area.

Mr. Bretz also discussed the braided ramp project that is due to start later this year.

Mayor Silva (Mendota) asked for information on the Safe Routes to School. Mr. Bretz suggested that he call the local Caltrans office for information. (Information was also included in the meeting package under Item I H.)

Mr. Bretz also briefly discussed AB296 requiring Caltrans to develop a new design for pavement.

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

Fresno COG Sitting As the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Case (County) and seconded by Mayor Chavez (Huron) to reaffirm all actions taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

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| A. | Executive Minutes of April 28, 2011 | Approve |
| B. | Dowling Associates On-Call Modeling Assistance Contract Extension [BITNER] | Approve |
| C. | Approve | |
| D. | Monthly Legislative Update [GARZA] | Information |
| E. | Regional Clearinghouse [SOBRADO] | Approve |

	Project	Applicant
1.	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Section 202 Supportive Housing Capital Advance Grant Program	Southern California Presbyterian Homes

For a complete summary of these items, please see the May 26, 2011 Annotated Agenda.

A motion was made by Supervisor Case (County) and seconded by Mayor Silva (Huron) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. FY 2011-12 Final Overall Work Program and Budget – Resolution 2011-03 [BOREN/BESHEARS]

Mr. Boren and Mr. Beshears presented this item. Mr. Boren explained that the draft FY 2011-12 Overall Work Program (OWP) was released for review and comment in February 2011 for its required 45 day review and comment period. Comments were received and addressed by COG staff and all revisions that have occurred since the release of the draft document were highlighted in the OWP memo to the COG Policy Board that was included in the meeting package. This year, in an effort to facilitate a clearer understanding of our budget process, staff also developed a Financial Summary which is intended to serve as a companion piece to the Overall Work Program. Ideally these two documents working in tandem will provide additional transparency to the nuances of Fresno COG's OWP and budgeting process.

The FY 2011/12 Overall Work Program totaling \$16,200,255 reflects a decrease of 6% (\$950,202) from the approved FY 2010-11 budget. The decrease was due to federal revenues being decreased \$211,506 to reflect completion of the FTA 5307 funded *Very Fast Starts* rapid transit project and a lower draw on FHWA PL reserves. State revenues increased 8% largely due to a Prop 84 state planning grant for sustainable communities, which offsets lower funding activity in Blueprint planning. Local revenues decreased 18% (\$1,140,072) largely due to completion of the Measure "C" funded Public Transportation Infrastructure Study.

This year, in an effort to inform and educate the Policy Board in greater detail, in addition to the newly developed Financial Summary, Mr. Beshears gave a detailed presentation on the FY 2011-12 OWP.

The complete FY 2011-12 OWP is available on our website at www.fresnocog.org and on the CD that was included in the meeting package. A hard copy was provided to each city manager at the PAC meeting on May 13th. Additional copies are available upon request.

Following a brief discussion and an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Silva (Mendota) and seconded by Mayor Flores (Clovis) to approve the FY 2011-12 Overall Work Program by adopting Resolution 2011-03. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

B. Award of Contract for Valley-Wide Modeling Software Corporate License [BITNER]

Mike Bitner (Fresno COG) presented this item. Mr. Bitner explained that the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs have been coordinating transportation modeling activities for more than 20 years and all have standardized on Citilabs transportation modeling software known as Cube and Cube Voyager.

Mr. Bitner went on to explain that currently each of the 8 San Joaquin Valley MPOs purchase their own modeling software with a total Valley wide combined cost approximately \$175,000. Each MPO also pays an annual maintenance fee with a total valley wide combined cost of \$26,000.

The current software license limits the software to running on one computer at a time and does not allow concurrent instances of the Cube/Voyager software to exist. In addition, in order to take full advantage of the Valley Wide Model Improvement Project additional modeling software is needed (Cube Cluster and Cube Land).

Fresno COG, representing the San Joaquin Valley MPO's negotiated an agreement with the Citilabs Corporation to purchase a valley-wide corporate license for the required modeling software including Cube Base, Cube Voyager and adding Cube Cluster and Cube Land.

Mr. Bitner stated that the selection of these products will allow each of the eight San Joaquin Valley MPOs to take equal advantage of the model update work being performed under the ongoing San Joaquin Valley Model improvement Project. In addition, the Valley wide corporate license will greatly enhance the San Joaquin Valley MPOs ability to better forecast future year greenhouse gas emissions and meet their obligations for conformity and the requirements of AB 32 and SB 375.

The San Joaquin Valley Corporate license will result in a significant cost savings and improved flexibility. If Fresno COG were to purchase a corporate license alone it would cost us \$158,000 and the annual maintenance fee would be \$23,000.

The actual cost of the San Joaquin Valley corporate license after crediting the 8 MPOs for their existing installed software is \$46,625. The new annual maintenance fee will be \$33,000 a year which will be prorated between the valley MPOs. Our pro rata share will be around \$7,800 and is not due until January 2013.

The San Joaquin Valley Executive Directors have approved the purchase of the corporate license. The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is funding the proposed Corporate License upgrade and the first year's annual maintenance fee.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Flores (Clovis) to approve the contract with Citilabs for the San Joaquin Valley Corporate License and authorize the Executive Director to contract with Citilabs Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$79,700. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. San Joaquin Valley Regional Blueprint - Contract Amendment with Mintier Harnish to Expand the Scope of Work on the Deliverables Including the Planners Web-Based Toolkit [STECK]

(Late Breaking News: Blueprint Planners' Toolkit has been awarded Cal Chapter APA (American Planning Association) Outstanding Planning Award – Best Practices – from both Central Section and Sacramento Section).

Barbara Steck, Deputy Director addressed this item. Ms. Steck explained that Fresno COG is the lead agency for the SJV Regional Blueprint program and in that role administers any contracts associated with the project. The consulting firm of Mintier Harnish was hired by the Valley MPO Directors in February 2010 to complete the documents associated with the Valleywide Blueprint that was adopted in April 2009. The deliverables included:

- SJV Blueprint Planning Process Summary Report (September 2010)
- Draft SJV Blueprint Guidance Framework (Implementation Strategy) February 15, 2011 (Including an Institutional Arrangements whitepaper requested by the Regional Policy Council)
- SJV Blueprint – Planners Toolkit (web based) – beta version is available at <http://toolkitvalleyblueprintorg.alias.strangecode.com/home>

The Blueprint Roadmap project was delayed for an additional 3 months at the behest of the local agency planners participating in the Valley Blueprint Planners Work Group. These delays have cost Mintier Harnish in both scheduling timelines and unanticipated rewrites. A list of work still remaining was included in the meeting package. Ms. Steck explained that an equitable approach would be to amend the Mintier Harnish contract in order to reimburse them for the additional work associated with the project delays (including the web based toolkit) through June 30, 2011. This would ensure a smooth transition of the website to Merced County Association of Governments (who will be hosting it) and to whomever we determine should administer the toolkit site in the upcoming year. It would also accommodate the final revisions that need to be incorporated into the Guidance Framework from comments received during the extended review period.

Following a brief discussion and expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Mitchell (Sanger) and seconded by Supervisor Case (County to approve the contract amendment with Mintier Harnish to modify the scope of work on the web-based planners' toolkit, not to exceed \$20,714. This amendment will be covered by SJV Blueprint 3rd year grant funds. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

D. Farmland Conservation Study – Authorization to Sign Contract with Strategy Research Institute to Conduct Polling Research (BOREN)

Mr. Boren presented this item. Mr. Boren explained that in 2007, Fresno COG was awarded a San Joaquin Valley Partnership grant in the amount of \$200,000 to develop a Farmland Conservation Model Program. The purpose of the program was to identify strategies to preserve farmland in the San Joaquin Valley by carefully balancing urban development and agricultural areas in the region. The American Farmland Trust was hired as a consultant for the project and conducted the study under the guidance of a Fresno COG Steering Committee consisting of agricultural stakeholders, community leaders and various member agency staff.

Mr. Boren went on to explain that the Farmland Conservation Model Program was completed in December 2008 and made a series of recommendations to help preserve agricultural land in Fresno County. During the review and comment period for the document it became clear that the strategies proposed in the Model Program did not have strong consensus support from the community. Therefore at this point in the process, at the request of the Steering Committee, Strategy Research Institute (Dr. Gary Manross) was brought into the process to meet with a number of prominent agricultural stakeholders in an effort to determine what were the barriers (from their perspective) to developing a comprehensive approach to preserving farmland in Fresno County. Upon completion of the interviews, it became clear that public opinion on the issue of farmland preservation from the agricultural community was very diverse, and the best approach to truly gauge whether there was public support for farmland preservation from throughout the community was to conduct a public opinion survey to gauge public sentiment on the topic.

With this direction in mind, COG staff budgeted \$25,000 in this year's OWP and Budget to conduct the polling. Dr. Manross has recently completed development of the survey instrument and it has been reviewed and approved by members of the Steering Committee for release in the field. Fresno COG policy requires that all contracts above \$10,000 must be approved by the Policy Board. The Policy

Advisory Committee voted unanimously to recommend approval of the Executive Director entering into the agreement with SRI Inc.

Following a brief discussion and after expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to authorize the Fresno COG Executive Director to enter into a contract with Strategy Research Institute to conduct public opinion research related to development of the Farmland Model Conservation Program in an amount not to exceed \$25,000. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

E. Strategy Research Institute – Contract Renewal [BOREN]

Mr. Boren also presented this item informing the Board that Strategy Research Institute Inc. (Dr. Gary Manross) has been serving as consultant to Fresno COG in his current capacity since July 2008. Over the course of the last year, SRI Inc. has played a key facilitation role in bringing two major regional projects, the Regional Transit Consolidation Study and the Farmland Conservation Model Program study forward to a point where a determination can be made on whether there is interest in moving forward with the next steps in the process. In addition, SRI Inc. is also providing direct services to our member agencies at reduced rates as a result of their on-going contract with Fresno COG.

Recently, at the request of the Fresno Works Committee, the entity which is overseeing high speed rail matters in Fresno County, SRI Inc. met with California High Speed Rail Authority staff to determine if there might be a role for SRI Inc. to play in resolving some of the contentious issues that have been raised by the agricultural community. This role is a logical fit for Dr. Manross given his consensus building experiences with Measure C and his recent outreach to the agricultural community as part of the Farmland Conservation Model Program.

SRI Inc.'s current contract with Fresno COG is a \$6,000 a month retainer which totals \$72,000 annually.

Policy Advisory Committee Discussion

Mr. Boren reported that at the recent Policy Advisory Committee meeting, in general, the Policy Advisory Committee was very supportive of the quality of the work that SRI Inc. has conducted for Fresno COG over the last several years, however specific concerns were expressed by the County of Fresno and the City of Fresno over the "retainer" nature of SRI Inc.'s contract with Fresno COG. Their concern is that traditionally work in the transportation field is done on a "pay for product" basis. When utilizing this type of approach, there is an actual deliverable product that is provided to the COG, and the cost for delivering that product is determined on a time and materials basis. Concerns were also expressed by PAC that when utilizing a "retainer" contract it can oftentimes be difficult to achieve *day in day out* accountability with the consultant. Additional PAC comments focused on "retainer" contracts in general as being counter to the competitive procurement process that most public agencies are operating under. Concerns were also expressed by the City of Fresno and the County of Fresno over the use of COG's Measure "C" planning funds as the source of funding for SRI Inc.'s contract, as they felt those funds should only be expended on planning activities that have direct relevance to COG's Measure "C" program, and SRI Inc.'s work for the COG did not meet that test.

PAC also stated that should the Policy Board wish to utilize SRI Inc. services on a "case-by-case" basis in the upcoming year, individual scope of works identifying the specific tasks, and the cost of completing those tasks, for each project, be presented to the PAC and Policy Board for their review and approval, prior to the work beginning.

Additionally, the City of Mendota provided comments applauding the work that SRI Inc. had done for their community and stated that without SRI's contract with the COG they would have been unable to afford his services. It is our understanding that Reedley, Huron and Mendota have also availed themselves of SRI Inc.'s services as well.

Upon completion of the comment and discussion portion of the item, the Policy Advisory Committee voted 6 (Fresno County, Fresno, Fowler, Clovis, Kerman, Kingsburg) to 1 (Mendota) to recommend discontinuing SRI Inc.'s "retainer" contract with Fresno COG. Going further, PAC stated that in the

event that Fresno COG should choose to use SRI Inc.'s services down the road, SRI should be required to develop a detailed scope and cost for the specific product on a case by case basis for Policy Board approval.

The Policy Board members also expressed their concerns of accountability under a "retainer" contract. Reports should be required as well as a pro forma listing what tasks are being performed and status of those tasks.

Councilmember Borgeas (Fresno) questioned the lag time in completing a project if Dr. Manross was not under retainer. Questions arose as to whether or not a Request for Proposal process would have to be developed for the case-by-case projects and what the timing would be for approval. Supervisor Case (County), and Mayor Mitchell (Sanger) expressed concerns with the "retainer" coming from Measure C funds. Mayor Mitchell asked if Dr. Manross was currently doing any work that directly related to Measure C. Questions also arose regarding billing for additional work (surveys) over and above the retainer.

A motion was made by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to adopt the Policy Advisory Committee recommendation to discontinue SRI Inc.'s "retainer" contract with Fresno COG and in the event that Fresno COG should choose to use SRI Inc.'s services down the road, SRI should be required to develop a detailed scope and cost for the specific product on a case by case basis for Policy Board approval.

A discussion followed suggesting that Dr. Manross provide a pro forma and Huron and Fresno suggested going back to talk with the Policy Advisory Committee members from their agencies to get a better understanding of their reasoning behind their vote at the PAC meeting. It was suggested that this item be brought back in June. Following discussion, Mayor Yep withdrew his motion. Supervisor Case (County) suggested that the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee review this contract. A motion was made by Councilmember Borgeas (Fresno) and seconded by Mayor Flores (Clovis) to table the item until June. A vote was called for and the motion carried with one no vote by the City of Reedley.

F. Report on Meeting Package Findings [STECK]

Ms. Steck reported that at last month's meeting, Supervisor Case asked staff to research alternative methods for distributing agenda packages in order to conserve paper and provide easy access for board and committee members. Coincidentally, Fresno COG is in the process of updating its website at www.fresnocog.org. The new website, which should be fully operational by July 1st of this year, will go a long way to accomplishing these goals.

Staff's analysis of the current agenda package compilation and distribution (TTC, PAC and Board) estimates a per month cost of over \$1,300 (printing, postage and staff time to compile). This equates to over \$13,000 per year (over and above energy costs and impacts).

Staff did contact the IT Director at the City of Modesto about their City Council's use of iPads. Modesto distributed iPads to its Council and department heads in October 2010. The director discussed the learning curve for this approach as well as the cost. For these reasons, COG staff is recommending that we first give our new web-based agenda distribution a try before considering more costly alternatives.

Fresno COG's new web based agenda functions currently being developed, are based on Orange County Transportation Authority's, which can be viewed at http://www.octa.net/da_main.aspx. Ms. Steck encouraged COG Board and committee members to access this site and experience the functionality of the agenda viewing and download capacity. There was a discussion of alternatives such as Kindles for viewing documents.

Staff recommends that we move to electronic agenda distribution starting July 1, 2011. Any Board or committee member desiring paper copies will be issued the package in the traditional manner. No action was taken. Staff will research other options and report back to the Board.

G. 2010 U.S. Census [CHUNG]

Kathy Chung (Fresno COG) gave a brief report on the results of the 2010 U.S. Census and recent American Community Surveys for Fresno County and its jurisdictions. The presentation is available on the Fresno COG website at:

<http://fresnocog.org/siteadmin/AgendaFiles/290/ITEM%20V%20G%202010%20US%20Census%20Other%20Data%20For%20Fresno%20Co.%20and%20its%20Jurisdiction.pdf>.

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

H. California Consulting LLC Report [SAMUELIAN]

Juan Garza II, California Consulting, LLC highlighted items included in the written report that was included in the meeting package.

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

VI. CLOSED SESSION

Conference with Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6): conference regarding unrepresented COG staff employees; COG Executive Director, Tony Boren to act as Labor Negotiator on behalf of COG Policy Board.

The Policy Board went into Closed Session.

VII. OPEN SESSION -- DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH UNREPRESENTED COG STAFF EMPLOYEES

Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) reconvened the session and reported a unanimous approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Unrepresented COG Staff Employees.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**A. Items from Staff**

Mr. Boren reported that Malcolm Dougherty has been appointed Permanent Deputy Director of Caltrans.

B. Items from Members

None.

IX. PRESENTATIONS**A. PRESENTATION:**

1. Mortgage Crisis Presentation, Gene Johnson, JODAN [MAYOR DHALIWAL] – this presentation was cancelled. May be brought back at a later date.

B. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

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

Supervisor Henry Perea (County) addressed the Board regarding the request by the Fresno Nuclear Energy Group for letters of support. Information was handed out.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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Attachment A

Observers and Non-Members
COG Board Meeting
May 26, 2011

Julie Eldridge, Kimley Horn & Associates
Francisco Chavez, CHUSD
Jeffrey Webster, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency
Lynn Gorman, Fresno County
Juan Garza II, California Consulting LLC
John Downs, Fresno COG/FAX
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG