



**VENTURA COUNCIL  
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, July 14, 2005**

**5:00 p.m.**

**City of Camarillo**

**Council Chambers**

**601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010**

1. Call to Order: **Vice Chair Krause called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.**
2. Roll Call:

<b>Member Jan McDonald</b>	<b>City of Camarillo</b>
<b>Alternate Smedley</b>	<b>City of Fillmore</b>
<b>Alternate Harper</b>	<b>City of Moorpark</b>
<b>Member Jon Sharkey</b>	<b>City of Port Hueneme</b>
<b>Member Carl Morehouse</b>	<b>City of San Buenaventura</b>
<b>Member Many Ann Krause</b>	<b>City of Santa Paula</b>
<b>Member Paul Miller</b>	<b>City of Simi Valley</b>
<b>Member Jacqui Irwin</b>	<b>City of Thousand Oaks</b>
<b>Member Linda Parks</b>	<b>County of Ventura</b>
3. Salute to the Flag: **Vice Chair Krause led the Salute.**
4. Announcements of any changes to the agenda: **For purposes of discussion, Member Irwin requested the removal of Items #5B from the Consent Agenda. (see below)**
5. Consent Calendar: **With Item #5B removed, Member Milller moved and Member Irwin seconded a motion to approve Items #5A and #5C. The motion carried.**
  - A. Minutes of May 12, 2005 Meeting
  - B. Ventura County Agricultural Water Quality Coalition Request for Support  
**Member Irwin stated that Thousand Oaks opposes the Resolution and requested input from other water authorities. Member Miller stated that Simi Valley would**

**MEMBERS**

City of Camarillo  
Jan McDonald, Member  
Kevin Kildee, *Alternate*

City of Oxnard  
Thomas Holden, Member  
Tim Flynn, *Alternate*

City of Simi Valley  
Paul Miller, Member  
Steven Sojka, *Alternate*

City of Fillmore  
Ernie Villegas, Member  
Ken Smedley, *Alternate*

City of Port Hueneme  
Jonathan Sharkey, Member  
Murray Rosenbluth, *Alternate*

City of Thousand Oaks  
Jacqui Irwin, Member  
Dennis Gillette, *Alternate*

City of Moorpark  
Patrick Hunter, Member  
Clint D. Harper, *Alternate*

City of San Buenaventura  
Carl Morehouse, Member  
Brian Brennan, *Alternate*

County of Ventura  
Linda Parks, Member  
John Flynn, *Alternate*

City of Ojai  
Sue Horgan, Member  
Rae Hanstad, *Alternate*

City of Santa Paula  
Mary Ann Krause, Member  
John Procter, *Alternate*

abstain from voting. Alternate Smedley stated that Fillmore objected to the request for a change to the study time frame and that the city would not be joining the Coalition. With several members absent, Member McDonald suggested carrying the item over to the next meeting. Vice Chair Krause mentioned that no opposition to the Coalition's request had been expressed at the last meeting. Ms. Bacharach said that she did not confirm Mr. Roy's attendance at the meeting because it seemed at the prior meeting that the Resolution would be supported. Vice Chair Krause then moved that the item be carried over, while additional information about their positions is obtained from the cities of Thousand Oaks and Fillmore. Alternate Harper seconded the motion, which was carried.

C. Update on Legislation upon which VCOG has a position

6. Public Comments (with completion of speaker card): **None**

7. Board Member Comments: **Member McDonald attended a GIS Regional Collaborative meeting at CSUCI, at which a system demonstration was provided. The presenters were willing to provide a demonstration to the VCOG Board which Member McDonald thought would be beneficial in conjunction with the homeland security theme of the annual meeting in November.**

**Member Irwin asked whether the Board would be receiving a presentation on local preference housing. Ms. Bacharach said that a presentation was not planned but that next week she would be e-mailing the report concluding the review conducted as a result of the SCAG grant.**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

8. Consideration of RFQ for New Executive Director

**Regarding her decision not to request a renewal of her contract and the process of pursuing a new Executive Director, Ms. Bacharach reviewed four items including her summary memo, the Administrative Committee's recommendations, the Request for Qualifications and the City Managers' proposal to staff VCOG.**

**Member McDonald mentioned several of VCOG's accomplishments for the past 18 months and expressed her continuing support of the VCOG organization and expressed her desire for VCOG to continue progressing.**

**Member Miller recommended that the RFQ should be held and stated that Simi Valley would withdraw from VCOG if the city's concerns are not addressed within the current fiscal year. Member Miller read Simi Valley's statement that it is important for VCOG to know its role and purpose, which should be determined prior to the Executive Director being replaced. He also stated that VCOG dues have no apparent specific purpose other than supporting administrative activities, that the RFQ should be held and that Simi Valley would withdraw from VCOG if the city's concerns were not addressed.**

**Member Sharkey stated that the City Managers' proposal had not been reviewed by the Administrative Committee so it should not be part of the recommendation, but Port Hueneme agrees that their proposal should be considered. He stated that the city would not withdraw but it does agree with Simi Valley that VCOG's role, purpose and cost should be reconsidered. He also agreed that release of the RFQ should be postponed and that the City Managers' proposal as an interim arrangement could continue for an extended period.**

Member McDonald expressed concern that this arrangement had been attempted previously and that it had taken more of the Camarillo City Manager's time than had been anticipated.

Vice Chair Krause invited City Manager Bobkiewicz, City Manager Chair, to further explain the group's proposal. Mr. Bobkiewicz stated that the City Managers did not have a specific long term plan but that the city/county organization agreed it is willing to play a greater role than it has in the past, which would lessen any one person's responsibility.

Member Parks thanked Ms. Bacharach for her work. She stated that she is not in favor of meetings without purpose and that Supervisor Kathy Long had suggested that VCTC or APCD might be able to be grown into regional bodies that support VCOG's agenda and that this might be a window of opportunity for a merger with VCTC.

Alternate Harper suggested proceeding with the RFQ and that merging various functions into a single body was his preference.

Vice Chair Krause commended Ms. Bacharach for the past 18 months of work outlined in her memo. She also stated that legislation would probably be required to merge VCOG and VCTC and that additional related work would probably necessitate a staff person, thus it would be beneficial to let the RFQ, with an understanding that it would be on an interim basis.

Member Miller moved the City Manager's proposal, for the next three to eight months. Member Sharkey seconded the motion.

During related discussion Simi Valley City Manager Sedell suggested the use of a consultant to study VCOG-related issues for a possible re-organization, while the City Managers' group served administratively in the interim.

Member Morehouse stated that a consultant had already been utilized and presented the organization with options at the Reagan Library more than two years ago.

Members McDonald and Parks stated they would support the City Managers' proposal. Mr. Bobkiewicz confirmed that the County CEO is a member of the City Managers' group.

Member Miller moved to accept the City Managers' offer to serve as an interim executive function. The motion was seconded.

Alternate Smedley made a motion to transition to the City Managers group as of August 1.

Member Parks moved that the next meeting agenda include a general discussion of transitioning VCOG to some other regional body. Vice Chair Krause extended the motion to include extension of Ms. Bacharach's contract to July 31 and seconded the motion, which passed.

#### 9. 05-06 Budget

Ms. Bacharach presented the 05-06 Budget, recommended by the Administrative Committee. Member Miller suggested a pro rata return of Fund Balance to the members. Vice Chair Krause stated that there will be some expenditure the current year and that dues return is premature. Member McDonald proposed budget approval with a later adjustment, if needed. Alternate Smedley moved approval of the budget and a suspension of current year dues. Member Morehouse seconded the motion, which passed.

#### 10. Request to Expand VCOG Membership

Ms. Bacharach presented the Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's correspondence requesting VCOG membership. Alternate Harper suggested, due to the prior discussion regarding VCOG's future direction, that the Board postpone

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consideration of the organization's request. Member McDonald proposed VCOG send a letter to Rancho Simi to explain postponement of the request. The motion passed.

### WORK PROGRAM

11. BRAC Update – Presentation by Tom Nielsen, BRAC Task Force

Tom Nielsen described Ventura County's delegation presentation at the day's BRAC meeting. Presenters included Congress Members Gallegly and Capps as well as two retired Admirals and other Navy personnel. Mr. Nielsen stated that if the Commission considers the "military value" of the local bases, "we have a good chance." Last week the bases were removed from the "closure" list; currently it is a question of the extent the operation may be downsized. Mr. Nielsen also acknowledged the role of "RDP-21" in preparation of Naval Base Ventura County's defense of its position.

12. Follow-up Report From Last Meeting - Anti-Coagulant Poisons – Supervisor Parks  
Supervisor Parks moved and Member Sharkey seconded a motion to continue Item #12. The motion passed.

13. SCAG Overall Work Program Project Report  
Ms. Bacharach provided a brief presentation on the SCAG work project, the report for which will be e-mailed to the Board next week.

14. CIWMB Update (*attachments*)

Presentation by Gerard Kapuscik and Peter Kaiser, Ventura County Public Works  
Gerard Kapuscik introduced Peter Kaiser, also of the County Public Works Agency, who will be replacing him in his role of staffing the 939 LTF process. He then provided the Board with a presentation reviewing the update of the Five-Year CIWMP plan. He stated that every five years the LTF body must update the CIWMP Plan. The template will be distributed to the cities on Monday, July 18. The entities have a minimum of 45 days to conduct their review. At the September VCOG meeting the template of the CIWMP data changes will be presented. Mr. Kapuscik stated that there do not appear to be any controversial issues involved but that he and Mr. Kaiser would work closely with entity staff to finalize the data.

Member Miller moved and Alternate Harper seconded a motion to begin the mandatory review which will end at the September 8 meeting. The motion passed.

15. Agency Reports

- a. SCAG: Member Morehouse reported that SCAG is looking at what will happen with the regional housing need numbers. SCAG is trying to improve coordination of reporting the data availability with census data. Vice Chair Krause said the SCAG Housing Committee is hoping to coordinate the housing numbers with the regional transportation plan. The new housing element will have to be prepared by July, 2008.
- b. VCTC: Mary Travis reported that the Lewis Road project plan was approved. In addition she stated that the State is involved with the development of a new type of bonding for the project that will become a statewide model.
- c. League of California Cities: Member Morehouse stated that because local governments remained united regarding the state's property tax transfer return there is some success this year with revenue coming back to the cities and county.
- d. Other Agencies: No report.

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16. Executive Director Report: **Ms. Bacharach thanked the Board for the opportunity to work with them in her role as Executive Director. Vice Chair Krause, on behalf of the Chair and the Board, in turn expressed the Board's appreciation for the organization's accomplishments during the 18 months she worked with them.**

17. **The meeting was adjourned at 6:46 p.m. to September 8, 2005.**