



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, March 8, 2007

5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo

Council Chambers

601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda upon completion of a speaker card. Individual Board Members may briefly respond to Public Comments or ask questions for clarification.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA**
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. **Minutes** – Adopt the Minutes of the January 9, 2007 meeting.
- B. **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) District 45 and 47 Regional Council Representative Elections** - Receive and file report.
- C. **FY 2006/07 Midyear Budget Report** – Receive and file.
- D. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Wrap Up** – Receive and file report.

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8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **VCOG Staffing Issues** – Receive update and authorize the Interim Executive Director to hire a contract part-time Assistant Executive Director for fee not to exceed \$2,500 per month.
- B. **Update on VCOG/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project** – Receive update and consider appointing a two-member oversight committee to work with VCCA on project.
- C. **Designation of VCOG as Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County** – Consider request of the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition to have VCOG designated as the Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County.
- D. **2007 Annual Meeting** – Consider holding annual meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2007, select location and program for meeting and provide other direction to staff as appropriate.
- E. **2007 Legislative Agenda** - Consider adopting 2007 Legislative Agenda.
- F. **2007 Workplan** – Consider adopting 2007 Workplan.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. Southern California Association of Governments
- B. Ventura County Transportation Commission
- C. League of California Cities
- D. Other Agencies

10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Any Board Member may propose items for placement on a future agenda. Members may discuss whether or not the item should be agendized and the description of the agenda item.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO MAY 10, 2007**

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***Draft* MINUTES**

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

3:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo

Police Department

3701 E. Las Posas Road, Camarillo, California 93010

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.
 2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Member Holden led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 3. **ROLL CALL:**

Member Patrick Hunter	City of Moorpark
Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Holden	City of Oxnard
Member Glancy	City of Thousand Oaks
Member Aguirre	City of Santa Paula
Member Conaway	City of Fillmore
Member Parks	County of Ventura
Member Sharkey	City of Port Hueneme
Member Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Smith	City of Ojai
Member Morehouse	City of Ventura
 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
 5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Member Morehouse reminded the group that Kris Kristofferson would be performing at the Ventura Theatre on February 16. He also encouraged the group to support the efforts of Everette Garmon, City of Ventura, in his efforts to raise money for the Martin Luther King National Monument in Washington, DC. All were invited to walk for Dr. Martin Luther King January 15, 2007, in Oxnard.
 6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA:** Member Miller moved to approve and Member Sharkey seconded. Carried unanimously by voice vote.
 7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**
 - A. Adopt the Minutes of the November 9, 2006 Meeting.
 - B. Adopt the Minutes of the December 14, 2006 Meeting.
 - C. Status Report on Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) / VCOG Grant Project: "Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County."

D. Letter of Support – City of Ventura / SCAG Compass Blueprint Program Demonstration Project Application

Chair Hunter indicated that there was a request to pull Item C, and asked for anything further on the Consent Calendar.

Motion to approve **Items A** and **B** first and seconded by Members Sharkey and Miller. Approved unanimously by voice vote. Member Conaway abstained on A and B.

Chair Hunter entertained a motion on Item D. Item adopted unanimously. Member Smith abstained.

Member Parks commented on Item C, and mentioned that when this first came to the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), and VCOG was told that there was going to be an Executive Committee that would steer the project. She understood it as part of the motion. The project has moved forward, some decisions have been made, some of the phasing has been changed and the VCOG Steering Committee has not been involved yet. She expressed concern that that it was moving ahead on its own, without involvement of the Steering Committee, which still has not been made up. It was supposed to be comprised of members from VCOG and the Civic Alliance. She expressed concern that it appears to have taken on a life of its own, and that this needs to come back with scenarios on growth, and she opined that it's important for elected officials to be involved and so far we (elected officials) are not.

Member Hunter inquired as to whether or not VCOG designated members at that time or just a committee.

Member Parks responded that VCOG meets so irregularly and it appears that decisions are being made without VCOG's input.

Mr. Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director responded that Supervisor Parks' comments were those that he recalled from the VCOG discussions. The Administrative Committee of VCOG was looking at agenda issues at their meeting in December. It was decided that VCOG would have a written report—a status report on this agenda—and have further discussion at the March meeting.

Member Parks commented that it would be okay, except that from what she has seen, decisions have been made and VCOG has had no input into them and that concerned her because these decisions are not being shared. She suggested bringing it back at the next meeting (March 8, 2007), have it on the agenda for that meeting and not go any further without VCOG's involvement.

Chair Hunter responded that VCOG was just to provide input, and did not designate members for the committee, and asked the question of Mr. Bobkiewicz.

Mr. Bobkiewicz responded that there is a timeframe from SCAG for those that may not have been involved in this previously. The VCCA came to VCOG earlier in 2006, asking VCOG to co-sponsor a grant application that they made to SCAG under

SCAG's 2% project. They submitted that application, it's been approved and SCAG has been moving forward. What SCAG has basically done, is to provide staff time, from a series of consultants to help with this, so they have been moving forward, and Rebecca Evans, the Executive Director from the Civic Alliance was present and could add some more detail.

Supervisor Parks brought these concerns to Mr. Bobkiewicz's attention over the Christmas holidays and from the scope that they are working on. It is a 3-part project that VCOG had previously given authority to move forward with the first and second phases of that, but not the third. They are working on those first and second phases with the consultants from SCAG. That project is moving forward. Ms. Evans was present and spoke to the timing as far as their need to move forward versus a pause until VCOG's March meeting.

Rebecca Evans, Executive Director from the Civic Alliance spoke and responded that SCAG chose the consultants, so that decision was made by SCAG. They contacted the VCCA to set up an initial meeting, letting Mr. Bobkiewicz know the timing. Since then, the consultants have put together a "Draft Scope of Work" which was included in the report and what they (VCCA) are working on is a draft guiding principles for the work as we move forward. Any decisions made are simply draft recommendations by the special consultants assigned by SCAG to the project. The original date of completion, as required by SCAG, was June 30 but they are now talking about September 30. They are talking about bisecting the fiscal year.

Ms. Evans responded that there was going to be a meeting January 10, 2007 to look into draft guiding principles to move forward, and are based on the Faulkner House Compact. VCCA's next report will include the draft guiding principles. VCCA is open and welcomes anyone who would like to participate.

Member Hunter posed a question to Mr. (Karl) Berger, given the way this agenda item was phrased; did Mr. Berger see a problem in forming that committee today (January 9, 2007) or designating committee members?

Mr. Berger responded that the agenda item was received without a broader provision in the agenda, he recommended against forming subcommittees.

Chair Hunter asked Ms. Evans if she saw a problem in awaiting that committee and working closely with that committee and addressing some of the current concerns Mrs. Parks has.

Ms. Evans responded that she didn't see a problem—they will continue to gather data and explore as a part of this, but everything is still in draft recommendation form working with the consultants, so if they can continue working on the draft guiding principles, she didn't foresee a problem, particularly since she got the sense that their deadline for completion had been moved to September. She will verify at the meeting of January 10, 2007.

Member Parks commented that one of requests she had was to have it plugged into the transportation study that VCTC was working on, since they are going to be doing public forums, and a decision was made that they would prefer not to, but thought it was something VCOG may want to discuss. She also indicated that she understood that they had just moved Phase I and Mr. Bobkiewicz had indicated Phase I and II, but Phase I was just the data gathering, and now it could be the Public Forum Phase which, as she understood, have already got their draft. She felt that it was coming together and appreciated the subcommittee's being part of it, which is a requirement of that sponsorship.

Member McDonald echoed that she recalled the same discussion and the first phase was the information gathering and after the information was gathered, VCOG would begin to participate.

Chair Hunter indicated that it would be agendized for the March meeting with the purpose, among others, of designating committee members to work with.

Mr. Bobkiewicz responded that before moving off the item, just for the Board's reference, this was decided on at VCOG's July 13, 2006 meeting and the motion approved was, "To cosponsor, with approval for Phases I and II and not obligating any funds for the project." Phase I was data-collection and scenario development. Phase II—identification of preferred regional future, and Phase III: implementation--which was the phase that VCOG did not previously support. Just to add clarity on the phasing and the motion.

Motion to conclude on this item first and seconded by Members Sharkey and Holden respectively. Carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Review – Review of Allocation Options**: Mr. Bobkiewicz reported that staff has been working very diligently over the last several months with the draft RHNA allocation that has been provided by SCAG. VCOG has designated the County Planning Directors to be the lead group of that and Chris Stephens, the head of the Resource Management Agency for the County has been acting as VCOG staff, working with the planning directors. At VCOG's December 14 meeting, the Board directed the planning directors to come to this meeting with a final set of options to consider for a preferred allocation of the RHNA numbers for Ventura County. On January 8, 2007, the City Managers and the Assistant County Executive Officer met for 2½ hours reviewing the options presented by the planning directors and submitted, for VCOG's consideration, an additional option to be considered. That additional option carries the unanimous recommendation of the City Managers and the Assistant County Executive Officer.

Mr. Bobkiewicz recommended that Chris Stephens talk briefly about the work that the Ventura County Planning Directors had undertaken on VCOG's behalf, and then asked City Manager Rick Cole of Ventura, who also serves as the

Chair of the City Managers group (VCCM) to talk a bit about the process of January 8.

Chris Stephens mentioned that VCCM met 3 or 4 times over the last couple of months to see if they could identify methodologies for allocating the housing unit number that SCAG prepared – the draft housing numbers for VCOG sub-regions. They went through a number of iterations and identified the following factors in developing the RHNA Options: existing jobs; existing housing; vacant land, as being identified in what is available out there that can accommodate growth, as well as what they call “General Plan Build-out.” The group looked at how they might array those—in essence it was a different way of weighting each of those factors. There were also some local estimates that were developed but it was subjective, inconsistently developed, and not similar to General Plan Build-out.

The Planners group had a meeting the week of January 1, 2007, looked at seven options and whittled them down to four that are included in the packet. As Mr. Bobkiewicz referred to it, “the lesser of the evils—the least objectionable options.” There were shortcomings with each of the factors that the planning directors looked at, and thought everyone was well aware of those and felt that these options provided a good description of how things might be allocated and those were the basis of some of the discussion at the City Managers’ meeting of January 8. Looking at the numbers, the City Managers’ group came up with the thought, with only a couple of exceptions, fell within the range of any one of the numbers for those jurisdictions and one of those options. They were within the range of what the planning directors developed. He did not see anything outside of the factors considered by the planning directors. Asked for questions from the floor, there were none.

Rick Cole, Chair of VCCM, spoke on behalf of his ten colleagues, and recognized that VCCM, like VCOG is pleased with January 8’s successful outcome, with the recognition that all are different, represent different communities and finding common ground was the goal.

VCCM supported the effort by the county professionals--to arrive at a single recommended alternative to several options. They felt that they were the best equipped to put politics behind them and make sense.

That process did not produce either a single objective or even a recommended objective—rather, a series of objectives—but no alternative. It was important to make that effort. VCCM began with the ideal single objective and equitable standard, however the factors might have been weighed—that all could agree made sense. What became clear, early on in the meeting was no such standard was shared with each of the communities that were there (January 9), and noted it was probably not surprising, given our County’s history of home rule, independence and given the significant diversity, and a unique situation that was different than all the 700 counties in the state, which are the guidelines for the development of 30 years of county support for individual cities. They

came up with a very different model. Rather than the model that they all could come with charts and graphs, showing you why, this effort made more sense. What VCCM came up with was might be equitable to a base closure scenario. You have a situation where individually, legal, political and geographic gridlock precludes coming up with something that everyone could agree upon as a set of principles for the standards. They came up with a single approach that was presented (January 9, 2007), and it was not thought to be the best idea, and in fact, everyone had strong criticism of the process and the results, it was just the least worst of the alternatives.

By far, the solution that worked better for us was the default. The SCAG default was unlikely to stand in our communities. He felt that all would probably stipulate that. The trouble is that if we don't come up with a delegation of RHNA among ourselves, we stand a very real risk—a probability—that the 28,481 number will go up because the chances of each individual community being heard sensitively and with understanding in this group was far greater than going to 6 counties, all of which have their own self interests at stake and who care that much less.

For those cities like Ventura, Moorpark, Thousand Oaks and Fillmore, who in this recommendation are taking a greater number than the SCAG default, there are superficial advantages to say if this doesn't work, that's fine, we did the SCAG default. But he also felt that for those who represent those cities, it was a very shortsighted approach for the following 3 reasons:

- Collectively, the County's number is likely to go higher;
- We are much more likely to be pitted against each other down on 7th Street in Los Angeles, and we will go as adversaries into a den of lions; and
- We are used to working with each other in these scenarios and VCCM came up with what they thought will work the best for all—if we are not successful, we are unlikely to get much consideration and understand the challenges to the numbers we are sending.

If we work together, we have the opportunity of delivering a fairly remarkable result, which is a county that keeps its own destiny to itself. VCCM understood the legal, geographic and political challenges to the numbers that they presented but hoped they were helpful.

Chair Hunter inquired for clarity, that a “delegation agreement” was simply a resolution of this body?

Mr. Cole responded that the City Managers discussed this with SCAG staff and it was not clear—they strove for unanimity—they thought it was very important that it not be said that 10 people were for it and one goes down to SCAG for appeal. But, it was VCCM's understanding that this body could achieve a delegation agreement.

Mr. Bobkiewicz commented that Karl Berger, who is the City Attorney in Santa Paula, and also serves as Special Legal Counsel for VCOG, has reviewed that document and could walk through the particulars. The delegation agreement is an actual contract between VCOG and SCAG. Lynn Harris, who is the manager of Community and Housing Development for SCAG was present and it has been her responsibility to coordinate and facilitate the RHNA process for SCAG. She was also a resource who can speak to the ins and outs of the delegation agreement--a specific contract that has responsibilities for both VCOG and SCAG and suggested that Mr. Berger be recognized.

Mr. Berger concurred with Mr. Bobkiewicz's comments, that a delegation agreement is a contract, and that statutory language requires the delegation agreement be submitted by the recognized region and sub-region to SCAG by January 31, 2007. SCAG has offered a draft contract, which Mr. Berger reviewed and revised. Redlined comments were provided to Mr. Bobkiewicz and Chris (Stephens) and to his colleagues, the City Attorneys, as well. He had not heard back from the attorneys other than the City Attorney of Thousand Oaks, with whom he has had the opportunity to speak with on a couple of occasions with some of her issues with the agreement. In principle, the agreement sets forth the direct responsibilities of SCAG sub-region. He noted that the agreement relies upon SB12 introduced December 4, 2006, the so-called RHNA Pilot Program. It was introduced as urgency legislation that the CA Legislature could adopt upon a 2/3 vote and would become effective immediately upon adoption. However, as of January 9, there was no activity regarding SB12 other than its introduction. Mr. Berger will continue to monitor its progress through the Legislature.

Chair Hunter asked if that agreement insulates the body from further criticism or exposure down the line—there are certain safeguards for VCOG from SCAG?

Mr. Berger responded that legally speaking, it provides VCOG with certain protections—not as far as he would like them to go. Unlike with most contracts Mr. Berger deals with as a City Attorney, where the vendors are at a bit of a disadvantage regarding contract language, VCOG might have to accept much of the language from SCAG's draft contract without the opportunity for change. That said, Mr. Berger stated that the language, as revised, was probably the best that he could hope for.

Chair Hunter inquired that a certain majority was all that was required to enter into that agreement, and Mr. Berger responded that he had not seen anything to the contrary.

Member Smith commented that just by a simple majority vote there was nothing to prevent a dissident city from lodging a protest.

Mr. Berger responded that it was correct. However, if the VCOG voted unanimously to approve the draft RHNA numbers and delegation agreement, that vote would help reduce the changes that an individual city would appeal the

RHNA numbers. Moreover, the delegation agreement and the legislation required VCOG, and not SCAG, to deal with appeals from individual jurisdictions.

Member Morehouse commented that he would like to fill in some gaps. He expressed his frustration with being the only representative liaison to SCAG from this body. Out of that committee at SCAG there was a committee that has become the Appeals Process. He is now seated with that role, there is no alternate. Other representatives currently representing the sub-region of VCOG at SCAG are: Councilmember Becerra from Simi Valley; Toni Young, Port Hueneme; Mr. Morehouse and representing VCTC, Keith Millhouse, Moorpark, and lost representative Judy Mikels—there is no unincorporated representative currently. Ventura County is not weighted as well as Los Angeles County or Orange County or Riverside County and he indicated he would like a better sense of cooperation and stick together.

He further commented that he would like Ms. Harris to clarify that if we took delegation, if there is a firewall. It was his understanding, that if any other city were successful in their appeal to the greater SCAG appeals body, those numbers would be redistributed throughout the greater SCAG region. If you took a delegation you've got a firewall—it can't bring new numbers into your sub-region.

Lynn Harris responded that Mr. Morehouse expressed it adequately. The existing RHNA law, which was different than any other law any of us had ever worked under both for your compilation of your housing element and SCAG's responsibilities. It changed over 2 years ago. It included a provision that mandates that SCAG, when the Appeals Board approves an appeal, the number of appealed units gets redistributed to every city in the region unless there areas of the region that accepted delegation, in which case, the 7% stays outside of your region and you handle the appeals within your region and redistribute within your region as you see fit. Your only responsibility to SCAG is to give a completed, final RHNA allocation for Ventura County that you have adequately run all your numbers, and decided based on that 28,481 number. She thought that was the only protection in terms of in the agreement of getting a higher allocation—an unknown allocation, because the 7% is 7% of the total number of units that SCAG was required by the State Housing Community Development Department to define as "housing need" in the 6 County Region. That was a big number—they gave us a range from 687,000 to 733,000. We were allowed to reallocate up to 7% of that number region-wide in those cities that don't take delegations, without appealing.

Member Morehouse responded that SCAG is tying into regional transportation plans, which in his opinion made some sense. In the meantime, all are in the same boat, having scrambled with numbers.

Member McDonald inquired that if VCOG accepted delegation and handled its sub-regional numbers, if there were appeals to VCOG, whom do they sue?

Member Morehouse responded “VCOG”.

Member McDonald then posed, that once accepted, it’s all done at “home”?

Member Morehouse responded in the affirmative.

Chair Hunter inquired as to whether or not the delegation agreements insulated VCOG from taking on additional units from cities in other regions should they successfully appeal?

Member Morehouse responded that the 28,481 number was secure once the agreement is adopted.

Member Smith inquired of Member Morehouse if SB12 includes more punitive aspects to 2413 coming around the corner?

Member Morehouse responded that it should have no punitive. The idea was to give a longer timeline. Right now, housing elements had to be done in 5 years—the punitive side would be that we could lose funds that would be tied to the State, such as grants, tax funds, etc.

Member McDonald inquired of Rick Cole where the planners came up with their numbers. When VCOG got the numbers from SCAG, no one really knew where these numbers came from.

Rick Cole responded that they looked at the theories behind the 6 options, the flaws and all the facts of reality that each (in the County) had invested in a different take on this approach. Thousand Oaks had to go before the voters, Ojai had concerns for water; Port Hueneme had a lack of land; Camarillo had a lack of ag land and the development of it. They looked at all and there was no way to apply a single standard. They were not going to argue that Thousand Oaks was wrong, etc.; rather all had their own perspectives.

Member McDonald asked if they started with a base and how did they get to those numbers.

Mr. Cole responded that they did not use a method—that they looked at all 6 options and where they were all short. They took all the methodology and used that and still came up short. They kept closing the gap until each community had their “push / pull” factors and the reasons for their discomfort, still kept pushing numbers that they could live with and kept reaching.

Member Holden added that they started with some numbers that went back and forth and some were too low, some too high and tried to get a consensus that fell short of that. From his perspective, no city got exactly what they wanted, but no one got the short end of the stick, either.

Mr. Cole added that in the end, there was not enough agreement but had to conclude with what they all had to deal with.

Member Parks commented that the unanimity was remarkable, and if one looks at the local estimate, each city took a little more and came up short, and kept at it. She added that it was amazing and she credited the group (VCCM) with that.

Member Miller motioned getting consensus supports the move to accept the numbers. Member Sharkey seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Member Holden further commented that this was bigger and this process speaks volumes for what they may have in the future. On a percentage basis, some took higher and stepped up to the plate. From his perspective, as they get the larger numbers that the larger cities have, this issue was affordability. Oxnard has taken on lower to moderate housing and supported these numbers. He also invited the neighboring cities, in the spirit of this process, to come up with the affordable numbers that are needed.

Member Smith commented that she was new to VCOG and added that she would bring it back to Council, and inquired if this was a VCOG decision and does not go back to Council.

Member Holden responded that the decision of this meeting was binding.

City Manager Mitnick thanked Wally Bobkiewicz for stepping in as Interim Executive Director and complimented his leadership on this issue.

Chair Hunter recognized all the City Managers and thanked them for all their hard work.

- B. **Election of Chair and Chair-Elect:** Mr. Bobkiewicz indicated that the by-laws of VCOG require that annually there would be Chair-Elect chosen at the first meeting of the new year; however, the previous Chair-Elect was no longer with VCOG, and was not able to become Chair automatically as per VCOG's by-laws. The chair would serve for calendar year 2007 and the Chair-Elect would serve for 2007 and then become Chair in January of 2008.

Chair Hunter offered his gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Bobkiewicz. He stepped into a very difficult time for VCOG when it was struggling and provided extraordinary leadership. As the Chair, and the outgoing Chair, he congratulated and thanked him on a job well done. He added that it has been a privilege to serve as Chair for the last 2 years and appreciated working with all. He has learned a great deal and felt that he does his job in his city better than he did before he assumed this position and thanked the body for that opportunity.

As Chair, Mr. Hunter submitted his recommendation the name of Carl Morehouse from the City of Ventura as Chair to VCOG. Motion was first and seconded by Members Parks and Miller respectively. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Chair Hunter asked for election of Chair Elect.

Member McDonald nominated Member Holden. Member Parks seconded. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

- C. **Appointment of 2007 Administrative Committee:** Mr. Bobkiewicz reported that under the by-laws of VCOG it is composed of the Chair, the Chair-Elect and the Immediate Past Chair. Also the Chair of each Standing Committee, which VCOG does not currently have, and other members recommended by the Chair. What has been the past practice is that there be a Councilmember from the East County and one from the West County.

Administrative Committee was appointed as follows:

Mayors Morehouse; Holden; Hunter; Miller and Aguirre.

Member Holden congratulated Chair Hunter for his leadership and thanked him for his efforts as Chair.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS:** None.
10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** None.
11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Mary from VCTC requested the appointment of a subcommittee to review health benefits for retirees and long-term employees.
12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned 4:21 p.m. to March 8, 2007.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
District 45 and 47 Regional Council Representative Elections**

DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file report.

Discussion: VCOG is currently conducting elections for the District 45 and 47 representatives to the SCAG Regional Council. The current District 45 representative is Port Hueneme Councilmember Toni Young and District 47 representative is Ventura Mayor Carl Morehouse.

The election announcements are attached for your information.

Attachments:

SCAG District 45 and 47 Regional Council Representative Election Announcements.



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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

REGIONAL COUNCIL

DISTRICT 45 REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Ventura Council of Governments will be conducting an election for the District 45 Representative to the Southern California Associations of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the Camarillo City Council Chambers, 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo. District 45 includes the Cities of Camarillo, Oxnard and Port Hueneme.

All elected officials serving on city councils from SCAG member cities within the District are eligible candidates.

All interested candidates should submit their names for consideration no later than 5:00 PM, Thursday, March 15, 2007 to Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director, Ventura Council of Governments, c/o City of Santa Paula, 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060.

The names of candidates will then be noticed to the cities within District 45.

District Representatives shall be elected by a majority of a quorum. A quorum is defined as at least one (1) elected official from 2/3 of the cities within a district. Please note that each elected official must vote in person, as proxy votes are not permitted. If there is only one candidate, that individual shall be declared the SCAG District Representative without having to conduct an election.

For further information, please contact VCOG Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz at (805) 933-4200.

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DISTRICT 47 REPRESENTATIVE

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Ventura Council of Governments will be conducting an election for the District 47 Representative to the Southern California Associations of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 4:00 PM at the Camarillo City Council Chambers, 601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo. District 47 includes the Cities of Fillmore, Ojai, San Buenaventura and Santa Paula.

All elected officials serving on city councils from SCAG member cities within the District are eligible candidates.

All interested candidates should submit their names for consideration no later than 5:00 PM, Thursday, March 15, 2007 to Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director, Ventura Council of Governments, c/o City of Santa Paula, 970 Ventura Street, Santa Paula, CA 93060.

The names of candidates will then be noticed to the cities within District 47.

District Representatives shall be elected by a majority of a quorum. A quorum is defined as at least one (1) elected official from 2/3 of the cities within a district. Please note that each elected official must vote in person, as proxy votes are not permitted. If there is only one candidate, that individual shall be declared the SCAG District Representative without having to conduct an election.

For further information, please contact VCOG Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz at (805) 933-4200.

MEMBERS

<u>City of Camarillo</u> Jan McDonald, Member Kevin Kildee, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Fillmore</u> Steve Conaway, Member Cecilia Cuevas, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Moorpark</u> Patrick Hunter, Member Clint D. Harper, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Ojai</u> Carol Smith, Member Joe De Vito, <i>Alternate</i>
<u>City of Oxnard</u> Thomas Holden, Member Tim Flynn, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Port Hueneme</u> Toni Young, Member Maricela Morales, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of San Buenaventura</u> Carl Morehouse, Member Brian Brennan, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Santa Paula</u> Gabino Aguirre, Member John Procter, <i>Alternate</i>
<u>City of Simi Valley</u> Paul Miller, Member Steven Sojka, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Thousand Oaks</u> Tom Glancy, Member Jaqui Irwin, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>County of Ventura</u> Linda Parks, Member John Flynn, <i>Alternate</i>	



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **FY 2006/07 Midyear Budget Report**
DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file report.

Discussion: Attached for your information is the FY 2006/07 budget report as of December 31, 2006.

All cities have paid their annual dues. Major expenses incurred after January 1, 2007 will include payment to the County of Ventura and legal counsel for their assistance in the RHNA process (expected to be within \$15,000 allocated budget) and midyear payment of \$3,750 to City of Santa Paula for executive management support.

Attachment:
VCOG Financial Report as of December 31, 2006

VCOG

Revenue and Expenditure Report for the Fiscal Year 2006-07 For the Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2006

ACCRUAL BASIS

	Adopted 2005/06 Budget	Actual	notes	Percent Actual to Budget
Revenues:				
Membership Dues	\$ 9,375.00	9,375.00	c	100%
Annual Dinner Meeting	\$ 2,250.00	-		0%
Interest Earned	750.00	1,978.62	a	264%
Total	\$ 12,375.00	\$ 11,353.62		92%
Expenditures:				
Executive Administration	\$ 27,500.00	\$ 66.00		0%
Administrative Support	2,500.00			0%
Special Projects	5,000.00			0%
RHNA Staff Support	15,000.00			0%
Annual Dinner Meeting	10,000.00			0%
Web Site Development and Maintenance	1,000.00	260.00		26%
Accounting Services	1,000.00	250.00	b	25%
Supplies	500.00	240.78		48%
Contingency Reserve	9,375.00	-		0%
Total Expenditures	\$ 71,875.00	\$ 816.78		1%
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)		\$ 10,536.84		

Cash Balance Reconciliation

Cash Balance 06/30/06, per Audit	\$ 82,531.06
Less: 2006-07 Excess Expenditures over Revenues, per above	10,536.84
Adjustments from Accrual to Cash Accounting	
Collection of 06-30-06 Interest Receivable	891.79
Payment of 06-30-06 accrued liabilities (Dinner)	(7,620.09)
Receipt of Miscellaneous Dinner Reimbursements	585.00
Cash Balance at November 30, 2006	\$ 86,924.60

a Includes actual interest.

b City of Camarillo charge for fiscal management services.

c All members have paid their 2006-07 dues.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Wrap Up**
DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file report.

Discussion: SCAG accepted the decision of VCOG to execute a Delegation Agreement for the allocation of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment. The executed Delegation Agreement is attached for your information. VCOG was the only SCAG subregion to accept delegation.

VCOG staff will work to fulfill the monitoring requirements of the agreement.

Attachment:
VCOG / SCAG RHNA Delegation Agreement

**DELEGATION AGREEMENT
CONCERNING HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT
BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF
GOVERNMENTS AND THE VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS**

This Delegation Agreement ("Agreement" herein) is made and entered into this 7th day of February, 2007, by and between the Southern California Association of Governments, a joint powers authority established under California law ("SCAG"), and the Ventura Council of Governments, a joint powers authority established pursuant to Government Code §§ 6500, *et seq.* ("Subregion"), collectively referred to as the "Parties."

RECITALS

The Parties enter into this Agreement acknowledging the following facts and purposes:

A. The California Legislature declared, in Government Code § 65580, that the availability of housing is of vital state importance, and it is a goal of the State of California to expand housing opportunities and accommodate housing needs of Californians in all economic levels.

B. Counties and cities within California, in order to ensure attainment of the State's housing goal, are required under state law to adopt a general plan, which must include a housing element, which identifies and analyzes existing and projected housing needs, and enumerates goals, policies, quantified objectives, financial resources, and scheduled programs for the preservation, improvement and development of housing to meet the needs of all economic segments of the community.

C. Government Code § 65583(a) requires each such housing element to provide an assessment of the "share" of regional housing needs which must be borne by a local jurisdiction, and an inventory of resources and constraints relevant to the meeting of those needs.

D. SCAG is a joint powers authority agency representing six counties: Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino, Riverside, Ventura and Imperial. It is mandated by the federal and state law to research and develop long range regional plans related to transportation, growth, waste management, air quality and housing.

E. SCAG, in consultation with the California Department of Housing and Community Development ("HCD"), is required to determine the existing and projected need for housing for the SCAG region pursuant to Government Code §§ 65584, *et seq.* by way of preparing a Regional Housing Needs Assessment ("RHNA").

F. Counties and cities use the RHNA to prepare their respective housing elements, and specifically, their assessments of their "share" of the regional housing needs.

G. Pursuant to Government Code § 65588(e)(1), SCAG was required to prepare the fourth update of the RHNA by June 1, 2006. However, by letter dated July 6, 2005 HCD extended the deadline for the fourth update of the RHNA to July 1, 2007 pursuant to Government Code § 65584.02. SCAG intends to submit the RHNA to HCD on or about June 30, 2007. Counties and cities within the SCAG region thereafter are required to prepare and submit their respective updated housing elements to HCD by June 30, 2008.

H. For purposes of preparing the fourth update of the RHNA, SCAG is undertaking a "RHNA Pilot Program," a program which SCAG is seeking to be codified into state law and streamlines the current statutory process.

I. SCAG is authorized both under current state law and under the RHNA Pilot Program to delegate the responsibility of allocating the projected housing need for jurisdictions with a subregion to a subregional entity by way of a written agreement.

J. Subregion is a subregional entity as set forth in Government Code §§ 65584, *et seq.*, is recognized by SCAG as one of the subregions within the SCAG region, and desires to accept delegation of the responsibility of allocating the total housing need for the cities and counties in the Ventura County subregion, under the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

I. Parties and Purpose.

- A. The Executive Director of SCAG, or designee, and the Executive Director of Subregion, or designee, are authorized to execute this Agreement and carry out the respective responsibilities of the Parties.
- B. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the responsibilities of the Parties associated with preparation of the fourth update of RHNA as they relate to delegation of the housing allocation process.

II. Definitions:

Unless the contrary is stated or clearly appears from the context, the following definitions govern the construction of the words and phrases used in this Agreement. Words and phrases not defined below have the meaning set forth in the California Government Code.

"Adopted Allocation Methodology" means the final regional housing need allocation methodology adopted by SCAG to be used in preparing the fourth update of the RHNA.

"Draft Allocation of Local Housing Need" means the draft allocation made by SCAG for each city or county within the Subregion, of its share of the Total Subregional Allocation, which is issued by SCAG as part of the Draft Housing Allocation Plan.

"Draft Housing Allocation Plan" means the draft allocation of regional housing need to cities, counties and subregions within the SCAG region prepared and issued by SCAG as a result of its Integrated Growth Forecast and Adopted Allocation Methodology. The Draft Housing Allocation Plan shall also include the Total Regional Allocation.

"Final Allocation of Local Housing Need" means the final allocation made by Subregion for each city or county with the Subregion, of its share of the Total Subregional Allocation, which Subregion must issue after concluding the appeal and trade and transfer process, as described in Sections V.C and V.D, below.

"Final Housing Allocation Plan" means the RHNA or the final allocation of regional housing need to cities, counties and subregions within the SCAG region adopted by SCAG for submittal to HCD

"Integrated Growth Forecast" means the growth scenario established by SCAG for the Southern California region which ties housing to transportation planning, and which serves as the platform for several of SCAG's regional plans and projects, including the Regional Transportation Plan and the RHNA.

"Local Housing Need" means the existing and projected housing need for persons at all household income levels, as such terms are defined in Government Code § 65584(e), that each city and county in the Subregion is required to plan for based upon existing and projected household growth forecasts.

"RHNA Pilot Program" means the program initiated by SCAG to streamline the current statutory process of RHNA. Specifically, the RHNA Pilot Program seeks to utilize the Integrated Growth Forecast, which ties housing to transportation and air quality planning. The RHNA Pilot program also replaces the survey process set forth in current state law with public hearings and workshops, aimed at gathering information and facilitating an open dialogue with cities, counties, subregions and the general public about SCAG's Integrated Growth Forecast and proposed allocation methodology. Finally, the RHNA Pilot program streamlines the appeal process, and provides for one formal appeal by cities and counties of its draft allocation number.

"Total Regional Allocation" means the share of the statewide housing need assigned to the SCAG region by HCD.

"Total Subregional Allocation" means the share of the Total Regional Allocation assigned to the Subregion by SCAG as part of the Draft Housing Allocation Plan. SCAG must prepare the Draft Housing Allocation Plan utilizing SCAG's Integrated Growth Forecast and Adopted Allocation Methodology.

III. Acknowledgement of status of RHNA Pilot Program

Subregion understands that the RHNA Pilot Program is not state law as of the date of this Agreement, and that SCAG is implementing the RHNA Pilot Program based upon reasonable assurances that it will be approved and become state law before SCAG completes the 4th update of RHNA. Notwithstanding the above, in approving this Agreement, Subregion agrees to abide by the terms of RHNA Pilot Program to the extent applicable to this Agreement. A copy of the RHNA Pilot Program is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated by this reference.

IV. Duties of SCAG:

For purposes of this Agreement, SCAG is responsible for the following duties:

- A. Furnishing Total Subregional Allocation. SCAG must furnish to Subregion a copy of the Draft Housing Allocation Plan, which must contain information regarding the Total Regional Allocation, the Total Subregional Allocation and the Draft Allocation of Local Housing Need for each city and county within the boundaries of Subregion. The Parties acknowledge that SCAG's approved Draft Housing Allocation Plan provides Subregion with a subregional housing allocation total of 26,534 housing units. The Parties further acknowledge that prior to the approval of the Draft Housing Allocation Plan, the Subregion unanimously adopted on January 9, 2007 a RHNA distribution and subregional housing allocation total of 28,481 housing units, as further outlined in Exhibit "B" herein.

For purposes of this Agreement, and for ease of administration, the Parties agree and acknowledge that Subregion's Total Subregional Allocation shall be between 26,534 to 28,481 housing units. In determining its Final Allocation of Local Housing Need, Subregion agrees to maintain this range as its Total Subregional Allocation.

B. Furnishing background information regarding Integrated Growth Forecast and Adopted Allocation Methodology to Subregion. SCAG must furnish to Subregion background data and information regarding SCAG's Integrated Growth Forecast and Adopted Allocation Methodology specific to the Subregion, which may be necessary for Subregion's preparation of its Final Allocation of Local Housing Need.

C. Review of Final Allocation of Local Housing Need. SCAG must review the Final Allocation of Local Housing Need established by Subregion in order to ensure its consistency with the RHNA Pilot Program, any applicable provisions of Government Code §§ 65584 *et seq.*, and the terms of this Agreement. In the event that the Final Allocation of Local Housing Need established by Subregion is inconsistent with the RHNA Pilot Program, the applicable provisions of Government Code §§ 65584 *et seq.*, or the terms of this Agreement, SCAG reserves the right to make the final housing need allocations to counties and cities within the Subregion in accordance with Government Code § 65584.03(d). However, SCAG agrees that in no event will it assign more than 28,481 housing units to Subregion.

V. Duties of Subregion:

For purposes of this Agreement, the Subregion in accepting delegation is responsible for the following duties:

A. Determination of Final Allocation of Local Housing Need. Subregion must determine the Final Allocation of Local Housing Need for each city or county contained within the boundaries of the Subregion in accordance with the requirements of the RHNA Pilot Program, or if a matter is not addressed in the RHNA Pilot Program, in accordance with the applicable requirements of Government Code §§ 66584, *et seq.* Subregion's determination of the Final Allocation of Local Housing Need must be consistent with the Integrated Growth Forecast and the Adopted Allocation Methodology. Subregion shall not utilize a different forecast or allocation methodology unless required by applicable law. The Subregion will cooperate with affected cities or counties in determining the Final Allocation of Local Housing Need which must be based upon the Draft Allocation of Local Housing Need made by SCAG for each city or county within the Subregion as part of SCAG's Draft Housing Allocation Plan.

B. Maintain Total Subregional Allocation. In determining the Final Allocation of Local Housing Need, the Subregion must maintain the Total Subregional Allocation by accounting for the total housing need assigned to Subregion as specifically set forth in Section IV.A, above. By way of example, this means that if Subregion reduces a housing allocation in one

city, it must make a corresponding increased allocation in one or more other affected cities.

- C. Consider Revision Requests. The Subregion agrees to administer and facilitate the revision process for local jurisdictions within the Subregion seeking revisions to its local housing need allocations. The Subregion will administer the revision process in accordance with the terms of the RHNA Pilot Program. While Subregion does not anticipate that any local jurisdiction will seek a revision, Subregion agrees that it may, but is not required to, accommodate any successful revisions as part of its determination of the Final Allocation of Local Housing Need.
- D. Administer Appeals Process. The Subregion agrees to administer and facilitate an appeals process for local jurisdictions within the Subregion seeking to appeal the original local housing need allocation made by SCAG as part of the Draft Housing Allocation Plan. The Subregion will administer the appeals process in accordance with the terms of the RHNA Pilot Program and for matters not addressed in the RHNA Pilot Program, the applicable provisions of Government Code § 66584.05. The Subregion may also utilize any procedures developed by SCAG related to appeals in administering the appeals process. Subregion must adjust allocations to local governments based upon the results of the appeals process, and follow the provisions set forth in Government Code § 65584.05(g) relating to adjustments. Individual local jurisdictions do not have a separate right of appeal to SCAG.
- E. Administer Trade and Transfer Process. The Subregion may administer a "trade and transfer process" before adopting its Final Allocation of Housing Need. This trade and transfer process may involve the Subregion facilitating negotiations between two or more cities relating to an alternate distribution of housing allocations between the affected cities. If the alternate distribution maintains the total housing need originally assigned to those communities, and the communities agree or the appeals process is exhausted, the Subregion will include the alternate distribution in Subregion's Final Allocation of Local Housing Need. The trade and transfer process may commence before the start of the appeals process and continue until the Subregion's adoption of its Final Allocation of Housing Need. Trades and transfers may also occur outside of the Subregion provided the Total Subregional Allocation is maintained or accounted for. To the extent that SCAG develops guidelines relating to a trade and transfer process, Subregion's administration of its trade and transfer must be consistent with these guidelines.
- F. Compliance with SCAG RHNA Timeline/Submission of Subregion's Final Allocation of Local Housing Need. Subregion must comply and adhere to the SCAG RHNA Timeline attached as Exhibit "C," and

incorporated by this reference. Subregion will deliver its Final Allocation of Local Housing Need to SCAG in time to be included as part of SCAG's public hearing relating to the adoption of SCAG's Final Housing Allocation Plan, unless this Agreement is terminated.

- G. Records Maintenance. The Subregion will maintain organized files of all public records and materials prepared or received in connection with any official business taken pursuant to this Agreement in accordance with the California Public Records Act. In accordance with applicable law, Subregion will also maintain a written record of administrative proceedings conducted pursuant to this Agreement. Subregion will make such records available to SCAG upon written request to Subregion. Subregion agrees to maintain these records for a period of not less than three (3) years after submission of its Final Allocation of Local Housing Need to SCAG.

VI. Financial Assistance.

In consideration for Subregion's agreement to undertake all delegation duties required by this Agreement, SCAG will provide Subregion financial assistance in the maximum amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) "Financial Assistance"). Subregion can utilize the Financial Assistance only to implement the terms of this Agreement, including without limitation, providing staffing (both administrative and technical) to undertake the delegation duties required herein. Subregion is responsible for any additional costs required to implement this Agreement that is above the amount of Financial Assistance.

SCAG will disburse the Financial Assistance to Subregion based upon the following performance milestones:

1. Full Execution of Agreement: Disbursement of 40% of Financial Assistance;
2. Completion of Appeals Process: Disbursement of 40% of Financial Assistance;
3. Delivery to SCAG of Final Allocation of Local Housing Need: Disbursement of 20% of Financial Assistance.

Subregion will provide SCAG with reasonable documentation evidencing completion of the above-mentioned performance milestones before SCAG disburses the Financial Assistance.

VII. Indemnification.

Provided Subregion complies with all of its delegation duties required herein, SCAG agrees to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Subregion, its officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims, demands, costs or liability, including, but not limited to legal costs and attorneys fees, arising from or connected with this Agreement, up to a maximum dollar amount of Twenty-Five

Thousand Dollars (\$25,000). Subregion agrees and acknowledges that it shall be responsible for any additional costs above this amount which relates to any claim, demand, costs or liability arising from or connected with this Agreement. This indemnification provision does not apply to member jurisdictions of Subregion.

VIII. Progress report to SCAG.

Pursuant to the RHNA Pilot Program, the Subregion agrees and acknowledges that SCAG is required to submit to the State Legislature by March 30, 2007, a written report describing its progress in completing SCAG's final Housing Allocation Plan for the SCAG region. This report includes information regarding the status of the work undertaken by Subregion pursuant to this Agreement. In order to determine if the Subregion is complying and completing the activities required by this Agreement, and to resolve any issues in connection with the work to be performed by Subregion, the Subregion agrees to submit a progress report to SCAG by no later than March 15, 2007, describing the status of work performed by Subregion to implement this Agreement.

IX. Termination of Agreement.

- A. Termination by Subregion. Subregion can terminate this Agreement with cause. Subregion must provide written notice to SCAG of its intent to terminate this Agreement. In the event of termination, Subregion waives its right any Financial Assistance not previously disbursed by SCAG.
- B. Termination by SCAG. SCAG has the right to terminate this Agreement with cause. SCAG must provide written notice to Subregion of its intent to terminate this Agreement. Subregion will have thirty (30) days from the termination notice to cure any default to SCAG's satisfaction and avoid termination. If terminating this Agreement, SCAG may distribute the share of regional housing need to cities and counties within the Subregion using the Draft Allocation of Local Housing Need established by SCAG as part of its Draft Housing Allocation Plan. In the event of termination, Subregion will not be entitled to any Financial Assistance not previously disbursed by SCAG.

X. Other Provisions.

- A. Notices. All notices required to be delivered under this Agreement or under applicable law must be personally delivered, or delivered by U.S. mail, certified, or by reputable document delivery service such as Federal Express. Notices personally delivered or delivered by a document delivery service shall be effective upon receipt. Notices will be delivered as follows:

SCAG: Southern California Assn. of Governments
Attn: Hasan Ikhata, Director of Planning and Policy
818 West Seventh Street, 12th Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90017-3435

Subregion: Ventura Council of Governments
Attn: Wally Bobiewicz, Interim Executive Director
c/o City of Santa Paula
P.O. Box 569
Santa Paula, CA 93061

- B. Prohibition against Assignment/Subcontract. Subregion cannot assign or subcontract any rights, duties or obligation in this Agreement.
- C. Governing Law. The interpretation and enforcement of this Agreement is governed by the laws of the State of California. Venue for any dispute arising from this agreement will be the Superior Court of Ventura County.
- D. Time is of Essence. Time is expressly made of the essence with respect to the performance of the Parties and of each and every obligation and condition of this Agreement.
- E. Amendments in writing. This Agreement cannot be orally amended or modified. Any modification or amendment hereof must be in writing and signed by the Party to be charged. Subregion's Executive Director has authority to execute such amendments on Subregion's behalf.
- F. Interpretation; Days. When the context and construction so require, all words used in the singular herein are deemed to have been used in the plural, and the masculine includes the feminine and neuter and vice versa. Whenever the word "day" or "days" is used, such refer to calendar day or days, unless otherwise specifically provided herein. Whenever a reference is made to a particular Section of this Agreement, it means and includes all of its subsections and subparts.
- G. Exhibits. All exhibits referred to in this Agreement are attached and incorporated by reference.
- H. Cooperation between the Parties/Dispute Resolution. SCAG and Subregion are each undertaking the responsibilities of this Agreement for the benefit of their respective members. The Parties agree and acknowledge that it is their best interest to engage in cooperation and coordination with each other in order to carry out its responsibilities herein. In this spirit of cooperation, the Parties agree that disputes regarding the interpretation or application of any provision of this Agreement will be resolved, to the extent practicable,

through good faith negotiations between the Parties. Changes in exigent circumstances or the RHNA Law may cause a party to conclude that this Agreement should be amended. If the Parties cannot agree on changes to this Agreement, the Parties can mutually terminate this Agreement.

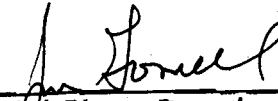
- I. Counterparts/Facsimile Signatures. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, and the counterparts together shall constitute the agreement among the Parties hereto, in the same way as if the Parties physically signed the same document. Facsimile signatures on the signature page of this Agreement are fully binding and effective for all purposes. However, each party agrees that it will promptly forward the originally executed signature page to each other.
- J. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the Parties. All prior agreements or understandings, whether oral or written, are superseded. Each Party is entering this Agreement based solely upon the representations set forth above. This Agreement may be executed in counterpart originals, and when the original signatures are assembled together, constitute a binding agreement of the Parties.

[Signature Page to follow.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed by its duly authorized officers, shall become effective as of the date in which the last of the Parties, whether SCAG or Subregion, executes this document.

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
("SCAG")**

**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS ("Subregion")**

By 
Mark Pisano, Executive Director

By 
Carl Morehouse, Chairperson

Date 2-7-07

Date 02/07/2007

Approved as to form:

Approved as to form:


Joanna Africa,
Interim Director of Legal Services

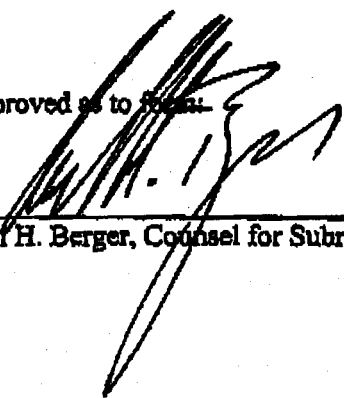

Karl H. Berger, Counsel for Subregion

Exhibit B

VCOG RHNA distribution
Adopted January 9, 2007

Camarillo	3,664
Fillmore	1,019
Moorpark	1,650
Ojai	450
Oxnard	7,564
Port Hueneme	198
Ventura	4,327
Santa Paula	2,299
Simi Valley	3,735
Thousand Oaks	2,100
County Unincorporated	1,475
TOTAL	28,481

Exhibit "C" – SCAG RHNA Timeline

January 31, 2007	Last day for SCAG and Subregion to execute Delegation Agreement.
Jan. 2007	SCAG to hold second public hearing regarding final methodology, subregional workshop results and policy recommendations.
Feb 1, 2007	SCAG Regional Council to consider adoption of Draft Housing Allocation Plan; Adoption triggers starts of revision and appeal filing period.
March 15, 2007	Subregion to submit progress report to SCAG.
March 30, 2007	SCAG to submit status report to State pursuant to RHNA Pilot Program.
Mid-April 2007	SCAG to hold public hearing for appeal jurisdictions.
May 10, 2007	End of appeals process for SCAG; SCAG to start preparing Final Housing Allocation Plan.
June 2007	Subregion to deliver Final Allocation of Local Housing Need to SCAG.
July 5, 2007	SCAG Regional Council to hold public hearing regarding adoption of Final Housing Allocation Plan (RHNA).
July 6, 2007	SCAG submits RHNA to HCD.
Sept. 4, 2007	Deadline for adoption of RHNA by HCD.
June 30, 2008	Due date for jurisdictions in SCAG region to submit updated Housing Elements to HCD.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **VCOG Staffing Issues**
DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: Receive update and authorize the Interim Executive Director to hire a contract part-time Assistant Executive Director for fee not to exceed \$2,500 per month.

Discussion: At your November 9, 2006 meeting, the Board discussed a staffing proposal for VCOG to hire a full-time staff position to serve as Assistant Executive Director with all direct costs associated with the position to be funded by VCOG. The Board at that meeting expressed some concerns about the proposal and asked that the item be continued to a future meeting.

The VCOG Administrative Committee discussed this issue on February 14, 2007. At that time I proposed to remain as Interim Executive Director through 2007 and instead of hiring a full-time Assistant Executive Director to hire a part-time contract Assistant Executive Director instead.

The Assistant Executive Director would work no more than 20 hours a month and would primarily serve as VCOG's representative at SCAG attending meetings as appropriate and reporting back to Board and me as appropriate. I believe we can contract with someone to perform these duties (including expenses) for not to exceed \$2,500 a month. The Administrative Committee agreed with this proposal.

Staff is requesting authorization to hire the Assistant Executive Director position as described above.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Update on VCOG / Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA)
“Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project**

DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: Receive update and consider appointing a two-member oversight committee to work with VCCA on project.

Discussion: At your July 13, 2006 meeting, the Board approved co-sponsorship with the VCCA of an application for “2% Strategy” funds from the Southern California Association of Governments for Phases I and II of the proposed “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County.” Staff was directed to work with the VCCA on the project. In addition, the Board expressed a desire to create a two-member oversight committee to work with VCCA if the grant was received. The Board put off the creation of the committee until the grant was received.

At your September 14, 2006 meeting, staff provided an update on the application. Since the grant was not yet received, the Board put off again the appointment of an oversight committee.

At your January 9, 2007 meeting, VCCA provided an update report on the project and the Board directed staff to place the issue of an oversight committee on the March 8, 2007 agenda for consideration.

Staff recommends that the Board consider the appointment of a two-member oversight committee.

A status report on the work of the project is attached. VCCA Executive Director Rebecca Evans will be at today’s meeting to answer any questions you may have.

Attachment:
VCCA Update Report

First Report: SCAG funded Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County

Submitted to: Ventura Council of Governments

Submitted by: Ventura County Civic Alliance

March 1, 2007

The Ventura County Civic Alliance, in partnership with the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG), submitted a proposal to the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to create a “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County”. Included in this report: The Compact project proposal to SCAG that was unanimously endorsed by VCOG on July 13, 2006; a draft scope of work from the consultants; and a progress report on Milestone 1: Inventory of Data and Milestone 2: Goals (pg 4-5).

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) accepted and approved the joint proposal from the Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) and the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) to launch the first phases of a multi-year program to advance regional planning in Ventura County. To achieve this, SCAG will provide the Civic Alliance and VCOG with consultant services estimated at a value of \$150,000. The team of consultants on the project include Fregonese Calthorpe Associates and Solimar Research Group. The approval by SCAG of the first phase of the Compact is a part of the SCAG 2% Strategy (SCAG’s mission of strategic planning for the growth for the six-county Southern California region). The project involves mobilizing people and organizations to work together across boundaries to address the many challenges related to regional growth and sustainability.

The mission of the Ventura County Civic Alliance is to promote a healthy and sustainable future for the Ventura County region. An initiative of the Ventura County Community Foundation, the Alliance is a coalition of civic leaders with a shared commitment to bringing the economic, environmental and social equity interests of our region together to address priority community issues, increase civic engagement, and build community leadership. The Alliance considers this to be a unique and valuable partnership between local government and a group of concerned

citizens from throughout the county on a project that has the potential to significantly improve the future quality of life for Ventura County citizens.

SCAG Proposal

PROPOSAL TO BECOME A 2% STRATEGY DEMONSTRATION COMMUNITY

Project plan/location

This project involves Ventura County, California and all cities within.

Assistance required

The attached project summary document outlines the *Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County*, a joint proposal by the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) and the Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA). This proposal covers Phase 1 of the project to be conducted during the first nine months of a projected three-year effort. The project has three basic components, or phases:

- Phase 1: Data Collection and Scenario Development.** Collect data, update the 2002 Ventura County Vacant Land Study, identify goals and policy options, and develop and analyze a preliminary set of alternative scenarios for Ventura County's future.
- Phase 2: Identification of Preferred Regional Future.** Refine the preliminary scenarios and develop and conduct a process utilizing media and public education, community workshops, and leading-edge visualization, consensus-building and decision-making tools and procedures to identify a broadly supported "Preferred Regional Future."
- Phase 3: Implementation.** Develop and begin executing an implementation and monitoring plan to work toward achieving the Preferred Regional Future.

The assistance requested at this time is support from SCAG's consultants, Fregonese Calthorpe Associates, in Phase 1 activities as identified above. Funding for later phases of the project will be sought from SCAG, local governments, businesses, foundations, individuals, and organizations such as the Urban Land Institute and the Local Government Commission.

How this project implements the Compass Vision and 2% Strategy

Ventura County has, over the years, largely constrained development within urban boundaries and avoided the sprawl-type development that has consumed most of the land in other southern California counties. But Ventura County faces growth pressures similar to those of these counties and must decide where to place such growth. Most SOAR initiatives sunset in 2020 and it is not too soon to begin planning for what will follow. An overall regional plan, or vision, for the future of Ventura County will undoubtedly favor mixed-uses, infill and development close to transportation corridors. Thus, in effect, Ventura County already is in a good position to implement the Compass 2% Strategy, and the project should have the end result of a regional vision that reflects Compass Strategy. The plan must also, of course, deal with numerous issues including affordable housing, workforce education, open space preservation and a host of other quality-of-life issues.

In addition to the Compass data and analysis, the project will build on numerous previous efforts supported by SCAG, VCOG, the Ventura County Transportation Commission, and the Ventura County Planning Division, including:

- Agricultural/Open Space Resource Management as a Transportation Land Use Impact Mitigation Strategy (1997)
- Transportation Center Study (2002)
- Economic/Transit/Mixed Use Strategies for Housing Rich Communities (2004)
- Ventura County Vacant Land Study (2002)
- The State of the Sub-region Ventura County – Measuring Progress in the 21st Century (2002)
- Strategies for Livable Communities (1998)
- Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction (1995)

The project will also build on work by the Ventura County Civic Alliance on promoting livable communities and sustainability in our region; previous city, county and regional visioning and planning efforts in Ventura County; and lessons learned from similar efforts in other regions, including the Sacramento Blueprint, the Compact for a Sustainable Bay Area, Envision Utah, and others.

Larger agency efforts

This project is proposed by the Ventura Council of Governments and the Ventura County Civic Alliance. The county and ten city governments have been invited and strongly encouraged to partner with VCOG and VCCA in this effort, though participation is voluntary and non-binding. VCOG, VCCA and their partners will agree on a joint leadership and decision-making structure for managing the project. Partners will have the opportunity to review a draft report of results and submit comments before a final report is produced.

Anticipated start date

The anticipated start date under this proposal is September, 2006. The entire project including follow-on phases covers the period 2006-2009, followed by implementation.

Estimated expense of services

Services under this proposal would support tasks carried out in the first nine months of the work plan. It is anticipated that services in the \$100,000-\$150,000 range would cover Phase 1 activities.

Source for 20% local match

VCCA will provide staffing, coordination and member support for the project. VCOG members and/or city and county planning staff will also provide in-kind support and data for the project. Additional financial and in-kind support will be sought from local governments in Ventura County, businesses, foundations, individuals, and civic institutions – and, in fact, is currently being sought by the Civic Alliance. It is anticipated that such support, including that provided by VCCA, VCOG, and their members, will significantly exceed the 20% match level.

Type of product

The product of the first phase of the project, to be covered by the services under this proposal, will be a report that will update information in the Ventura County Vacant Land Study, a preliminary set of alternative future scenarios with associated land use maps, and preliminary analysis of the impacts and implications of those scenarios.

DRAFT Scope of Work from Consultants

MEMORANDUM

TO: REBECCA EVANS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, VENTURA COUNTY CIVIC ALLIANCE
FROM: PETER BRANDENBERG, SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
SUBJECT: PROPOSED SCOPE OF SERVICES FOR COMPASS DEMONSTRATION PROJECT
DATE: NOVEMBER 30, 2006

Based on the November meetings between the Ventura County and the Ventura County Civic Alliance, SCAG, and its consultant team we have prepared this draft scope of services for discussion.

As part of the Southern California Association of Governments' Compass Blueprint demonstration project program this work plan will be coupled with a budget, and a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SCAG and the Ventura Council of Governments. Upon acceptance of these documents, the Fregonese Calthorpe Associates consultant team will commence work. This scope presents a significant amount of work. As of this writing the work must be completed by June 30, 2007. However, discussions are underway between SCAG and its contractor, Fregonese Calthorpe Associates, that may lead to an extension of that time frame. It is our assessment that this project, while doable within a six month timeframe, would be better served if nine months were available. The decision on timing will be made soon. To operate on the safe side, we should work to get the project rolling immediately.

The following scope has been crafted to fit within the larger work plan submitted to SCAG for the County's visioning effort. As such, the milestones listed are tied directly to the County's expectations from that document. In two cases additional milestones have been added. Milestones 6 and 7 have been added to cover an Internet site and a report to conclude the work effort from this phase of the overall workplan.

Scope of Work

Milestone 1 – Inventory of data

Solimar will perform an inventory and obtain current data on population, housing, land use, and transportation in Ventura County.

PROGRESS REPORT 3/1/2007: Solimar is performing the inventory of current data and has put out requests to municipal agencies within Ventura County for current data.

Milestone 2 – Goals

In this task, FCA will establish a series of Guiding Principles and accompanying evaluation criteria. The task will require one meeting each with VCOG and the Civic Alliance to assist in choosing/determining growth and sustainability goals that will guide the project.

2-1 Gather / inventory existing goal statements

Existing goal statements will be inventoried and brought forward for review. The intent will be to select appropriate statements, or combinations thereof, from previous work to serve as guiding principles for this project.

2-2 Develop series of Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles are statements that describe the desired outcome of the planning process. These principles will be used in formulation of alternative scenarios and the structure of the future work tasks. FCA will attend a meeting with the VCCA to do a work session on the principles. It will be followed by a meeting with the VCOG for further refinement. The purpose is to choose / determine growth and sustainability goals that will guide the project from goals developed thus far by the VCCA. We recommend from 4 to 12 principles.

2-3 Develop evaluation criteria for Guiding Principles

The guiding principles describe successful outcomes. Evaluation criteria will be used to measure performance of the alternative scenarios to assess how well the goals of set forth in the guiding principles are being met.

PROGRESS REPORT 3/1/2007: Existing goals statements have been gathered. The Faulkner House Goals have been reviewed as the basis for the Guiding Principles for the Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County. The Faulkner House Goals were established through a collaborative process of broad and diverse interests working together for over a year to gain consensus on goals for the future of Ventura County.

The Compact Guiding Principles, derived from the work of Faulkner House, have been drafted by Fregonese Calthorpe and will be distributed for broader review and feedback via email and website.

Milestone 3 – Vacant land study

This task will involve collection, mapping, and quantifying urbanization, vacant land, and underutilized land in the County using the most currently available data. The team will collaborate with Ventura County RMA Planning Division on the vacant land study, with RMA Planning Division taking the lead.

3-1. Analysis of Urbanization

The focus of this task will be to update the urbanization analysis, both for geographical patterns and population density, contained in Section 2 of Solimar's 2003 report Growth Policy Choices in Ventura County. That report covered the period 1986-2000. This update will go to at least 2004 and possibly 2006 if data is available.

3-1-1. Data Acquisition

The most recent data on land use (urban, farmland, etc.) from the state Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program.

The most recent estimates of population and housing at the most useful level of geography possible. This might be by city, by TAZ, or by Census tract.

3-1-2. Data Analysis

Maps of recent urbanization patterns

Statistical analysis of urbanization patterns by urban areas, including raw acreage numbers of both overall and marginal population densities

If feasible, similar statistical and spatial analysis for housing densities.

3-2. Analysis of Vacant Land

The Planning Division of the Ventura County Resource Management Agency is currently updating countywide Vacant Land Study originally conducted in 2002. In this subtask, the team will coordinate with the Planning Division to ensure that the work product is best able to be integrated into this project. Solimar would reformat and extract as necessary for this project. If the Planning Division's timeline appears not to meet the needs of this project, an option would be for Solimar to assist the County to make sure the project gets completed in a timely fashion.

3-2-1. Coordinate with County RMA Planning Division

Coordinate with County RMA Planning Division to ensure consistency between County work products and Solimar work products in Tasks 3.1 and 3.3.

3-2-2. Re-format and Summarize as needed for this project

When the County study is done, Solimar will re-format and summarize the work products as needed, with the cooperation of the Planning Division.

3-2-3. Assist in Completion Vacant Land Study in Timely Fashion (Optional)

The Vacant Land Study is on a different schedule and may not be completed in time to be useful in this project. Therefore, as an Option, Solimar offers the possibility of assisting County Planning in completing the study in a timely fashion. We believe County Planning is open to this idea. Also, County Planning is only doing vacant land inside the cities and not in unincorporated territory; this task too could be taken on.

3-3. Analysis of Underutilized Land Usage Patterns

To the extent feasible under the budget, Solimar will build on the vacant land study by also conducting an analysis of underutilized land, partly to identify infill opportunities throughout Ventura County. As with the vacant land study, this analysis could be confined only to the city (or some key cities) or it could be applied countywide. The client and the consulting team would have to decide up-front

The goal would be to identify parcels that meet certain criteria – for example, a minimum size, a particular built:capacity ratio, and a particular improvement:land ratio – that would suggest they are ripe for infill development. To the extent possible, this analysis should be merged with the Vacant Land Study.

3.3.1. Obtain and Set Up Data

Virtually all of the data is already in place at County Planning for the Vacant Land study. In this task, Solimar work would work with County Planning to obtain the data and set up the GIS screens necessary to do this analysis. This would include obtaining and setting up aerial photographs, parcel shape files, parcel attribute data, zoning, and any other layers needed for analysis, such as infrastructure capacity.

3.3.2. Produce maps and statistics

Solimar will then produce base maps and a map of underutilized parcels, along with statistics on those parcels, for each study area.

3-4. Report on Overall Land Usage Patterns

Report summarizing the above.

Milestone 4 – Policy options

The team will work to identify potential policy options that could be used in implementing future growth scenarios in Ventura County. These policy options will be taken from a wide range of sources, including other SCAG 2% projects and other State and National project with which FCA and Solimar have been involved.

4.1 Infill regulations – Employ the application of potential prototypes for the County and cities to test feasibility

4.2 Synthesis of applicable policies from recent projects. This will be presented as a menu of policy options that could be looked at for reaching the outcomes described in the scenarios.

Milestone 5 – Preliminary alternative scenarios

5.1 Develop workshop kit

Fregonese Calthorpe Associates will prepare the materials required for hosting the workshop. Following is a list of these tasks.

5.1.1 Develop a reasonable range of development types (i.e. urban, suburban, rural) for use in the workshops.

5.1.2 Develop workshop kits. The kit will include PowerPoint description and definition of the development types, along with graphic “game pieces” to represent the types in the workshop process. The description will include a mix of uses, densities and intensities, and average block size. The kit will include a basemap for use at the workshop tables. The maps will likely depict existing conditions with a level of detail appropriate for assisting participants in developing their visions of the future.

Additionally, a map atlas of up to two maps will be developed for testing at a workshop dry run. If deemed valuable, reproductions will be made for use at the countywide workshop. The atlas could include items such as roadways and congestion and population and employment densities.

5.2 Conduct Countywide workshop

Fregonese Calthorpe Associates will run the workshop with support from Arellano and Associates (AA). AA will handle the logistics for the workshop, including reserving the venue, necessary equipment and arranging the food. FCA will provide the maps and materials for the tables. The Ventura Council of Governments and the Ventura County Civic Alliance will take responsibility for recruiting workshop participants. May has been identified as the ideal month to host the workshop. FCA and AA will make every attempt reasonable to accommodate this timing.

5.2.1 Test Workshop

FCA will work with the VCCA in a meeting to test the workshop materials and process. This meeting will allow FCA to make refinements necessary for the large countywide workshop.

5.2.2 Hold large scale (up to 400 person) Countywide Workshop

Participants will gather in groups of 8. They will use a base map of the County along with the development type chips developed in task 5.1, working with a forecast, to create their own ideal growth scenarios for the County. Each scenario will be recorded in GIS and used in creation of three alternative scenarios for testing.

The VCCA will recruit participants using a combination of advertisements, letters, email, and the Internet to encourage attendance. AA will develop the advertising materials, letter templates, and web content. Urban Insight will publish the internet advertising and host the registration. VCCA will be provided with secure access to the website as they manage the workshop registration. AA will also work to bring in under represented members of the community.

FCA and AA will cover the costs of venue and catering charges up to a maximum of \$1,500. The VCCA can choose to provide funding if this is not sufficient for the workshop they plan to host.

FCA will lead the workshops with volunteers acting as facilitators. Workshops resemble a game, using a map to represent the 'board' and icons representing development as the game pieces. These workshops focus on the land use and transportation interactions of the entire county.

FCA will train planners other city employees, students and others interested in planning to be facilitators prior to the workshop. Ventura Council of Governments will be responsible for providing the facilitators. FCA will hold a training session for this purpose in Ventura County prior to the workshop.

5.3 Develop Draft Scenarios

FCA will use the maps resulting from the public workshop, and mapping of opportunity sites, to begin identifying common themes and directions for Ventura County. These themes will be combined to form 3 alternative scenarios for accommodating the expected change in population and employment as well as the values represented by the guiding principles of milestone 2.

5.4 Analyze and Compare Scenarios

Create three alternative scenarios from the results of the overall workshop process. These scenarios will be developed in detail and fed into models where the resulting evaluation benchmarks will be calculated.

Utilize the established guiding principles, and will work with City staff and the Advisory Committee to develop possible strategies.

Coordinate this analysis and examine scenarios to determine important information such as areas of change and stability, rough costs of implementation, overall land use patterns and transportation impacts or benefits.

Package this information in non-technical language for distribution to the public.

5.5 Present scenario analysis to stakeholders and public through an open house

5.5.1 Present to results of the workshop and the common themes and the scenarios that have emerged.

Identify the robust components of the scenarios and begin to assemble a conceptual framework.

5.5.2 Prepare a newsletter which includes an analysis of each scenario, along with non-technical descriptions of what life might be.

Distribute the newsletter through a major newspaper it will contain:

- Background information on the project
- Maps of the three scenarios
- Comparison of the scenarios (with reference to the base case)
- A survey, or questionnaire asking for public response to the scenarios and which strategies they will support

Along with a newsletter, the project website should also be updated with similar information. It will also contain further background data and results of analysis. The website will contain the same survey as the newsletter, making it readily accessible to the City's residents.

5.5.3 Host open house for scenario review and input.

FCA will work with the VCCA to staff an open house for review of the scenarios. FCA will develop a presentation and maps to be posted in the room. FCA will facilitate the meeting. VCCA will be responsible for securing the venue and covering any refreshment needs. VCCA will utilize the project database and the Compass Blueprint website to recruit attendees.

Milestone 6 – Internet

Urban Insight will provide internet services for this demonstration project. Specific services proposed include:

6.1 Develop project website

UI will quickly setup a modest project website to provide details, documents, and a public face for the project. It will be hosted at www.compassblueprint.org and can be linked to from agency webpages.

The website will also allow for online registration for the workshop.

6.2 Email List Management

UI will help the team to send out a professional-designed email newsletter to project constituents and track results from the email, including enabling signups for the email newsletter, and managing subscriptions and removals from the newsletter

Milestone 7 – Final Report

FCA and Solimar will prepare a document to the client to serve as the final report. Format will be 8.5 x 11 inch, between 10 and 14 pages in length. The report will be delivered in electronic format as a PDF along with the source material for use with Adobe's InDesign software.

The final report will discuss the following:

- Project history and evolution of alternative scenarios
- Description of scenarios
- Comparison of scenarios using evaluation criteria
- Next Steps

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**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Designation of VCOG as Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County**

DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: Consider request of the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition to have VCOG designated as the Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County.

Discussion: County Supervisor Kathy Long requested that the Administrative Committee consider placing this item on today's agenda for discussion. At their February 14, 2007 meeting, the Committee directed staff to place the issue on the agenda.

Attached please find a letter from Cathy Brudnicki, Executive Director of the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition requesting that VCOG consider designation as the Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County.

Attachment:
February 22, 2007 letter from Cathy Brudnicki

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February 22, 2007

Mr. Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager
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RE: Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County - VCOG

Dear Mr. Bobkiewicz:

In 1987, the U.S. Congress established the Interagency Council on Homelessness (IACH). In 2002, President Bush reactivated the Council to better coordinate the activities of federal agencies involved in assisting homeless families and individuals and to concentrate more effort into the prevention of homelessness. Understanding that homelessness is affected by factors that cut across Federal agencies, including housing costs, job readiness, education, substance abuse and mental health, the IACH reflects those constituencies. The IACH agencies include the Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, Education, Energy, Health and Human Services, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, Labor, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs, along with the Attorney General and other agency leaders.

The mission of the U.S. IACH is to coordinate the federal response to homelessness and to create a national partnership at every level of government and the private sector to reduce and end homelessness in the nation. The Council is responsible for planning and coordinating the Federal government's activities and programs to assist homeless people, and making or recommending policy changes to improve such assistance. The IACH works to improve access to and coordination of federal investments among its member departments and to ensure the effectiveness of federal activities and programs. The IACH also provides technical assistance and evidence-based best practice information to partners at every level of government, as well as the private sector, including replicating the Interagency Council model at the state and local government levels.

For the last year, over 50 residents of Ventura County have been working with Joseph Colletti, PhD of the Institute for Urban Research and Development (www.iurd.org) to craft a 10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Ventura County. In the Plan document, we have the following language:

Recommendation #18: Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County

- Adopt by resolution an Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County that would be founded upon a Memorandum of Understanding and charged with implementing, coordinating, and evaluating all of the recommendations and related activities within this 10-year plan

The Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County would include members who are elected persons from various sectors such as county, city, schools, and recreation/park districts.

To end homelessness in Ventura County, we will need an Interagency Council with membership similar to the national model and, more important, with the desire to work cooperatively to increase effectiveness in addressing the root causes of homelessness in our community. Since VCOG already contains the core of the necessary Interagency Council membership, has had a Standing Committee on Homelessness, and operates under a Joint Powers Agreement, we think it makes sense to discuss this extraordinary opportunity (and challenge) to end homelessness in Ventura County with you.

The 10 Year Plan also recommends that the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition would serve as an Advisory body to the IACH, and represents the core implementing bodies for the Plan.

The original draft of the 10 Year Plan is available on our website: www.vchhc.org. Some changes will be found in the final document which will be available on March 22.

I look forward to meeting with you on March 8.

Sincerely,



Cathy Brudnicki
Executive Director
Ventura County Homeless & Housing Coalition



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **2007 Annual Meeting**
DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: Consider holding annual meeting on Thursday, June 21, 2007, select location and program for meeting and provide other direction to staff as appropriate.

Discussion: At its February 14, 2007 meeting, the Administrative Committee directed staff to investigate logistics for the 2007 Annual Meeting on approximately the same date as last year: Thursday, June 21, 2007.

Staff has investigated costs and room availability at the Hampton Inn and at CSUCI in Camarillo as well as the Hilton Garden Inn in Oxnard. Staff will present their findings at the meeting.

Staff requests that the Board provide direction on the site and program for the event as well as other logistical issues.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Consideration of 2007 Legislative Agenda**
DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors consider adopting the 2007 Legislative Agenda.

Discussion: VCOG has adopted a Legislative Agenda in recent years since 2005. The Administrative Committee discussed this issue at their February 14, 2007 meeting and proposed to adopt the 2006 agenda without change.

Attachment:
Draft 2007 Legislative Agenda

VCOG ANNUAL LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR 2007

DRAFT

Purpose

The goal and intent of VCOG is one of voluntary cooperation among cities and the county of Ventura for their collective benefit. In this regard, VCOG serves as an advocate in representing the members of VCOG at the regional, state and federal levels on issues of mutual importance to the Ventura County area. It also can serve as a forum for the review, consideration, study, development and recommendation of public policies and plans with regional significance.

Overriding Principles

VCOG believes that cities and counties must be able to control matters within their own jurisdictions. Therefore, VCOG will take positions on proposed legislation, rules and/or regulations that affect local control. Additionally, VCOG will take positions on issues that directly affect the county area. And, when local decisions affect neighboring communities, VCOG supports local governments working collaboratively and regionally to address regional issues.

Process

Staff will monitor the League of California Cities' *Priority Focus*, California State Association of Counties' positions as well as other sources to identify pending legislation that may impact the member entities.

A Legislative Subcommittee of the VCOG Administrative Committee shall be created composed of the following three members: Chair, Chair Elect and Immediate Past Chair. The Chair (or Chair Elect in the Chair's absence) is authorized to sign correspondence expressing VCOG's position on pending legislation consistent with the Legislative Program and/or other positions approved by the Governing Board provided that such correspondence has been sent to the Legislative Subcommittee for their review with a deadline for their comments but not less than 24 hours before it is finalized.

Copies of all correspondence will be distributed to each Governing Board member and their jurisdiction and a Legislative Report will be provided at Board meetings.

Pending legislation not addressed by the Legislative Agenda, member requests or staff recommendations that deviate from the Legislative Agenda, will be agendized for VCOG Governing Board consideration.

This policy will be reviewed each year with the adoption of the Legislative Agenda.

Issues Of Common Concern and Areas of VCOG Commitment

I. Fiscal Impact - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Maintain the protections that are provided in Proposition 1A to protect local revenues from seizure by the state.
- B. Oppose preemption of local authority.
- C. Support measures that result in greater stability and predictability in local government budgeting.
- D. Support legislation requiring the state and federal governments to provide full cost reimbursement to cities and counties for all unfunded or underfunded mandated programs and for all programs resulting in revenue losses.
- E. Encourage the use of state incentives for local government action rather than mandates and penalties.

II. Transportation & Transit - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Support legislation that would provide additional resources to cities and counties to finance local transportation systems, facilities, and improvements.
- B. Protect and enhance current funding levels and local authority for existing State and Federal transportation revenues and programs
- C. Support the immediate halt to transfers to the State General Fund of dedicated State Transportation funds and the timely return of all previous loans
- D. Support the authority of cities and county to manage the public right-of-way and receive compensation for its use.

III. Economic Development - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Support legislation that gives cities and counties resources to finance economic development efforts, such as business attraction, retention, and growth, as well as marketing and tourism.
- B. Support the retention of the Naval Base Ventura County.
- C. Support legislation to ensure sufficient funding to operate one-stop employment and training centers.
- D. Oppose efforts to cut funding for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) programs and other publicly funded community services and workforce assistance programs to serve low-income and/or other disadvantaged residents.

- E. Support legislation that reforms reporting requirements for redevelopment agencies by simplifying the process and eliminating reporting confusion.

IV. Land Use - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Support efforts that are consistent with the doctrine of "home rule" and the local exercise of police powers, through planning and zoning processes, over local land use.
- B. Support legislation that strengthens local control to prepare, adopt, and implement plans for orderly growth, development, beautification, and conservation of local planning areas, including, but not limited to, regulatory authority over zoning, subdivisions, annexations, and redevelopment areas.

V. Housing - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Support efforts to develop multi-jurisdictional (federal, state, county, city) participation, financial support, and incentives for programs that provide adequate, affordable housing for the elderly, handicapped, and low-income persons throughout the community as well as required infrastructure construction.
- B. Support Housing Element reform legislation that provides greater local control and flexibility, simplifies the process, and improves its effectiveness.
- C. Support legislation that eliminates the current Regional Housing Needs Allocation process and defines a more equitable process to respond to growth trends in the region.
- D. Support legislation that streamlines the environmental review process for mixed-use infill development without compromising environmental quality standards.
- E. Support legislation that promotes and provides incentives for environmentally responsible design and construction.

VI. Environment - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Support legislation that streamlines the state's environmental review process and maintains public participation without compromising environmental quality standards.
- B. Air Quality Protection
 - 1. Support mobile source emission reduction activities to improve the environment without adverse impact on local economy.
 - 2. Support air quality efforts that emphasize use of advanced technologies and market incentives, including use of alternative fuels and development of an infrastructure for alternative fuel vehicles.

3. Support port air emission reductions.
4. Support the development of a federal action plan for reducing air pollution from those sources solely under federal control such as ships and planes which are increasingly affecting the ability to reach local air quality attainment.

C. Solid Waste

1. Support legislation that provides cities and counties with financial assistance for programs designed to provide for the safe disposal of solid, hazardous, and special waste.
2. Support legislation that promotes source reduction measures without creating an unfunded mandate.
3. Support legislation that promotes recycling and expands the market for recycled materials as well as making grants available to local agencies for programs that encourage the recycling/reclaiming of resources.
4. Support new resource recovery and conversion technologies, such as bio-diesel from organic waste, including removing impediments to the adoption of transformation or conversion technologies to help municipalities and the county meet and exceed their requirement to divert 50% of their solid waste away from landfills.
5. Oppose legislation that would restrict or limit local government's ability to franchise refuse and recycling collection services, to direct municipal or county solid waste flow (flow control), or to contractually require haulers to guarantee achievement of AB 939 goals
6. Initiate legislation that streamlines AB 939 tracking and reporting requirements.

D. Water Protection

1. Support legislation and cooperative efforts to ensure adequate water supplies for Southern California and to protect and enhance regional groundwater resources and watersheds.
2. Support state and federal funding legislation for local storm water and NPDES programs as well as incentives for the re-use of reclaimed water.
3. Support regulations for local agencies to carry out the NPDES mission that are practical and capable of being implemented including taking into account economic considerations
4. Support scientific investigation and implementation, as funding permits, of reasonable, cost-effective, and proven best management practices (BMP) and best

available technologies (BAT) to mitigate storm water pollution to the maximum extent practicable

E. Natural Resources

1. Support funding and legislation for the designation and preservation of open space and preservation, restoration and enhancement of natural resources.
2. Support legislation and/or programs that provide money to local governments for energy efficiency and conservation programs.

VIII. Public Safety and Homeland Security - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Support legislation that increases local law enforcement resources including providing cities and counties with a greater share of fines and forfeitures.
- B. Support funding for improved public safety programs, specifically the State Grants that have provided police departments with the funds necessary to support technology improvements increasing efficiency. This includes grants that support homeland security, grants through the Office of Traffic Safety, as well as other grants that support the hiring of law enforcement personnel.
- C. Support legislation that would provide additional resources for commercial truck safety inspections and the enforcement of commercial truck vehicle codes.
- D. Support legislation that allows use of state and federal public safety grants for maintenance efforts in addition to service increases.
- E. Support maintenance of existing health care facilities within the county for emergency response with adequate funding and staffing.
- F. Support funding for all hazards, not just terrorism and encourage comprehensive All Hazards planning.
- G. Oppose a relaxation of TSA safety standards enacted after 9/11.

IX. Labor Relations - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Oppose legislation that would restrict a local government's ability to use its own employees on public works projects when such projects have previously been advertised for bid.
- B. Oppose legislation that requires the use of city or county employees rather than contracting out.
- C. Oppose any legislation that would grant employee benefits that should be decided at the local bargaining table.

- D. Support legislation that would reform the Workers' Compensation system to reduce employer cost through the reduction of system abuse.
- E. Oppose any measure that imposes compulsory and binding interest arbitration.
- F. Oppose efforts that reduce local control over public employee disputes or impose regulations of an outside agency on such disputes.

IX. General Government - VCOG is committed to:

- A. Support legislation limiting the county and a city's liability associated with hazardous recreational activities, such as skateboarding and in-line skating.
- B. Support legislation that makes funds available to refurbish and improve parks.
- C. Oppose legislation that increases local government's exposure to litigation.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **2007 Workplan**
DATE: February 27, 2007

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt a 2007 Workplan.

Discussion: In July, 2004, the Board of Directors adopted a Strategic Plan (attached). This plan outlined multiple issues to be pursued by VCOG.

At its February 14, 2007 meeting, the Administrative Committee reviewed the 2006 Workplan and made a few proposed changes. This draft plan in redline format is attached for your review.

Staff requests that the Board review the draft 2007 workplan and adopt final plan for 2007.

Attachments:

1. VCOG Strategic Plan
2. Draft 2007 Workplan



VCOG STRATEGIC PLAN

Adopted July 2004

Introduction

The **Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG)** is a voluntary joint powers authority representing the 10 cities of Ventura County as well as the County whose goal is to facilitate cooperative subregional and regional planning, coordination and technical assistance on issues of mutual concern.

VCOG is based on the premise that Ventura County can have more representation without more government and that issues of common concern often extend beyond the purview of local jurisdictions and agencies, requiring insight and input from a wide range of affected interests.

VCOG works efficiently by utilizing existing resources to the greatest extent possible, collaboratively finding new ways to perform needed activities for less, while eliminating duplication of effort.

The following information is intended to provide a framework for establishing future goals and priorities for the Ventura Council of Governments.

Included:

- **VCOG Mission Statement**
- **VCOG Strategy**
The *VCOG Strategy* is being developed as our subregion's 'plan'. It is a result of interviews conducted with elected and appointed officials of the member cities and the county as well as some of the private sector organizations in the county. These interviews were meant to solicit input on priority issues.
- **General Baseline Work Program**
- **Potential Issues To Address**
List of issues in policy areas in which VCOG could participate.
- **Possible Implementation Strategies**
Programs and projects that VCOG could establish to carry out its Mission.

Mission Statement

Work to make Ventura County a unique national model of orderly development and smart growth to promote economic opportunity and environmental sustainability by:

- Promoting cooperation between the municipalities of Ventura County in the discussion of area-wide issues of mutual interest as well as advancing city-county cooperation
- Unifying Ventura County cities and the county to speak with a collective voice on important regional issues
- Seeking solutions to issues of common concern through joint studies and cost-effective, multi-jurisdictional programs
- Supporting members' proposals that further the objectives of the Ventura Council of Governments
- Providing a forum for communication and representation on behalf of the Ventura County cities and the county with other governing bodies and organizations in the county, as well as facilitate the exchange of ideas and information
- Increasing visibility and awareness of Ventura County as an outstanding place to live, work and play

VCOG Strategy

This is the first installment of an evolving strategy which will enable participating cities in Ventura County and the County to identify and act on issues of mutual interest or concern. As such, it is consistent with the rights and limitations prescribed in the VCOG Joint Powers Authority agreement. It is only as strong as the commitment invested by members of the council of governments and its implementation will depend on the priorities established by the members.

Objectives of the Strategy are:

- To identify areas of common concern among the 11 participating jurisdictions;
- To provide a means by which to document ideas and solutions discussed by VCOG;
- To provide a policy foundation for future VCOG planning efforts; and
- To serve as a potential blueprint for future implementation actions within the Subregion.

The focus of this Strategy is to find ways to capitalize on the strengths of the county and its cities at all levels of government and within the private sector. It is intended to enable individual cities and the county to better achieve their visions in collaboration with neighboring communities with whom they share common issues and goals.

General Baseline Work Program

- A. Serve as a forum for consideration, study and recommendation on area-wide and regional problems
- B. Assemble information helpful in the consideration of problems peculiar to the County and its cities
- C. Explore practical avenues for intergovernmental cooperation, coordination, and action in the interest of its members
- D. Seek economies of scale whenever practical in the administration of governmental services
- E. Facilitate intergovernmental coordination with public and private sectors on issues common to Ventura County governmental agencies
- F. Coordinate Public Information and Outreach on issues of local government importance, as needed and/or requested

Potential Issues To Address

- Growth Projections
 - Who are we planning for - demographic characteristics of the future population in the county
- Growth Management
 - Perception of diminishing quality of life
 - Urban form capable of accommodating anticipated growth
 - Land Use/Transportation linkages
- Housing
 - Jobs/Housing imbalance
 - Lack of production of diverse housing choices – ownership/rental, workforce, etc.
 - Homeless
 - Redevelopment agency housing set-aside dollars and the ability to use them outside the defined redevelopment area
 - Making use of existing or new federal, state and local resources for housing development
 - Concern of excessive administrative and economic burdens to meet requirements to build housing
 - Protecting environment and existing neighborhoods
 - Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA)
- Integrated Waste Management
 - VCOG is the Local Task Force (in accordance with Sec. 40950 of Public Resources Code) – responsible for coordinating development of the city and county source reduction and recycling elements of the countywide integrated waste management plan and for assisting in the preparation of the countywide facility siting element of the plan.
 - Increased recycling
 - Materials recovery and re-use
- Mobility
 - Few access roads
 - Inter-county traffic concerns
 - Jobs/housing imbalance
 - Lack of funding for infrastructure investment
 - Finding more effective alternative modes of travel
 - Coordination for transportation, land use and economic development planning in major corridors and subareas.
 - Sufficient and well-placed park and ride lots to support use of the transit system and ridesharing

- Use of videoconferencing and teleconferencing for businesses, residents and municipal meetings
- Goods Movement
 - Community impact on increasing truck movements
 - Impact of the growth projected for Port Hueneme and in the region
- Air Quality
 - The quality of the air that we breathe
 - Regional, state and federal air quality plans and requirements
 - Practical transportation control measures
 - Use of new technologies
- Open Space/Green Belts/Preservation of Agricultural Land
 - Conserving the open space and green belts in the face of growing land use demands and worldwide competition
- Water Resources and Water Quality
 - Maintaining sufficient water supply and quality in the face of growing demand
 - Water conservation and re-use
- Energy Issues
 - Adequacy of energy supply at reasonable cost in the face of growing demand
 - Community aggregation
 - Energy efficiency and conservation
 - Energy efficient building
- Public Safety & Hometown Security
 - Sustain low crime rates and safe communities
 - Emergency preparedness
- Economic Development
 - Sustain economic vitality of the county as a whole and its individual city communities
 - Lack of flexibility with use of redevelopment funds to accomplish redevelopment program goals
 - Job Training, re-training and educational needs
 - Competitive posture of Ventura County and its cities
 - Possible federal base closure
 - Role of High Tech, Bio Tech, Agriculture, Trade & Tourism and other important industry clusters in the county
 - Customer service

Possible Implementation Strategies

- Advocacy
 - Legislative Forums with legislators – some social time and questions and answers
 - Legislative Subcommittee – to provide legislative review and VCOG action on legislation
 - Coordinate legislative outreach, and interface on activities affecting member agencies
 - Work collaboratively with California League of Cities & County Supervisors Association of California & California Councils of Government

- Mobility – Growth Management
 - Santa Barbara/Ventura Issues Subcommittee

- Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force
 - Take more proactive role in statutory responsibilities – specifically by facilitating the development, amendments and updates of countywide Integrated Waste Management Plan as the Local Task Force
 - Monitor integrated waste management through a Board subcommittee

- RHNA
 - Coordinate consensus response to regional housing need allocations

- Issues Updates – water, solid waste, open space, land use/transportation linkage

- Information Sharing and Clearinghouse
 - Demographics – repository of data
 - Web site
 - Newsletter focusing on city projects and innovations
 - Commercial Real Estate Web Site - coordinated information base regarding commercial/industrial opportunities in the county

- Training
 - GIS
 - Budget
 - Crisis Management
 - Customer Service
 - Dispute Resolution

- Annual Meeting
 - With Elected officials of all agencies in the county
 - With City Managers and County CAO
 - With Economic Development Agencies

- Other Potential Collaborative Projects
 - Human Resources and Services – form or join an salary survey consortium



2007 ~~2006~~ WORKPLAN

1. AB 939 Local Task Force: Continue oversight role of Countywide Intergrated Waste Management Plan (CIWMP).
2. Regional Housing Needs Assessment: Continue role in establishing Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for Ventura County.
3. Future Governance Models: ~~Review~~ Monitor transportation/planning regional governance models, as well as other responsibilities for VCOG (such as air quality management) and determine any changes or modification to VCOG structure and mission as appropriate.
4. ~~Santa Barbara/Ventura County Issues: Continue work of Board Subcommittee to identify and implement initiatives to support better coordination of policies issues between Santa Barbara and Ventura Counties.~~
5. Legislative Agenda: Continue to identify and take positions on State legislation that impacts Ventura County pursuant to the VCOG Legislative Agenda.
6. Informal Gatherings of Ventura County Officials: Continue to identify ways and host events to bring together Ventura County officials in an informal setting for exchanging ideas and to get to know each other better.
7. Emergency Preparedness: Work to develop programs where the cities and the County can work better together to coordinate emergency preparedness and other public safety programs.
8. Homeless Services: Work to assist the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition to implement the "10 Year Plan to End Homelessness in Ventura County."

DRAFT: February 27, 2007
ADOPTED: ~~November 10, 2005~~

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR' S MONTHLY REPORT FEBRUARY 2007

Each month I establish, with input from the Directors, the priority issues on which management and the staff focus. This report summarizes the work that was accomplished during the month as well as other items I feel will give the Council a better understanding of what the staff and I are doing to accomplish our performance objectives.

I. Improve the efficiency and accountability of management within the organization

- Continuous Improvement

Work continues on the four projects. The staff values statement will be finalized at the March All Staff meeting after review by each of the Departments. The Strategic Leadership Team is leading the effort on project chartering and performance measures. Both are expected to yield results by the end of the fiscal year.

- The Regional Council is scheduled to receive a presentation on the Comprehensive Annual Financial report from our external auditors, Vasquez & Co. An overview of the FY 2007-2008 Budget will be presented at a joint workshop of the policy committees and the Regional Council. There will be a joint meeting of the Audit Committee and the Personnel Committee on February 8, 2007 to receive a briefing on GASB 45 requirements for disclosing the cost of post retirement employee benefits. The Audit Committee will also be briefed on the status and the schedule for assessing the implementation of the "Best Practices Report of March 2000, and making any recommendations for policy changes and updates to continue improving our administrative practices.

II. Provide support to the Regional Council in providing direction and leadership to SCAG

- On January 4th I participated in the Pacesetters Public Affairs Talk Show, jointly interviewed with Supervisor Yvonne Burke. On January 20th I was a guest speaker on the live broadcast of "Government and Politics of Southern California" with Stan Hebert from the DHTV Broadband Network Studios of California State University, Dominguez Hills in Carson.
- During the month I have had several meetings with both public and private sector leaders regarding moving the port related freight issues forward. These have included the CEO's of the Commissions, the Southern California Leadership Council, Maersk, Port officials, local and state air quality agency directors, state and federal officials, and others. The focus has been on the institutional and funding issues surrounding the implementation of needed infrastructure and mitigation of impacts. The timing seems to be right for a leadership meeting of some of the key actors in the near future. There also appears to be a need for bridging pretty diverse points of view over the air quality

issues surrounding port related freight activities. In my meeting with the air district we discussed our drafting some type of clean air freight strategy for 2015.

- I was selected to receive the National Public Service Award. The National Public Service Awards are presented jointly by The American Society for Public Administration and The National Academy of Public Administration to recognize outstanding practitioners who have made significant contributions to public administration. The award will be presented at the National Public Service Award Luncheon on March 25th.

III. SCAG Operations

- Personnel

Recruitments continue for many staff positions. Three interim appointments have been made to backfill behind Karen Tachiki who left SCAG on February 2, 2007. Joann Africa will serve as interim Director of and Sylvia Patsouras will serve as interim Director of Intergovernmental. A discussion about legal support will be concluded at the March Regional Council meeting and will guide the recruitment efforts for that position. The Director of Intergovernmental Relations will also be recruited in the near future. Jacob Lieb will serve as the interim Manager of Environmental Planning while Sylvia is the interim Director.

The Manager of Member Relations recruitment is completed and the successful candidate is Bev Perry. She started on January 22nd. The Manager of Contracts recruitment is completed and the successful candidate is Leyton Morgan who started on January 29th.

- Training and Development/Professional Pathways

The above interim assignments provided developmental opportunities for three existing SCAG staff. This supports the Professional Pathways program by providing rotational and developmental assignments. The Leadership/Supervisory/Management training series resumed in January and continues in February with classes on Change Management and Conflict Resolution. Speech communication and SAP training are ongoing. The wellness theme for February is "Love Your Heart."

IV. Implement Adopted Regional Plans

- Aviation. On January 11th I represented SCAG at the second meeting of the reactivated Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRAA) in place of Aviation Task Force Chair Alan Wapner who could not attend the meeting. At that meeting, the SCRAA board elected Los Angeles City Councilmember Bill Rosendahl as chair and San Bernardino Supervisor Gary Ovitt as vice-chair. SCAG had previously submitted comments to the SCAG, adopted by the Regional Council on January 4th, on the SCRAA's mission, powers and membership. Proposals to revise the agency's joint powers agreement were tabled until the next meeting of the SCRAA

board in April. I am closely coordinating with Chairman Rosendahl in helping him develop a new vision for the SCRAA.

- Goods Movement

At the January 12th Regional CEO's meeting, the executive directors agreed to continue Lindell L. Marsh's contract in support for Federal, State, and Local Collaboration on Goods Movement. This is a joint program aimed at executing a Southern California National Freight Gateway MOU with all the key federal, state, and local agencies. SCAG was requested to administer the contract on behalf of the county transportation commissions. SCAG, on behalf of its funding partners, seeks to continue Lindell L. Marsh's efforts on a sole source basis with additional funding of approximately \$30,000.

The Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan is moving forward. The next meeting of the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan Stakeholders Advisory Group will present highlights of the Draft Action Plan and seek input. A second survey tool has been launched to capture stakeholder preferences and opinions about various goods movement strategies and solutions. Model runs for the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan began last week, with seven of the 12 bundles expected to be completed shortly. We have participated in L.A.M.T.A. and OCTA workshops on freight.

V. **Develop Additional Planning Efforts**

- Regional Comprehensive Plan. The policy committees are nearing completion of the review of proposed performance outcomes for each chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). Staffs and the RCP Task Force will engage an intensive public involvement campaign leading to the completion of a Draft RCP in the summer. A special workshop on agricultural issues for the Open Space Chapter will be held in Riverside in February. Other events are pending scheduling and will be posted shortly on the program website at www.scag.ca.gov/rcp.
- Air Quality/Conformity. I met with Executive Officers of the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) and the California Air Resources Board (CARB) along with key staff to continue discussions of policy issues regarding the 2007 Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) for the South Coast Air Basin. Discussion items included potential conformity budget issues, the AQMD's suggested new development control measure, and PM2.5 attainment issues. One important item to note is that AQMD recently invoked the Conflict Resolution process established between AQMD, CARB, and SCAG to address some of these issues. The AQMD is scheduled to release the Final Draft AQMP by mid-February.
- Water and Integrated Regional Planning. Staff met with Joe Grindstaff, Director of the California Bay-Delta Program, to emphasize the importance of linking state bond funding to integrated regional strategies, including the two water bonds (Prop 1E and Prop 84). Emphasis was given to the importance of building comprehensive plans

within regions/watersheds so that state funding agencies achieve both leverage of other significant resources (federal, local and private) and success with regional efforts that are sustainable in the long-term. This level of integration requires close coordination among state agencies (Resources, Business, Transportation and Housing, Food and Agriculture, Caltrans and Cal/EPA) in order to accommodate differing regional challenges such as growth, flood protection, transportation, water quality and supply, air quality, etc. Importantly, this governmental coordination is needed to encourage regional strategies that fully engage local governments, water and sanitation agencies, metropolitan planning organizations, councils of governments, environmental and conservation advocates and other essential participants.

As new guidelines for the distribution of state bond funds are prepared for legislative consideration/action, SCAG, along with other statewide regional interests, will work to have these guidelines promote this more extensive regional integration and governance roles for councils of government.

- RHNA. SCAG reached a major milestone on Thursday, January 18th by releasing the draft RHNA allocation. We would all like to thank all local governments that participated in the Integrated Growth Forecast process, planning initiatives, AB 2158 survey, Public Hearing and workshop process, especially the subregions who have worked to collectively gather and reconcile local input from their areas during the last couple of months. Formal letters from SCAG will be mailed to acknowledge receipt of local input and explain how it was used in collectively reviewing AB 2158 survey information and developing the final draft allocation plan.

The draft Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA) Allocation for all jurisdictions of the SCAG region is now available for review online on the RHNA webpage (<http://scag.ca.gov/Housing/rhna.htm>). Also included with the draft allocation is the existing needs statement: [http://scag.ca.gov/Housing/pdfs/rhna/RHNA_011807\(5\).pdf](http://scag.ca.gov/Housing/pdfs/rhna/RHNA_011807(5).pdf). The draft RHNA allocation will be presented at the February 1 CEHD and Regional Council meetings for action, at the SCAG offices (818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017) in meetings beginning at 9:30 am. The schedule calls for approval on February 1st, so that the appeals process can begin on February 15th.

- Compass Partnership. The Compass Partnership held its quarterly meeting on January 24th, focused on high-level presentations and a lively discourse of public/private financing for infrastructure projects. Specifically, presentations were made on Light Rail infrastructure, with the Expo Line project as an example of the potential for value capture financing, and High-speed Regional Transportation and its accompanying strategies for public/private financing. The committee expressed interest in pursuing these discussions at subsequent meetings, and may include a representative from the finance banking industry. In other business, the Partnership elected a new Chair: Supervisor Jeff Stone, Riverside County, and a new Vice-Chair: Greg McWilliams, Lennar Homes.

- Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA) - Voter approval of Proposition 1B in November 2006 provided \$4.5 billion statewide for highway improvements under the CMIA program. Project nominations for the CMIA were due to the California Transportation Commission (CTC) on January 16, 2007. CTC staff plan to release a staff recommendation on February 20, and the CTC will take action on part or all of the CMIA program on February 28. Statewide, the requests for CMIA funding totaled \$11.3 billion. In the SCAG region, the requests for CMIA funding totaled \$3.9 billion. SCAG has compiled the region's project nominations from the county transportation commissions and IVAG and is currently conducting a performance assessment, including a benefit-cost assessment, for each project.

VI. Data & Planning Methods

- Initiatives to Provide Parcel Access for Member Agencies. The Data and Monitoring Division has taken a two-prong approach to provide parcel data to our member agencies and other regional stakeholders. Access to parcel data has been consistently ranked as a top priority from the Data Needs Survey. SCAG has entered into a web based subscription service to provide access to parcel data and attributes, aerial imagery and street centerline data. This web-based system provides users the capability of performing online queries, analysis and printing of maps.

Secondly, staff has been conducting meetings with County Assessors to develop a consortium designed to provide a more long-term solution for parcel data access. This data repository will permit SCAG, member jurisdictions, SCAG consultants and other regional stakeholders to access and more importantly take physical possession of the data files. By providing this option, members will have additional functionality that is not available through the web based subscription service. This initial data consortium will then be expanded to facilitate data and cost sharing for other data and information.

- Status of the New Model. Calibration/validation of the new Regional Travel Demand Model has been completed. The new Model satisfies Federal guidance regarding modeling standards and will be used for the upcoming RTP07 analysis. The model validation will be presented at the January 24th Modeling Task Force.

VII. Legislative and Communication Programs

Our RHNA pilot program measure, Senate Bill 12, sponsored by Senator Alan Lowenthal, passed the Senate Transportation & Housing Committee on Tuesday, January 23rd by vote of 5-0 with a few amendments. One which provides flexibility by adding a "Revision" Process during the appeals period. This will be discussed at the next meeting. Senator Lowenthal and I provided testimony for the bill. The bill will now go to the senate floor for vote scheduled for today and passage before moving to the Assembly. Paul Bauer anticipates that the Bill will secure much support in the Assembly and should be passed by the Legislature by April. On January 23rd I met with Assembly Member Lori Saldana, Chair of the Assembly Housing Committee on the bill. The bill

that would have provided for the tribal governments in the SCAG region to join the SCAG General Assembly, Assembly Bill 169, sponsored by Assembly Member Lloyd Levine has been introduced and will be sent to Committee following 30 days. The text of the legislation is currently identical to the last version of Assembly Bill 2762 of last session authored by Assembly Member Lloyd Levine that has passed out of the Legislature with an overwhelming majority but vetoed by the Governor. We will be working with the Assembly Member and the Governor's office so that next time the Governor will be willing to sign.

As will be discussed at the Regional Council, we are coordinating with the transportation commissions in the SCAG region in preparation for the Consensus Trip.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR' S MONTHLY REPORT MARCH 2007

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- Continuous Improvement

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- At the joint Audit and Personnel Committee meeting on February 8, 2007, a Working Group was formed with one member from each committee to be working with Finance and Human Resources staff to recommend agency policies for retiree health benefit level, and funding existing obligations for retiree health care, and the supplementary pension benefit program. They will hold their first meeting in March.
- The CFO has initiated a comprehensive review of Best Practices implementation in the Contracts Division. The review includes an internal audit of compliance with federal and state contracting rules and procedures.

II. Provide support to the Regional Council in providing direction and leadership to SCAG

- On February 2nd, I met with the Cities of Palmdale and Lancaster to discuss opportunities to implement the Compass 2% Strategy in the Antelope Valley. Mayor Pro Tem Mike Dispenza, Palmdale, Steve Williams, City Manager and Asoka Hearth, Planning Director represented the City of Palmdale while Robert LaSala, City Manager and Brian Ludicke, Planning Director represented Lancaster. We discussed potential economic growth strategies in the Valley consistent with the Region's long-term strategies, including high speed regional transport, expansion of the Palmdale airport, and growth in the logistics industry. Follow up items include developing a joint proposal for a Compass Demonstration Project to explore a range of development scenarios and economic strategies for the Valley, and the completion of a short-term economic forecast report for Lancaster
- On February 20th-22nd I attended a National Round Table on reauthorization of the Surface Transportation Act at the Pocantico Conference Center. The session

developed a national vision that could guide the reauthorization. I will present the vision at our next meeting.

- On February 23rd I attended a SCAG/SCAQMD/CARB staff retreat to discuss issues relative to the 2007 South Coast AQMP. While some issues were resolved, those involving the PM2.5 attainment demonstration, including the ability to meet the 2015 attainment date, SCAQMD's proposed additional control measures for CARB commitment, and the Plan submittal strategy, were not. In order to demonstrate attainment with the PM2.5 standard, the SCAQMD has proposed that CARB commit to additional emission reductions beyond those set forth in the recently proposed State and federal control strategy. SCAQMD has identified an additional 72 tons per day NOx emission reductions that they believe are feasible, the majority coming from on-road heavy-duty vehicles, goods movement sources, and construction equipment. The SCAQMD is requesting that CARB commit to these reductions and thereby allow an integrated Ozone and PM2.5 Plan to be prepared and submitted to USEPA by the June 2007 Ozone Plan submittal deadline. CARB's position is that the PM2.5 attainment demonstration is ultimately about the "legacy fleet" of older, highly polluting on- and off-road engines, and that currently there is neither the technical basis nor the financial resources to achieve the necessary reductions. The State plans to take the time allowed under law (submittal of PM2.5 Plan to USEPA by April 2008) to see if the necessary control measures can be developed, or to put on the table the price tag for buying out and turning over the "legacy fleet." CARB generally disagrees with the feasibility of SCAQMD's proposed additional mobile source control strategies, but agreed to evaluate a few that may have merit and which might provide approximately 10 - 20 tons per day NOx reductions.

I stressed that the 2007 South Coast AQMP is the pivotal policy relative to advancing any transportation projects in the region. Environmental and community groups have declared that air quality improvement must be assured prior to advancing new transportation projects and will otherwise seek to block environmental clearances. Therefore, the AQMP must provide a plausible attainment demonstration to meet the Clean Air Act (CAA) deadlines for both PM2.5 (2015) and ozone (2023), and which puts the critical technological and financing issues on the table. To this end, I supported SCAQMD's position of preparing an integrated Ozone and PM2.5 Plan, with the understanding that it is within CARB's discretion whether or not to submit the PM2.5 portion to USEPA in June 2007 or wait until the CAA deadline of April 2008. In the event CARB does not submit the PM2.5 portion in June, an integrated Plan can serve as a working public draft for a refined PM2.5 Plan to be submitted next year, and which can include a goods movement control measure as further developed in the upcoming Regional Transportation Plan.

A Board/Regional Council Members and executive staff "study session" will be coordinated between the three agencies to further discuss the unresolved issues. (See Page 4).

III. SCAG Operations

- Personnel

Recruitments continue for many staff positions. The Director of Government and Public Affairs and the Chief Legal Counsel recruitments are starting in March utilizing the services of Executive Search firms. We anticipate filling both positions by May 2007.

- Training and Development/Professional Pathways

At the request of SCAG staff, Human Resources has initiated a SCAG Toastmasters group for interested employees. Thirty employees have registered to belong to the Toastmasters group and meetings started in March. Toastmasters is designed to assist individuals with enhancing their communication and leadership skills in their professional and personal lives.

The Leadership/Supervisory/Management training series in March with classes on Project Management and People Management Skills. Speech communication and SAP training are ongoing. The wellness theme for March is Nutrition. Human Resources kicked off a SCAG walking club in February to encourage staff wellness. The Club meets twice a week during the lunch hour with approximately 20 participants.

IV. Implement Adopted Regional Plans

- Maglev Business Case Development. David Chow of IBI Group, which is SCAG's consultant working on the Maglev passenger conceptual design project, provided a brief presentation to the January Transportation and Communications Committee and to the February Maglev Task Force of staff's investigation into whether the passenger business case can be enhanced with the addition of Maglev/high-speed ground transport freight service. Over the past few months, the IBI team, in consultation with goods movement experts, has identified the preliminary cost factors associated with conventional cargo transport modes compared to a potential Maglev/high-speed ground transport freight system. In the coming few months, the IBI Group will continue working with staff to refine the business case development to further explore and detail the viability of a passenger/freight Maglev/high-speed ground transport system in the SCAG region.

- Aviation. On February 8th SCAG hosted a workshop by the Southern California Regional Airport Authority (SCRRA) that solicited comments on proposed revisions to the SCRRA joint powers agreement that would change the mission, powers and membership of the agency. The SCAG Aviation Task Force developed comments on those proposed revisions at a meeting held before the SCRRA workshop. The Aviation Task Force Chairman Alan Wapner presented the comments developed by

the task force at the SCRAA workshop, noting that they would be submitted to the SCAG Regional Council for formal approval at their next meeting in March.

V. Develop Additional Planning Efforts

- Air Quality. SCAQMD Board Chairman Burke recently sent a letter to SCAG Regional Council President Burke and CARB Chairman Sawyer requesting a Board-level meeting seeking to resolve outstanding issues regarding the 2007 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan. Mayor Ron Loveridge and Mayor Pro Tem Tom Sykes have been appointed by President Burke to attend this meeting scheduled for mid-March. The issues include a "blip" in the vehicles miles traveled (VMT) data for the year 2005 in CARB's emission factor model (EMFAC2007) relative to SCAG data, what is considered acceptable as attainment demonstrations for ozone and PM2.5, what controls are necessary and feasible to achieve the PM2.5 standards by 2015, and whether or not to bifurcate the ozone and PM2.5 plans (the federally required submittal dates are June 2007 and April 2008, respectively).
- Regional Comprehensive Plan. The Policy Committees have approved preliminary performance outcomes for each of the nine Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) chapters. This step will serve as a starting point for intensive outreach and stakeholder involvement. Notably, SCAG will host a workshop in the near future to familiarize local officials with the plan outcomes and strategies, and to discuss the potential for legislation that would tie funds from the recent State infrastructure bonds to regional plans of this type. Staff will circulate information on this session as soon as it is finalized. Additionally, SCAG hosted a workshop focused on agricultural issues, for the Open Space Chapter of the RCP, on February 13th.
- Compass Blueprint. Staff presented SCAG's Transit Oriented Development (TOD) research and Compass Blueprint demonstration project initiatives at the Local Government Commission's 6th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference held in downtown Los Angeles. The La Cienega visualization video clip and other public engagement techniques and research tools were showcased. SCAG was a major sponsor and maintained a Compass Blueprint exhibit and display table during the conference.
- Regional Housing Needs Assessment. The staff has worked diligently over the past two weeks in finalizing the Draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), 2006 to 2014, and Existing Housing Needs Statement. A disc containing draft allocation plan was mailed to every City Manager and County Administrative Officer in the Region. Letters were also sent in response to 68 local governments related to their comments on the proposed RHNA Methodology, the application of the AB 2158 planning factors and other planning considerations. The Ventura County Council of Governments accepted delegation and will be administering the appeals process. The cities of Los Angeles and San Fernando are considering delegation. The RHNA appeal and revision process will start on February 15th and will run through March 16, 2007. Afterwards, public hearings will be set and the RHNA Appeals Board will make determinations on Draft Allocation Plan adjustments. The Regional Housing

Needs Assessment web pages have also been overhauled to make them easier to navigate, while also highlighting important topics for local governments.

- Goods Movement. Jim Gosnell attended the February CEO monthly meeting. The agenda was primarily a review of the Multi-County Goods Movement Study conducted by a consultant for SCAG, the county commissions, Caltrans and SANDAG. The study cost a little over \$1 million. It reinforced the idea of the truck lanes along the corridors identified in the 1998 Regional Transportation Plan. The CEO's discussed the results so far and next steps that might be needed. It was noted that environmental mitigation is crucial if this issue is to be successfully addressed. There was recognition that high speed rail needs to be considered further. While not agendaized, the CEO's also agreed to support the LA Chamber's annual trip to Washington to talk with key officials. We also distributed to the commissions recent results of our evaluation of the CMIA projects in our region.

On the Goods Movement MOU, effort is still underway to obtain state and federal partnership support/signatures. The CEOs agreed to have SANBAG write a letter to the Governor on behalf of the commissions to emphasize the importance of this MOU. Staff attended the Faster Freight Cleaner Air Conference.

- Economic Forecast Conference. The 10th Annual Regional Economic Forecast Conference will be held on March 9th at the Ontario Convention Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The theme of this year's conference is "The Middle Class on Life Support: Strategies for Revitalizing Southern California's Economy."

This conference will bring together distinguished economists, business leaders, state and local elected leaders, as well as university officials and other experts to speak about a variety of issues relating to our region's position and economic competitiveness. The diverse and dynamic collection of presenters for this year's conference promises a stimulating event. Luncheon speakers include the Honorable Tom Torlakson, Chairman of the State Senate Democratic Caucus, and Jim Flannigan, New York Times columnist and former Los Angeles Times columnist. Staff attended the Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation's Economic Forecast Conference.

The Regional Council Members and policy committee members are invited to attend free of charge. Please see me or call Barbara Dove at (213) 236-1861 to reserve your seat.

- Corridor Mobility Improvement Account (CMIA). SCAG has completed its performance assessment of the projects nominated in the SCAG region for the CMIA program. Results were distributed at the February 9, 2006 meeting of the CEOs. The California Transportation Commission (CTC) staff released their recommendations for the CMIA program on February 16th, and a meeting of the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) was held on February 20th to discuss the nominations. The SCAG region received \$978 million out of the \$2.8 billion recommended by the CTC staff for the first year of the program. This represents only 35% of the statewide

funding even though SCAG has 49% of the state's population. The CTC will take action on February 28th.

The February 20 CTC meeting began with comments from CTC Executive Director John Barna and CTC Deputy Director David Brewer. Their comments focused on the challenges they faced in coming up with staff recommendations for the CMIA program in 30 days. Brewer discussed the three areas in which the projects were rated: 1) Delivery – the date the project will be delivered and the reliability of this date; 2) Value – the congestion mitigation benefit/cost data as measured by Caltrans' model; and 3) Appropriateness – does the nominated project meet the goals of the CMIA Program. In total, 149 projects totaling \$11.3 billion were submitted (the available CMIA funding is \$4.5 billion).

The CTC staff recommendation stated that the CTC should only approve funding for \$2.8 billion with the remaining funds to be approved in 2008. This was due to their concerns about project delivery and so the 60-40 north south split requirements can be met in 2008.

All of the regions then participated in presenting their arguments for projects that were included in the CTC staff recommendations, the level of CMIA funds for the nominated projects, and the nominated projects that were left off that list. All of the counties in the SCAG region testified at the meeting. The public hearing was highlighted by the Los Angeles delegation which featured Supervisor Gloria Molina, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa, Congressman Brad Sherman, and other state senators and assembly persons within Los Angeles County. All of these elected officials spoke on behalf of having the CTC include the 405 carpool lane project in the CMIA program since the CTC staff recommendation failed to include this project. Some of the elected officials from Los Angeles County also spoke on behalf of other projects that were not selected by the CTC staff recommendation and requested their inclusion in the CMIA program. SCAG testified at the CTC in support of the region needing additional funding and projects given our needs. Other regions from around the state also spoke on behalf of their projects to be included in the CMIA program.

After the comments from all of the regions were completed, the CTC Commissioners discussed what the course of action should be. There was a debate about whether to approve all \$4.5 billion of CMIA funds on February 28th or to have a second round of funding in April 2007. Other issues that were raised by the commissioners included whether or not there was a right mix of projects that addressed congestion mitigation and connectivity. The CTC staff recommendation had 80% of the recommended projects address congestion mitigation while the other 20% addressed connectivity issues. The question that was vexing the commissioners and staff was if this ratio was appropriate. Further questions were also raised about the Governor's letter (dated February 20, 2007) which listed the projects he wanted to receive CMIA funding.

At the end of the discussion, the CTC decided that the projects they would consider would be the projects recommended for the CMIA program by CTC staff and the projects from the Governor's letter at the February 28th meeting. CTC does not anticipate voting all \$4.5 billion at the February 28th meeting. The remaining CMIA

funds will be approved at the April 2007 CTC meeting. Between now and the April 2007 CTC meeting, CTC staff will contact the regions to answer any questions regarding the nominated projects.

Subsequent to the February 20th CTC meeting, the CTC staff issued a second staff report on February 26, 2007 recommending fully programming the \$4.5 billion available to the CMIA. This staff recommendation included the HOV project on I-405 between I-10 and US-101 in LA County, as well as HOV on SR-91 between Adams and 60/91/215 Interchange in Riverside County. The proposed new recommendation would increase funding to SCAG Region to 42.55% from previously recommended 35% level. This is still short of the 49% of the state population that SCAG region represents.

VI. Data & Planning Methods

- HPMS Annual Workshop and Data Collection. In coordination with Caltrans and local jurisdictions, Data and Monitoring staff has initiated the 2006 data updates of Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS) data. In addition, to assist local jurisdictions in completing the 2006 data update request, staff is also working with Caltrans regarding the annual HPMS workshops scheduled for March 7, 2007 (at SCAG Los Angeles offices) and March 8, 2007 (at SCAG Riverside offices). HPMS is a federally mandated reporting system for public road data. Each year, the local jurisdiction is required to update HPMS data for Caltrans through SCAG. HPMS data has been used for federal funding allocation decisions as well as input for local and regional planning process; hence, its completeness and accuracy are critical for the region and all local jurisdictions.
- GIS Training Sessions Successfully Completed. During the first week of February 2007, GIS staff conducted the annual GIS training workshop as part of its commitment to support dissemination of GIS knowledge to all jurisdictions in the SCAG region. The four day-long GIS training sessions were well-attended by 16 representatives from the SCAG member jurisdictions. This year's GIS training used ARCGIS 9.1 and covered beginner and intermediate GIS user skills. It included GIS data management, development, visualization, analysis, and interpretation. Moreover, there was a shifting in the focus to address more data analysis and decision-making using GIS. The sessions were successfully conducted and there was great interest among all trainees for SCAG to offer GIS training at a more frequent basis in the future.

VII. Legislative and Communication Programs

- RHNA Pilot Program

SCAG's RHNA pilot program bill, SB 12, sponsored by Senator Alan Lowenthal, passed out of the State Senate on Monday, February 5th by vote of 38-1. The legislation is in the Assembly and our lobbyist anticipates that the bill will secure much support in the Assembly and should be passed by the Legislature by April. Staff is working to address concerns from member jurisdictions regarding the appeals process and how reallocations will be proportionately disbursed in order to move the

legislation along as an urgency measure. Additionally, funding legislation to support the RHNA process will be uppermost on SCAG's legislative agenda early in this year's session. The Assembly Housing Committee will hear SB 12 on Wednesday, March 7th, and staff will continue to track the bill.

My staff and I are working with Senators Perata, Lowenthal and others to provide any information and assistance to them to craft language incorporating our Blueprint concepts for SB 46, the current proposed legislative vehicle for the bond implementation. As part of our efforts, we are attending the various bond related committee hearings in the Legislature to offer input and to coordinate efforts with our planning partners. Staff monitored the February 13th hearing of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee on the implementation of Proposition 1C. Written testimony was submitted to be included in the official record of the hearing. SCAG was represented at the February 27th hearing of the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee in order to provide testimony on the implementation of the Flood Bond Provisions of Proposition 1E and Proposition 84. SCAG was also represented at the February 27th hearing of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee in order to provide testimony on regional transportation priorities and the implementation of Proposition 1B. The next bond implementation hearings held by the Senate Natural Resources and Water Committee & Senate Transportation and Housing Committee will be on March 6th & 7th. In addition, we will be holding a workshop in the coming weeks to bring together local government officials and staff to explain how bond funds will be disbursed at the local level.

Assemblymember Lloyd Levine has re-introduced legislation that will provide for the tribal governments in the SCAG region to join the SCAG General Assembly. Assembly Bill 169 is anticipated to be heard in the Assembly Committee on Local Government in late February. SCAG has held preliminary discussions with the Governor's staff to address any issues related to tribal governments entering into a JPA with SCAG.

SCAG is conducting its 5th annual Southern California Consensus Trip to Washington, DC, on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 through Thursday, March 1, 2007. This year our visit to the nation's capitol will focus on goods movement issues and funding. The trip will provide us with an excellent forum to deliver California's message in a clear and unified voice to the new Congressional Leadership, California's Congressional delegation, and senior ranking staff of the Administration, USDOT, and other agencies. This year's attendees include SCAG Regional Council members Yvonne B. Burke, Gary Ovitt, Harry Baldwin, Art Brown, Judy Dunlap, Robin Lowe, Larry McCallon, Ron Roberts, and Jeff Stone. Our requests for this trip includes; legislation establishing a dedicated goods movement trust fund providing for large multi-state and regional goods movement projects; legislative authority/funding to capitalize on innovative financing opportunities to increase capability for public-private investment, including tax credit bonds, tax credit equity financing, and an expanded TIFIA Program; and matching funds for billions of dollars of state bond monies to fund trade corridor projects.