



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, March 12, 2009

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. **2009 Workplan Update** – Receive and file workplan update.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. **Update on SB 375 Implementation and VCOG January 29, 2009 Workshop:** Receive report and provide direction to staff as appropriate.

B. **Update on VCOG/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project:** Receive oral status report.

MEMBERS

City of Camarillo
Jan McDonald, Member
Dan Waunch, *Alternate*

City of Oxnard
Thomas Holden, Member
XXXXX, *Alternate*,

City of Simi Valley
Paul Miller, Member
Barbara Williamson, *Alternate*

City of Fillmore
Patti Walker, Member
Gayle Washburn, *Alternate*

City of Port Hueneme
Marcela Morales, Member
Sylvia Munoz Schnopp *Alternate*

City of Thousand Oaks
Tom Glancy, Member
Jaqui Irwin, *Alternate*

City of Moorpark
Janice Parvin, Member
Mark Van Dam, *Alternate*

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

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

City of Ojai
Carol Smith Member
Steve Olson, *Alternate*

City of Santa Paula
Gabino Aguirre, Member
Jim Tovias, *Alternate*

- C. **Prisoner Re-Entry Workshop**: Receive oral status report and provide direction to staff.
- D. **Contracting for Administrative Services with Ventura County Transportation Commission**: Receive staff report and direct Interim Executive Director to negotiate an administrative services agreement with the Ventura County Transportation Commission for period beginning July 1, 2009.
- E. **VCOG's Seat on the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Committee**: Consider appointment to committee.
- F. **2009 VCOG Annual Meeting**: Receive oral report on Annual Meeting on Thursday June 18, 2009 in Thousand Oaks.

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 14, 2009**

Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business referred to on this agenda are on file in the City of Santa Paula City Manager's Office and are available for public inspection. If you have any questions regarding any agenda item, contact the Interim Executive Director at (805) 933-4200.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Interim Executive Director. Notification 48 hours before the meeting will allow VCOG to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35, 102-35.104 ADA Title II).



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Update on Implementation of 2009 Workplan**
DATE: March 9, 2009

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this update on implementation of the 2009 Workplan.

Discussion: The following is an overview of the status of the implementation of the 2009 Workplan.

1. AB 939 Task Force: There are no issues pending on this subject.
2. Regional Housing Needs Assessment: There are no issues pending on this subject.
3. Future Governance Models: There is an item on this agenda to discuss negotiating an administrative services contract with the Ventura County Transportation Commission.
4. Legislative Agenda: The Legislative Committee met recently and staff will be available at the meeting to answer any questions.
5. Informal Gatherings of Ventura County Officials: Work is underway for the 2009 annual meeting of VCOG for Thursday June 18, 2009.
6. Emergency Preparedness: There is no status report from the Board's subcommittee on this subject at this time.
7. Homeless Services: There are no issues pending on this subject.
8. Graffiti Abatement: There is no update on this issue.
9. Sustainability: There is a report on the implementation of SB 375 on the agenda of this meeting.



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970 Ventura Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060

MARCH 12, 2009

TO: VCOG MEMBERS

FROM: DEBRA A. VARNADO, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: UPDATE ON SB 375 IMPLEMENTATION

RECOMMENDATION

Receive report and provide direction to staff, as appropriate.

BACKGROUND

One of the requirements of SB 375 is that SCAG integrate land use, transportation, and housing planning in the context of a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to be adopted in the 2012 Regional Transportation Plan. The SCS seeks to decrease (to 1990 levels by 2020) greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light duty trucks through the reduction of vehicle miles of travel. Vehicle travel reduction would be accomplished through strategies such as more compact land development along transit corridors. If the emissions reduction cannot be achieved through the SCS, then SCAG must develop an unconstrained alternative planning strategy (APS) that demonstrates how the target can be met. Unlike the SCS, the alternative planning strategy will not be included in the RTP.

After a Joint Meeting of SCAG's Policy Committees on March 5, the Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee (CEHD) approved the circulation of a draft working paper on its approach, methodology, and schedule for implementing SB 375. In collaboration with regional/subregional partners, SCAG proposes to implement a four-phased work plan to produce the 2012 RTP/SCS. The Agency will release the draft RTP/SCS in November 2011 followed by adoption of the final in April 2012

UPDATE ON SB 375 IMPLEMENTATION

- 1. SCAG Plans and Program Technical Advisory Committee (P&P TAC).** The TAC will help guide the development of the 2012 SCS/RTP. Members are drawn from SCAG subregions, CTCs, the San Pedro Bay Ports, the Transportation Corridor Agencies, Metropolitan Water District, Caltrans, USDOT, and the Automobile Club. VCOG, VCTC, and the VCAPCD each have seats and alternates on the TAC.
- 2. Draft Growth Forecast Numbers.** SCAG is in Phase 1 of SB 375 Implementation, which includes developing the preliminary growth forecast. SCAG has been working with staff of VC and the cities on the process, data, methodology and timeframe for the Forecast and expects to have draft city/small area numbers by June 2009.

3. **SCAG Draft Conceptual SCS.** Prior to CARB's release of the final emissions targets in September 2010, SCAG will be developing a draft Conceptual SCS to get an indication of how selected strategies and measures perform. Also, SCAG will use the Draft Conceptual SCS to help develop a target to propose to CARB, and to initiate preliminary discussion and development of subregional targets. The Draft Conceptual SCS will be released to the Plans & Programs TAC and the Subregional Coordinators Group in late March 2009.
4. **Preparation of the subregional SCS.** SB 375 allows for SCAG Subregions to work with the CTCs to develop their respective SCS. SCAG would like to know by September 2009 whether VCOG will elect to develop a SCS for the subregion.
5. **Regional Targets Advisory Committee.** Southern California members of CARB's Regional Targets Advisory Committee (RTAC) are advising the Agency on methodologies and factors to be considered in setting the greenhouse emission reductions target. Supervisor Linda Parks, SCAG Regional Council member, and staff from LA Metro, LA City Planning Commission, OCTA, the city of Ontario, and the South Coast AQMD represent southern California.
6. **2012 RHNA.** Absent the corrections in SB 375 relative to RHNA, SCAG's schedule anticipates a 2012 RHNA and update of housing elements 18 months later. (SCAG's RHNA Reform Task Force identified RTP/SCS and RHNA coordination, timing and funding as key issues in possible RHNA reform. Other issues include funding, subregional delegation, and improvements in SCAG's process and methodology).
7. **SB 375 Clean-Up Legislation.** Steinberg introduced **SB 575** on February 27, 2009 to correct issues in the original legislation. At this time, the spot bill does not yet contain SCAG language to: 1) sync RHNA with the second upcoming RTP (2016) rather than the first (2012); 2) extend grandfathering exemption of ballot listed measures financed by voter approved sales tax increase from 2008 to 2010; and 3) grant CEQA benefits to transportation projects contained within an SCS approved by CARB to meet the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets.
8. **Funds to Implement SB 375.** SCAG staff says that the Agency currently doesn't have money to implement SB 375, and that SB 732 funding (from Proposition 84 Water Quality, Safety and Supply Initiative of 2006) is uncertain. SB 732 established a Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to set criteria and establish a procedure for allocating the Prop 84 funds. The Council met for the first time on February 17, 2009, but the schedule for issuing guidelines was not discussed.
9. **Funding for Technical Tools.** SCAG staff also says that the Agency lacks funds necessary to develop some new planning and analysis tools. VCOG staff will continue to monitor the issue and keep the Board informed as to the status of the funding and tools development.
10. **Economic Impact Analysis.** SCAG will evaluate the economic impact of the SCS and hold an economic roundtable, with participants from local universities and a range of other disciplines.
11. **Outreach Strategies.** SCAG will implement an extensive program to provide information and seek input on the RTP/SCS. Major strategies include establishing an umbrella outreach team and a team for each county; conducting 16 workshops (by county) to get input on the Draft SCS; and conducting 6 – 12 informational meeting for elected officials on the final SCS.

SCAG SB 375 Implementation

Draft Approach, Methodology, and Schedule

Phase 1. Program setup	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RTAC report due to ARB • Finalization of SCAG SB 375 Approach • Preliminary Growth Forecast to inform regional target 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • September 30, 2009 • September 2009 • September 2009
Phase 2. Greenhouse gas target development	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCAG conducts at least one public workshop • Workshops to develop proposed regional target • ARB issues final GHG targets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • October 2009 • October 2009 – June 2010 • September 30, 2010
Phase 3. Draft SCS/RTP development	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 16 Workshops (by County) to obtain input for the draft SCS/APS • Release Draft RTP/SCS for public review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2010 to May 2011 • November 2011
Phase 4. Final SCS/RTP Development and Approvals	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 Public Hearings, and 6 – 12 informational meetings for elected officials • Regional Council Adopts RTP/SCS and APS if necessary • ARB Review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • June 2011 – June 2012 • April 2012 • June 2012

ACRONYM LIST

AB	Assembly Bill
APS	Alternative Planning Strategy
APCD	Air Pollution Control District
AQ	Air Quality
AQMD	Air Quality Management District
AQMP	Air Quality Management Plan
BTH	Business, Transportation, and Housing
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CEHD	Community, Economic and Human Development Committee
CTC	County Transportation Commission
EA	Executive/Administration Committee
EEC	Energy and Environment Committee
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EJ	Environmental Justice
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
GHG	Greenhouse Gas
HHS	Health and Human Services
L/C&M	Legislative Communications and Membership
MMT	Million metric tons
OPR	Office of Planning and Research
P & P	Plans and Programs
RC	Regional Council
RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Allocation
RTAC	Regional Targets Advisory Committee
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
SB	Senate Bill
SCS	Sustainable Communities Strategy
SGC	Strategic Growth Council
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TC	Transportation Committee
TCA	Transportation Corridor Agencies
USDOT	United States Department of Transportation



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Contracting for Administrative Services with the Ventura County Transportation Commission**

DATE: March 9, 2009

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report and direct the Interim Executive Director to negotiate an administrative services agreement with the Ventura County Transportation Commission for period beginning July 1, 2009.

Discussion: VCOG has been administered through the City of Santa Paula Office of the City Manager since August, 2005. The work of VCOG has largely been done by me with assistance of my administrative staff, with minute taking support from the Cities of Simi Valley and Ventura. In July, 2007, Debra Varnado began as Assistant Executive Director focusing on SCAG issues. VCOG has grown into a more viable regional organization during this time.

However, with new work needing to be done on regional planning issues mandated through AB 32 and SB 375, and my personal desire to end my four years as Interim Executive Director, it seems right to move onto a different model for managing the affairs of VCOG.

I have discussed with Darren Kettle, the Executive Director of the Ventura County Transportation Commission, his willingness for VCTC staff to assume the administrative functions for VCOG. He has indicated a willingness to do this. Therefore, I am proposing that I be directed to negotiate an administrative services agreement with VCTC to bring back to your May meeting that would allow VCTC to assume these functions and Mr. Kettle serving as VCOG Executive Director. It is anticipated that this work could be done by VCTC within the current \$75,000 annual budget of VCOG.



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TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Seat on the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Committee**

DATE: March 9, 2009

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors consider appointment of new representative on the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Committee

Discussion: Port Hueneme Councilmember Maricela P. Morales has resigned as the VCOG representative on the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Committee.

The role of the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee is to study problems, programs and other matters which pertain to the regional issues of community, economic and human development and growth. This committee reviews projects, plans and programs of regional significance for consistency and conformity with applicable regional plans.

The CEHD Committee has oversight of the Growth Visioning and Growth Forecasting processes, as well as the Regional Housing Needs Assessment, the Intergovernmental Review effort and the monitoring and analysis of the Regional Economy.

The committee meets on the first Thursday morning of each month at SCAG headquarters in Los Angeles.

Staff recommends that the Board consider the appointment of a new VCOG representative to the committee.