



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, March 13, 2008

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

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. **2040 Population , Housing Units and Employment Forecasts:** 1.) Accept draft Decapolis and Vacant Land Study reports; and 2. Adopt “General Plans Capacity” Forecast of 1,002,433 Ventura County residents in the year 2040 as the preferred forecast for planning purposes, including Census Tract forecasts.

MEMBERS

City of Camarillo
Jan McDonald, Member
Charlotte Craven, *Alternate*

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

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

City of Fillmore
Steve Conaway, Member
Cecilia Cuevas, *Alternate*

City of Port Hueneme
Maricela Morales, Member
Toni Young, *Alternate*

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

City of Moorpark
Patrick Hunter, Member
Keith Millhouse, *Alternate*

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

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

City of Ojai
Sue Horgan, Member
Joe De Vito, *Alternate*

City of Santa Paula
Gabino Aguirre, Member
John Procter, *Alternate*

- B. **Update on VCOG/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project:** Receive oral status report.
- C. **2008 VCOG Annual Meeting:** Receive oral status report on annual meeting on Thursday June 26, 2008 in Oxnard.
- D. **FY 2008/09 Budget Issues:** Receive report and provide direction to staff

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**

Updates on SCAG RTP, RCP and OWP
Model Graffiti Abatement Ordinance

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 agendaized and the description of the agenda item.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO MAY 8, 2008**

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.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Update on Implementation of 2008 Workplan**
DATE: March 13, 2008

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this update on implementation of the 2008 Workplan.

Discussion: The following is an overview of the status of the implementation of the 2008 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 are no issues pending on this subject.
4. Legislative Agenda: Mina Layba, Senior Analyst, City of Thousand Oaks, has provided a written report (attached).
5. Informal Gatherings of Ventura County Officials: The Board will hold its annual meeting dinner in Oxnard on June 26, 2008. Staff will provide a further update at this meeting.
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: Staff is working on a model graffiti abatement ordinance and will provide an oral report at this meeting.
9. Sustainability: No update.

VCOG Legislative Committee
February 21, 2008
Meeting Notes

1. League of California Cities Report- Dave Mullinax, Grassroots Coordinator:

The State deficit is now at \$16 billion. There are several budget adjustments to assist in cash flow and spending:

- \$3.3 billion via Proposition 57 and Proposition 58.
- 5 month delay in Highway Users Tax. State can borrow this money for up to three years interest free. (See attached for the breakdown of funds withheld for each City)
- Cuts to State COPPS funding and Education.

Prop 93- Term Limits failed during the February ballot. Approximately 42 State legislators will leave office due to expiration of terms. New Senate Speaker will be Darrell Steinberg; Assembly Speaker is still pending; several candidates including De La Torre, Calderon and Bass being considered.

Cities urged to turn in Proposition 1B request to the Department of Finance ASAP.

There is a new discussion on the protection of Redevelopment Funds. Currently these funds are not protected by Proposition 1A, however not all cities have redevelopment agencies.

League is advising cities to check with their counties on obtaining a refund of administration fees obtained during the ERAF triple flip. The State Controller's Department estimates that there is approximately \$40 million Statewide that counties are due cities.

In June there will be two opposing Eminent Domain measures on the ballot. Proposition 98 is a Jarvis sponsored initiative that could impact local rent control measures; Proposition 99 is a League of California Cities Initiative which simply states cities cannot take away private property and transfer for private use.

2. Review of the Following: (See attachments)

- League of California Cities Board of Directors 2008 Strategic Priorities
- League of California Cities Federal Priorities
- National League of Cities Federal Lobbying Priorities

3. Storm Water Permit: A letter signed by Assembly members representing the region was sent to the State Water Quality Board asking for an additional hearing to review the final guidelines before they are published.

4. **Channel Counties Division Meeting:** The Channel Counties dinner is set for Friday, March 28 in the City of Morrow Bay. The guest speaker may be Senator Dianne Feinstein. The City of Solvang or Buellton will be coordinating the next dinner in May.
5. **Roundtable-** Current legislative issues cities have taken positions on or monitoring- None.
6. **Upcoming Events:**
 - a. LCC Legislative Action Days- April 16-17, Sacramento Sheraton
 - b. National League of Cities Congressional Cities Conference, March 9-12. Cities of Thousand Oaks, Simi and Oxnard will be sending representatives.
7. **Committee Recommendations for Board Advocacy-** None
8. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 24, 2008; 3:30 p.m. Camarillo City Hall.
9. **Announcements:** none

Highway User's Tax
 Governor's Proposed Five Month Delay in Payment
 Estimate Revenue Impacts on Channel Counties Cities

	(1) APRIL	(2) MAY	(3) JUNE	(4) JULY	(5) AUGUST
<u>CALIFORNIA</u>					
Cities & Counties	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000	\$100,000,000
<u>San Luis Obispo Co.</u>					
Arroyo Grande	\$27,896	\$27,896	\$27,896	\$27,896	\$27,896
Atascadero	\$45,942	\$45,942	\$45,942	\$45,942	\$45,942
Paso Robles	\$48,786	\$48,786	\$48,786	\$48,786	\$48,786
Grover Beach	\$22,163	\$22,163	\$22,163	\$22,163	\$22,163
Morro Bay	\$17,682	\$17,682	\$17,682	\$17,682	\$17,682
Pismo Beach	\$14,724	\$14,724	\$14,724	\$14,724	\$14,724
San Luis Obispo	\$73,514	\$73,514	\$73,514	\$73,514	\$73,514
<u>Santa Barbara Co.</u>					
Buellton	\$7,470	\$7,470	\$7,470	\$7,470	\$7,470
Carpinteria	\$22,410	\$22,410	\$22,410	\$22,410	\$22,410
Goleta	\$71,372	\$71,372	\$71,372	\$71,372	\$71,372
Guadalupe	\$10,120	\$10,120	\$10,120	\$10,120	\$10,120
Lompoc	\$64,166	\$64,166	\$64,166	\$64,166	\$64,166
Santa Barbara	\$142,205	\$142,205	\$142,205	\$142,205	\$142,205
Santa Maria	\$136,453	\$136,453	\$136,453	\$136,453	\$136,453
Solvang	\$8,723	\$8,723	\$8,723	\$8,723	\$8,723
<u>Ventura Co.</u>					
Camarillo	\$104,226	\$104,226	\$104,226	\$104,226	\$104,226
Fillmore	\$24,569	\$24,569	\$24,569	\$24,569	\$24,569
MoorPark	\$57,636	\$57,636	\$57,636	\$57,636	\$57,636
Ojai	\$13,352	\$13,352	\$13,352	\$13,352	\$13,352
Oxnard	\$305,758	\$305,758	\$305,758	\$305,758	\$305,758
Port Hueneme	\$35,956	\$35,956	\$35,956	\$35,956	\$35,956
San Buenaventura	\$170,492	\$170,492	\$170,492	\$170,492	\$170,492
Santa Paula	\$46,805	\$46,805	\$46,805	\$46,805	\$46,805
Simi Valley	\$197,438	\$197,438	\$197,438	\$197,438	\$197,438
Thousand Oaks	\$202,524	\$202,524	\$202,524	\$202,524	\$202,524

2008-02-21

2008 League Strategic Priorities

At its meeting in San Jose on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1, the board of directors of the League of California Cities adopted the following strategic focus and priorities in consultation with the leaders of the League's divisions, departments, caucuses and policy committees in 2008.

The League of California Cities is strongly committed to advocating policies that support sustainable communities across our state that help build a strong economy, protect our environment and advance social equity in the following ways:

1. **PROTECT FUNDING FOR VITAL COMMUNITY SERVICES.** Vigorously oppose efforts to erode funding for vital community services that keep Californian families safe from crime, support transportation mobility and economic growth, provide housing and important after-school recreation opportunities, ensure orderly development and protect the environment. Funding for local community-based services and programs should not be sacrificed again to meet state revenue needs.
2. **SUPPORT GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE CITIES.** Lead in the development of state and local policies, strategies and programs to protect the environment and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through more efficient and sustainable land use and building practices, increased energy efficiency and use of alternative/renewable energy sources, improved water supply and wastewater treatment system efficiencies, expanded public transit opportunities and innovations in other city operations.
3. **EXPAND INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT.** Support continued implementation of the 2006 infrastructure bond program and the development of new funding sources and programs to meet the infrastructure needs of our rapidly growing communities in a sustainable way for water supply, wastewater treatment, public transit, streets and roads, storm water management and other critical infrastructure.
4. **ENACT HONEST AND RESPONSIBLE EMINENT DOMAIN REFORM.** Support enactment of eminent domain reforms that protect homeowners, such as the Homeowners Protection Act, and oppose proposals that would cripple the ability of state and local agencies to manage development, develop new water supplies, protect the environment, and develop affordable housing.

last updated : 1/3/2008

FEDERAL PRIORITIES FOR 2008

ENERGY/ENVIRONMENT

Approximately 30.5 million of the State's 37.1 million population call California cities home. As cities across the state continue to work to develop sustainable communities, increase energy efficiency and reduce consumption for this population, the League urges Congress to:

- Support for full funding of the Energy and Environmental Efficiency Block Grant program, authorized in the Energy Policy Act of 2007 (P.L. 110-140), to provide resources directly to local governments for programs that improve community energy efficiency, develop and implement community and transportation energy conservation programs, and promote and develop alternative and renewable energy sources.
- Support climate-friendly transportation and land-use policies that assist local governments develop transit, bicycle and pedestrian-friendly communities.
- Ensures that local governments can continue, and not be preempted in, their efforts to decrease carbon emissions.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT/AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Approximately 80% of California's 37 million people live in cities. As the state continues to grow by almost 500,000 people each year, California cities are deeply concerned about the need for housing, especially affordable housing that is efficiently balanced with jobs and transportation systems. The League urges Congress to:

- *Community Development Block Grant*: Support increased funding, and oppose proposals to reduce or eliminate funding, for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program, which is critical in assisting urban and rural cities throughout California with creating jobs, providing affordable housing, eliminating blight and generating new economic investment. In addition, seek flexibility in the CDBG state program to enhance the use of the program by California's 314 non-entitlement cities (cities under 50,000).
- *Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers*: Support full funding of the Section 8 program, which assists very low-income families, the elderly and the disabled afford decent and safe housing.
- *Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Program*: Support increased funding for the HOME program, which provides formula grants to local governments to create affordable housing for low-income households.
- *National Housing Trust Fund*: Support the creation of a new National Housing Trust Fund to help fund the production of new housing, and the rehabilitation of existing housing that is affordable for low-income people.
- *Preservation of Affordable Housing*: Support initiatives that would provide a variety of financial restructuring options, such as loan forgiveness, payment deferrals, grants, loans and loan guarantees to preserve rental housing for long-term affordable use.
- *Workforce Housing*: Seek the creation of new initiatives that provide affordable housing to working families. The housing shortage has particularly affected low- and middle-income families. In many areas, workers who provide basic services to local governments - like teachers, firefighters, and police officers - cannot afford to live in the communities where they work.
- *Housing Tax Incentives*: Seek tax incentives to promote investment in the production of multifamily rental housing, including expanding the Low Income Housing Tax Credit to create mixed income developments.

INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT

California cities' water, wastewater and transportation systems, which are vital to fueling and keeping the eighth largest economy in the world moving, are in need of major overhaul. California's transportation systems, which face rapidly growing vehicle use by an ever increasing number of new drivers, has seen the costs of building new lane miles rise much faster than inflation and road maintenance needs increase with the age of the freeway system. Meanwhile, with an estimated population increase of 10 million by 2020 and more stringent new standards for safe drinking water and clean water placing increasing pressure on our cities', California's water and wastewater systems have seen little new investment for over 30 years. The League urges Congress to advance legislation that provides targeted Federal resources to assist cities with improving their vital transportation and water systems.

REAUTHORIZATION OF SAFETEA-LU

California has more than 45,000 miles of highway across the State and has one of the most developed transit systems in the country. California's cities are responsible for administering this massive system that connects our citizens and impacts their daily lives. California ports and roads are the major conduits for goods movement into the US economy from Asia. As Congress begins to consider the reauthorization of the nation's highway and transit laws, the League urges Congress to:

- Protect existing revenues and promote local control by ensuring that California receives a fair share of its contributions to the Highway Trust Fund; and oppose efforts to impose a funding cap on the disbursement of formula or discretionary Federal transit funds to any state.
- Support Federal legislative efforts that bring together transportation, housing and economic development strategies to reduce congestion and create jobs, including transit oriented development.
- Make reconstruction and preservation of the existing system a high priority for expenditures; and target funds for maintenance to local agencies, which are charged with administering the system.

EMINENT DOMAIN/TAKINGS

Ensure that Federal legislation addressing eminent domain and takings does not severely impact states, like California, which have strong laws that limit the use of the tool and have strong protections for property owners. The seldom-used but important tool allows communities in California to clean up environmentally toxic areas, increase economic development in impoverished, economically depressed neighborhoods, and promote the development of affordable housing.

HOMELAND SECURITY/DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/PUBLIC SAFETY

California's cities are on the front line of the war on terrorism and crime. Its highly-trained emergency response teams can be deployed for national or even international emergencies. To strengthen California's homeland security, emergency preparedness and crime-fighting efforts, the League urges Congress to:

- Maximize first responder funding to California cities, as well as flexibility in the use of funds to assist areas of need (i.e. personnel, training, and target hardening).
- Support increased funding for disaster preparedness, prevention, recovery, and response for all-hazard threats, including investment in assisting communities with necessary upgrades to existing flood control systems.
- Support increased Federal investment in resources critical to local law enforcement, including the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, as well as integrated public safety communications systems.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Although the State of California passed a telecommunications overhaul bill, AB 2987, the bill was opposed by the League as it significantly impacts local franchising authority, local public rights-of-way, ensuring access to service for all city residents and consumer protections. Closely monitoring and responding to federal telecommunications legislation remains a priority for California cities.



Lobbying for America's Cities & Towns

Federal Funding

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The Issue: Federal Funding for Local Activities

As the 110th Congress begins work on the 2008 appropriations or spending bills, a number of challenges exist that could impact federal funding for programs important to local communities. Cities and towns must convince Congress to protect or restore funding for domestic programs.

Message to Congress

- ***Fiscal responsibility is good for all levels of government.*** Local elected officials support federal efforts to balance the federal budget.
- ***The President's Budget.*** With cuts to important domestic programs, the Administration's proposed budget does not recognize the importance of the federal funding allocated to these programs.
- ***The federal budget and domestic priorities.*** As Congress undertakes the FY 2008 budget debate, federal resources for local activities with national significance and a history of local and federal government collaboration should be continued. These activities include transportation, housing, and public safety.

Request to Congress

- **Increase** funding for the Community Development Block Grant, HOPE VI, Section 8, and other important local housing programs.
- **Fully** fund transportation projects authorized in SAFETEA-LU.
- **Increase** funding for law enforcement programs, including the COPS program.



Lobbying for America's Cities & Towns

Housing Finance

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The Issue: Housing Finance

With the homeownership rate in America at a historic high of nearly 70 percent, mortgage foreclosures, predatory lending, and inadequate education about the mortgage finance system continue to threaten family economic self-sufficiency and neighborhood stability. Congress is focused on efforts to strengthen America's housing finance system.

Message to Congress

- **Homeownership strengthens the economy and communities.** Homeownership is the foundation for stable and healthy communities; in 2003, homeowners funneled \$80 billion back into local economies; and housing-related activities accounted for 9.4 million jobs and contributed \$2.3 trillion to the Gross Domestic Product.
- **While subprime loans can be a valuable tool,** they are having unintended negative consequences on families and neighborhoods in our cities and towns.
- **Homeownership is under attack.** Homeownership, an important source of wealth for so many American families, is being threatened by predatory or abusive lending practices undertaken by some subprime lenders.
- **Predatory lending often leads to foreclosure.** Predatory or abusive mortgage lending practices drain wealth from families, destroy the benefits of homeownership, and often lead to foreclosure. The Center for Responsible Lending estimates that predatory mortgage lending costs Americans more than \$9.1 billion each year.
- **Foreclosure rates are increasing.** In 2006, more than 1.2 million mortgage foreclosure actions were filed, a 42 percent increase over the previous year.
- **Consumer protections laws should be strengthened.** Federal laws designed to protect consumers against predatory lending and in the mortgage loan process are no longer serving their intended purpose and should be strengthened.

Request to Congress

- **Support** legislation to **curb the practice of predatory lending**, while not restricting access to affordable credit.
- **Support** additional funding to **provide homeownership counseling** to borrowers and potential borrowers.
- **Strengthen** laws designed to **clarify and simplify the mortgage process** for consumers and to protect consumers against predatory loans.



Lobbying for America's Cities & Towns

Immigration Reform

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The Issue: Immigration Reform

The lack of a coherent and consistent federal immigration policy continues to pose a serious challenge to municipalities due to its escalating impact on local budgets, service delivery, and community life. Enactment of comprehensive immigration reform is a top legislative priority for the National League of Cities.

Message to Congress

- **Comprehensive legislation.** Immigration reform must occur in a comprehensive, thoughtful manner that focuses on the creation of economic opportunities, strengthens families and our communities.
- **Legalization of undocumented immigrants.** NLC supports establishment of a process whereby undocumented immigrants currently living in the US may earn legalized status through payment of appropriate fees and back taxes and other reasonable requirements.
- **Federal, not local, enforcement.** The federal government must improve the enforcement of its immigration laws. Local law enforcement officers should not be mandated to enforce civil enforcement laws that raise constitutional questions and divert local personnel from their primary public safety duties.
- **Federal-local partnership without unfunded mandates.** Without sufficient reimbursement, requiring local law enforcement personnel to detain criminal aliens must not occur. Congress should increase funding for the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCCAP) to provide communities the necessary resources they need to detain criminals.
- **Guest worker program to address employer needs.** NLC supports an efficient program that enables businesses to hire foreign workers and meet local economic demands.

Request to Congress

- **Enact** comprehensive immigration reform that addresses: (1) border security and interior enforcement; (2) workplace enforcement; (3) guest workers; and (4) legalization of undocumented workers currently in the U.S., (5) and necessary service delivery.
- **Provide** federal funds to help integrate new residents into their communities.



Lobbying for America's Cities & Towns

Telecommunications Reform

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The Issue: Telecommunications Reform

Local governments support the development and deployment of new communications technologies and federal policies that promote universal access, technological innovation, competition, and the implementation of new services. Congress and the Federal Communications Commission are focused on changes to national telecommunications policy.

Message to Congress

- ***Cities and towns are partners in technology innovation.*** Cities can play a unique role in promoting access to new and competitive technologies and support actions by the federal government to encourage deployment of broadband networks in a competitive and technologically neutral manner.
- ***Talk with cities and towns before taking action.*** Congress should not move ahead with proposals to change telecommunications policy without first consulting local governments.
- ***Do no harm.*** Local governments welcome new technologies and companies into the competitive marketplace to drive down prices, increase service quality, and service availability. As new technologies and companies enter the local marketplace, do not undermine local government's ability to perform core functions, including managing rights of way, franchising, taxation, public safety, and zoning.

Request to Congress

- **Support** legislation that protects local government authority to:
 - be fairly compensated for use of public rights of way;
 - require communications service providers who use the rights of way to obtain local permission for such use;
 - maintain local control of the rights of way;
 - prevent redlining or other discriminatory practices; and
 - ensure appropriate consumer protections.
- **Oppose** legislation that prohibits or restricts municipalities from offering broadband services.



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **FY 2008/09 Budget Issues**
DATE: March 13, 2008

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this report on FY 2008/09 budget issues and provide direction to staff.

Discussion: Staff has begun a review of budget issues for FY 2008/09. The VCOG Board has settled on a resource level for the organization that costs approximately \$62,000 annually to support. Staff is recommending an increase of \$13,000 for next year to cover additional administrative compensation for the Assistant Executive Director and support provided by the City of Santa Paula. In addition, staff is recommending an increase to the contingency reserve to help support other programs VCOG is involved in throughout the year (such as this year's graffiti summit).

The Board is requested to review the proposed budget for FY 2008/09 and the allocation of dues required to fund the budget and provide direction to staff. It is anticipated that the fund balance for VCOG will be generally depleted by June 30, 2008.

After this review of the budget, staff will return at your May, 2008 meeting with final budget documents for your review and approval.

Attachments

Proposed FY 2008/09 Budget
Proposed FY 2008/09 Dues Allocation

**Ventura Council of Governments
Proposed FY 2008/09 Budget**

	FY 05/06 <u>Actual</u>	FY 06/07 <u>Adopted</u>	FY 06/07 <u>Estimated</u>	FY 07/08 <u>Adopted</u>	FY 08/09 <u>Proposed</u>
REVENUES					
Membership Dues	\$0	\$9,375	\$9,375	\$0	\$75,000
Interest Earned	\$2,556	\$750	\$3,200	\$1,000	\$500
Annual Dinner Meeting	\$589	\$2,250	\$300	\$300	\$300
SCAG RHNA Reimbursement	\$0	\$0	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$21,000	\$59,500	\$5,825	\$61,375	\$0
Total	\$24,145	\$71,875	\$38,700	\$62,675	\$75,800
EXPENDITURES					
Executive Administration	\$6,875	\$27,500	\$10,000	\$40,000	\$50,000
Administrative Support	\$231	\$2,500	\$1,200	\$2,000	\$2,000
Special Projects	\$0	\$5,000	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
RHNA Staff Support	\$0	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Annual Dinner Meeting	\$8,281	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Web Site	\$783	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Accounting Services	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Supplies	\$14	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Contingency Reserve	\$0	\$9,375	\$0	\$8,175	\$11,300
Total	\$17,184	\$71,875	\$38,700	\$62,675	\$75,800
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	\$6,961	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fund Balance					
As of June 30, 2006	\$76,388				
FY 2006/07 Transfer	-\$5,825				
As of June 30, 2007	\$70,563				
FY 2007/08 Operating Transfer	-\$61,375				
As of June 30, 2008	\$9,188				
Proposed FY 2007/08 Executive Administration					
City of Santa Paula	\$15,000				
Assistant Executive Director	\$35,000				
Sub-Total	\$50,000				
Contingency Reserve	\$11,300				
07-Mar-08					

Ventura Council of Governments

Proposed FY 2008/09 Allocation of Budget (Dues) by Member

Allocation is based on \$75,000 to be spread \$18,750 evenly and \$56,250 by population.

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Percent of Total Population</u>	<u>Spread \$75,000</u>
Camarillo	64,034	7.83%	\$6,111
Fillmore	15,180	1.86%	\$2,749
Moorpark	35,801	4.38%	\$4,168
Ojai	8,156	1.00%	\$2,266
Oxnard	189,990	23.24%	\$14,780
Port Hueneme	22,388	2.74%	\$3,245
San Buenaventura	106,710	13.06%	\$9,048
Santa Paula	29,133	3.56%	\$3,709
Simi Valley	122,708	15.01%	\$10,149
Thousand Oaks	127,644	15.62%	\$10,489
County of Ventura	<u>95,602</u>	<u>11.70%</u>	<u>\$8,284</u>
	<u>817,346</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>\$75,000</u>

From the Joint Powers Authority Agreement, dues are calculated as follows:

- a. Three-fourths (3/4) of all Dues shall be borne by the Entities in proportion to their respective populations. The population figures shall be those population figures set forth in the most recent Population and Housing Estimate prepared by Department of Finance of the State of California ("Estimate") as of January 1 of each year.
- b. The remaining one-fourth (1/4) of such Dues shall be borne equally by the Entities

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

I made a number of organizational and staffing changes in January to enhance the efficiency, productivity, accountability and responsiveness of the organization. I will be working with the Department Directors to implement these changes at the Department and Division level during the month of February, and informed the entire SCAG staff of these changes. (Attached is SCAG's new organizational chart)

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

A. Summary of Significant Meetings

- On January 11th, I attended the Regionwide CEO meeting at MTA. I spoke to the CEOs about SCAG's new direction and the future work that we need to do together on behalf of our region.
- On January 17th, I attended the South Orange County Association of Mayors Meeting and briefed them on the Draft 2008 Regional Transportation Plan and SCAG employment and housing forecasts.
- On January 23rd, I met with Will Kempton, Gregg Albright and Joan Sollenberger of Caltrans in Sacramento. We discussed future cooperation between the agencies on planning and OWP issues. We also discussed the pending audit issues regarding the San Gabriel Valley COG and OCCOG, and concluded that we would work towards resolving these issues in the near future.
- On January 30th, staff met with David Ream, City Manager of Santa Ana, who expressed interest in having the City become a SCAG member. Prior to recommending this to the City Council, Mr. Ream will convene a meeting with the City's Executive Management team to learn about services available to SCAG members and to identify City priorities where SCAG may be aligned for support and assistance.

B. Transportation Conformity for the 2008 RTP

- On January 24, 2008, staff participated in a teleconference with representatives from the federal agencies (FHWA, FTA, US EPA, and ARB) to discuss the draft transportation conformity analysis for the Draft 2008 RTP. At that meeting, SCAG staff was informed about a lack of progress involving the U.S. EPA's adequacy finding for the transportation emission budgets for 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 for the South Coast Air Basin. This is critical for adoption of the 2008 RTP as a formal finding of conformity cannot be made until U.S. EPA determines the adequacy of the emission budgets. U.S. EPA's lack of progress in reviewing and approving the emission budgets came as a surprise to SCAG staff as federally required interagency consultation is held on a monthly basis via the SCAG's Transportation Conformity Working Group (TCWG), and this critical information and issue has not been raised or discussed at the prior interagency meetings of TCWG. SCAG and other responsible agencies have done their due diligence to develop the South Coast 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 transportation emission budgets and to provide adequate time for EPA review and approval. Historically, EPA has taken no more than three months to approve the emission budgets included in the SIP, irrespective of SIP approval. In this case, the 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 SIPs were submitted by ARB to the U.S. EPA on November 28, 2007. Based upon past practice, this should have provided sufficient time for the U.S. EPA and ARB to resolve any issues regarding the budgets.

SCAG staff expressed its concern to the federal agencies about the lack of progress in the U.S. EPA's adequacy finding for the transportation emission budgets for the 8-hour ozone and PM2.5 for the South Coast Air Basin. Staff is working with the federal agencies to resolve this critical issue and will keep the Regional Council apprised of future developments.

C. Rail Business Case: A Proposed Public- Private Partnership

- On January 18th, I attended a meeting in Sacramento with the Chief of Staff and legislative directors for Senator Lowenthal, Senator Runner, and Senator Dutton to discuss Senate Bill 974. SB 974 (Lowenthal) would impose user-fees on the owners of containerized cargo to finance projects that reduce congestion and mitigate the air quality impacts associated with goods movement. SCAG met with respective senate staff to discuss facilitating better coordination with other public and private financing sources--to effectively leverage additional funding. Specifically, SCAG discussed combining public and private investments to construct rail capacity for freight and passenger train operations in Southern California, reduce the air quality impacts of rail by accelerating deployment of cleaner engines, and help mitigate traffic through construction of high priority grade separations. Key aspects of the investment package will be discussed further with the railroads, county transportation commissions, and state legislators over the coming weeks.