



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, September 10, 2009
5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo
Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, CA 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 July 9, 2009 meeting.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. **Update on Cooperative Agreement with Ventura County Transportation Commission for Management/Administrative Services:** Receive status report.

MEMBERS

<u>City of Camarillo</u> Jan McDonald, Member Dan Waunch, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Fillmore</u> Patti Walker, Member Gayle Washburn, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Moorpark</u> Janice Parvin, Member Mark Van Dam, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Ojai</u> Carol Smith, Member Steve Olson, <i>Alternate</i>
<u>City of Oxnard</u> Thomas Holden, Member XXXXXXXX, <i>Alternate</i>	<u>City of Port Hueneme</u> Maricela Morales, Member Sylvia Munoz Schnoop, <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 Jim Tovas, <i>Alternate</i>
<u>City of Simi Valley</u> Paul Miller, Member Barbara Williamson, <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 Zaragoza, <i>Alternate</i>	

- B. **Early Prison Release Workshop**: The Workshop has been set for Thursday, October, 22, 2009 from 1 PM – 4 PM at the Camarillo Library.
- C. **Update on VCOG/VCTC/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCAA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County”**: Receive status report.
- D. **SB 375/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Presentation and Discussion**: Receive presentation by SCAG Executive Director, Hasan Ihkrata and VCOG/VCTC staff regarding next steps related to SB 375/SCS in Ventura County.

Authorize Chairman to appoint three member sub-committee to work with VCTC three member subcommittee for consensus recommendation to both governing bodies on desirable approach for Ventura County SCS development.

9. AGENCY REPORTS

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

10. 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 agendaized and the description of the agenda item.

12. ADJOURNMENT TO NOVEMBER 12, 2009

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MINUTES

Thursday, July 9, 2009

5:00 p.m.

**City of Camarillo
Council Chambers**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Chair Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Patti Walker	City of Fillmore
Member Janice Parvin	City of Moorpark
Member Irene Pinkard	City of Oxnard
Member Gabino Aguirre	City of Santa Paula
Chair Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Tom Glancy	City of Thousand Oaks
Member Carl Morehouse	City of Ventura

Absent: Member Cities: Port Hueneme; County of Ventura

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Chair Glancy thanked Wally Bobkiewicz for serving as the Interim Executive Director for VCOG for the past five years and wished him well in his new job.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA:**

It was the consensus of the board to approve the agenda as presented.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**

A. **Minutes** – Adopt the Minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting.

It was moved by Member McDonald, seconded by Member Morehouse to adopt the minutes of the May 15, 2009 meeting. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. **Cooperative Agreement with Ventura County Transportation Commission for Management/Administrative Services**

Mr. Bobkiewicz presented the item.

It was moved by Member Morehouse, seconded by Member Glancy to (1) authorize Chair Miller to execute the agreement with the Ventura County Transportation Commission as presented; (2) direct the City Manager of Simi Valley to work with Darren Kettle from VCTC towards amending the agreement to better fit the needs of VCOG; and (3) direct Darren Kettle to provide the board with an analyzes for review during the next meeting. Under roll call vote Member McDonald and Member Walker were opposed. Member Aguirre, Member

Glancy, Chair Miller, Member Morehouse, Member Parvin, and Pinkard were in favor. The motion carried.

B. Update on VCOG/VCTC/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project

Ms. Varnado provided an update.

C. Update on 2010 Census and Ventura County Outreach Activities

Michael Rodriguez spoke in regards to the outreach activities Ventura County will be conducting to ensure the success of the 2010 Census.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS:** None.

10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Mr. Bobkiewicz thanked the board for the opportunity to serve as the Interim Executive Director for the past five years.

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Chair Miller requested that staff provide the board with a report on the potential effects the early release of prisoners will have on the various jurisdictions.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. to September 10, 2009.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Darren Kettle, Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Cooperative Agreement with Ventura County Transportation Commission for Management/Administrative Services**

DATE: September 10, 2009

Recommendation: Receive Report on status of modifications to approved Cooperative Agreement between VCOG and the Ventura County Transportation Commission

Discussion: The Ventura Council of Governments and the Ventura County Transportation Commission at their respective July 2009 meetings approved a cooperative agreement through which VCTC would provide management/administrative services to VCOG. While both bodies approved the agreement, there was a desire to look at “fine-tuning” of the agreement and to involve the County City Managers group in the discussion. The approved agreement was distributed to the City Managers group at their August meeting along with a request for comments/suggestions for “fine tuning”. The VCOG action when the agreement was approved included direction for the new VCOG Executive Director to meet with the City Manager from the VCOG Chairman’s city (Simi Valley, Mike Sedell) and review the agreement.

Prior to the meeting with Mr. Sedell, the new VCOG staff identified several areas that required more detailed review and analysis including financial records and audits, insurance requirements, and legal representation. These issues, among others were discussed with Mr. Sedell on August 20th and it was concluded that another discussion should take place with the County City Managers group on how best to proceed with any agreement revisions. The meeting with the Managers Group took place on September 3rd but due to the Labor Day Holiday and the distribution of the agenda, recommendations from with that meeting were not available at the time of preparation of this agenda item. Should any recommendations come from the meeting staff will present those to the VCOG Board as part of the discussion of this item.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Steve DeGeorge, Planning Director
SUBJECT: Compact For A Sustainable Ventura County Phase II update
DATE: September 10, 2009

Recommendation: Receive update

Discussion: The “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County Phase II” has made significant progress across the summer. The Steering Committee has met twice to review the compact materials and has rewritten the guiding principals, developed a questionnaire, adopted a logo and has provided input into the upcoming workshop format and materials.

The City County Planning Association (CCPA) has also been actively engaged and received all of the “Compact” materials and has had input into all of the materials and the workshop format. Many members of the CCPA have volunteered to act as facilitators for the workshops being held throughout the County.

Attachment

Ted Knowlton, Project Manager for the Planning Center has provided an update and is attached for your review.



To: Ventura Council of Governments
From: Ted Knowlton, The Planning Center
Subject: Update on the Compact process
Date: 2 September 2009

The Compact has a website and questionnaire on the internet, six Map-the-Future workshops are scheduled across the county, and we have a baseline scenario. In short, this phase of the Compact is in high gear. The project team is currently working with the media outlets, the steering committee and local government planners to get the word out to have people attend one of the meetings or fill out the online questionnaire. In October we will begin working with the steering committee to develop three alternative 2035 scenarios to the baseline scenario and use all of these four scenarios as the centerpiece of a county-wide dialogue to address growth related challenges that are multi-jurisdictional in nature.

WEBSITE

The project website is located at www.VenturaCountyCompact.org. It enables people to provide their contact information and take a English or Spanish questionnaire -- in addition to learning about the Compact and being informed of upcoming events.

MAP THE FUTURE WORKSHOPS

Attached is a flyer or invitation to the Map-the-future workshop that lists the dates and locations. Please note that the Oxnard and Santa Paula workshops will be bilingual.

Note that there are personalized invitation templates on the project website that can be used to help spread the word about the process. One of the goals of this phase of the Compact is to get a broader cross section of stakeholders involved around the county. I invite each of you to spread the word through your city or organization and also to invite friends and family to take the questionnaire or attend a meeting.

If you have the opportunity to attend, what you'll see is a structured meeting where people work in groups to map-out the next 200,000 people that might come to the county. People will have paper chips representing different types of growth and color-coded tape representing different transportation improvements, among other materials.

This is a problem-solving exercise where residents will think through how they would address growth in a way that maximizes overall quality of life. The goal of the project team is to run these workshops as a neutral facilitator, providing some food-for-thought about recent trends and the baseline projections but otherwise hearing from residents about how they would pragmatically address growth challenges.

BASELINE SCENARIO

The baseline scenario is consistent with SCAG's analysis of existing land use plans and the currently adopted regional transportation plan. A broad variety of quality of life benchmarks have been analyzed for this baseline scenario from congestion and many travel behavior measures, to air quality and green house gas emissions, to the housing mix and how close or far away are people from amenities (ranging from open land to public transportation). A baseline scenario report will be posted on the project website next week.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Steve DeGeorge, Planning Director

SUBJECT: SB 375/Sustainable Community Strategy

DATE: September 10, 2009

Recommendation:

- Receive a presentation from Hasan Ikhata, Executive Director of the Southern California Association of Governments and discuss the requirement, roles and responsibilities associated with SB 375.
 - Authorize the Chair to appoint three (3) members to a subcommittee to join with three (3) members from the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to study how Ventura County should proceed in implementing SB 375.
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Discussion: In September 2008 Governor Schwarzenegger signed SB 375 enacting legislation that requires Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) to adopt a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS), as part of its Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from automobiles and light duty trucks in the region. Simply stated, this legislation establishes a process that seeks to roll back greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels through a combination of transportation and land use planning policy.

Compliance with the law requires an extremely demanding time line for its complex and far reaching implementation. The State Air Resources Board, working in consultation with a Regional Targets Advisory Committee and the MPOs, would define greenhouse gas reduction targets for the years 2020 and 2035 and deliver them to MPOs by September 30, 2010. By June of 2012, in a little less than two years, MPOs working with their member cities would have to develop and adopt, a Sustainable Community Strategy along with a Regional Transportation Plan that is consistent with the Sustainable Community Strategy and in the same cycle, a Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) that conforms to the Sustainable Community Strategy.

In recognition of the complexity of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) region, the law specifically addresses the important roles that both the subregional councils of governments and county transportation commissions play and allows for their direct participation, in that, subregions may work together to propose a subregional Sustainable Community Strategy that would be incorporated into SCAG's regional plan.

To that end, SCAG has been working feverishly to educate and involve of all the subregions in the SB 375 process, while at the same time working with the subregions to establish a sound technical starting point against which any sustainable community strategy will be measured. Staff has been participating on a number of regional committees for the past year and has begun working cooperatively with SCAG staff and local agency planners on a technical review of the 2008 RTP assumptions so that it can be used as a starting point or base line.

Now that the technical work is underway and SCAG has begun to define the roles and responsibilities of cities, staff believed that it was an appropriate time to start the discussion of how Ventura County will address SB 375. Staff has invited SCAG's Executive Director, Hasan Ikhata to begin this discussion with the Board of Directors. Staff further recommends that a subcommittee be formed consisting of three (3) VCOG members, three (3) members from the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC) to study how Ventura County should proceed in implementing SB 375. The subcommittee should report its finding to the full Board of Directors in November.