



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MINUTES

Thursday, November 12, 2009

5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo

Council Chambers

601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

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

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

3. **ROLL CALL**

Chair Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Gabino Aguirre	City of Santa Paula
Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Tom Holden	City of Oxnard
Member Patti Walker	City of Fillmore
Member Morales	City of Port Hueneme
Member Janice Parvin	City of Moorpark
Member Carl Morehouse	City of San Buenaventura
Member Carol Smith	City of Ojai
Member Linda Parks	County of Ventura

Absent: City of Thousand Oaks

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT** : None

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS** :None.

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 September 10, 2009 meeting.
It was moved by Member Walker, seconded by Member Holden to adopt the minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting. Approved unanimously by voice vote.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **Election of Chair-Elect:** Elect a Chair-Elect for 2010.
It was the consensus of the board to elect Moorpark Member Janice Parvin as Chair-Elect.

B. 2010 VCOG Regular Meeting Schedule:

It was the consensus of the board to adopt the 2010 meeting schedule

C. Early Prison Release Workshop Report:

Supervisor Kathy Long thanked VCOG and staff for putting on the workshop. It was valuable for all the stakeholders to get together to discuss a situation that will only get worse as we are already seeing parolees coming out sooner because of overcrowding. In January we can expect more than 400 newly released parolees in the community. Most are released with \$200 and a bus ticket to their home of origin.

Chair Miller said the Sheriff, DA and Probation are the most involved. How does VCOG fit in?

Supervisor Long replied the issues go beyond just law enforcement and the social issues go beyond the County into the cities, housing, social services and employment. VCOG can provide awareness of each cities law enforcement teams and social services. A working group sanctioned by VCOG would bring more interest to the table. This working group would continue a dialog to work through these issues, explore ways to strengthen the system, and provide community awareness. She offered to Chair this group.

Member Holden commented the VCOG role is to be sure individual cities will have a role. Success is not just tied to law enforcement. No city will be immune to this. He supports the continued dialog and volunteered to sit on this working group. Member Aguirre will also be a member of the group.

Member Morales commented there needs to be a focused job training effort and that the faith community also would provide resources to develop support groups.

Darren Kettle reminded the group that a big issue is the need for a reentry facility.

Public Comment

Eileen Tracy, Oxnard Resident

Ms. Tracy supports Supervisor Long's comments that VCOG should be involved. Parolees return to neighborhoods and have a powerful influence on the younger community.

Some Ideas For Consideration:

- Provide ID & Social Security cards before release
- Create transitional support groups. Parolees now have freedom to make decisions. This can be very traumatic.
- Honor parolees who have successfully transitioned. This will inspire youth at risk
- Involve churches
- Provide a structured environment
- Establish a felony friendly employer data base to help them become successful contributors to society.

D. Update on VCOG/VCTC/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCAA) "Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County":

Steve DeGeorge provided an update on the Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County.

E. **SB 375/Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) SubCommittee Status Report:**

Steve DeGeorge provided a status report on SB375/Sustainable Communities Strategy Sub Committee meetings. The issue of governance over the subregional SCS effort has been discussed at length. While there was consensus that the joint subcommittee should remain in place to oversee whichever working relationship with SCAG is chosen, the subcommittee did not take a formal action to make a recommendation.

Member Parks suggested that Member Morehouse also sit on the subcommittee.

Member Morehouse urged everyone to attend a meeting regarding SB 375 at SCAG on December 3rd.

F. **2010 VCOG Annual Meeting:**

It was the consensus of the board to hold the VCOG annual meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2010 in the Santa Clara River Valley area. The Administrative Committee will provide direction to staff on the program.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS**

Southern California Association of Governments – John Procter said that video conferencing would be available in the Ventura office for the December 3rd SCAG meeting.

10. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** None.

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO JANUARY 14, 2010**

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 pm to January 14, 2010.

