



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MINUTES

Thursday, January 8, 2009

5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo

Council Chambers

601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010

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

2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Member Holden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

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| Member Jan McDonald | City of Camarillo |
| Member Patti Walker | City of Fillmore |
| Member Janice Parvin | City of Moorpark |
| Member Tom Holden | City of Oxnard |
| Member Carl Morehouse | City of Ventura |
| Member Gabino Aguirre | City of Santa Paula |
| Member Paul Miller | City of Simi Valley |
| Member Tom Glancy | City of Thousand Oaks |
| Member Linda Parks | County of Ventura |

Absent: Member Cities: Ojai; Port Hueneme

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Chair Miller welcomed and congratulated all recently elected Board Members.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA:** Approved unanimously by voice vote.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Minutes:** Adoption of Minutes of the July 10, 2008 meeting.

B. **Minutes:** Adoption of Minutes of the September 11, 2008 meeting.

Executive Director Bobkiewicz noted a revision to Item B reflecting Member City of Fillmore was absent. Motion and a second to revise Item B by Member Walker and Chair Miller respectively.

Member Parvin moved to approve Items A and B. Member McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **Election of Chair-Elect:** Chair Miller moved to nominate Member Aguirre from the City of Santa Paula.

Approved unanimously by voice vote.

- B. **Appointment of 2009 Administrative Committee:** Chair Miller appointed the 2009 Administrative Committee as follows: Chair Miller, Members Holden and Morehouse.

Motion and a second to approve by Member Holden and Member Parks respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

- C. **Adoption of 2009 Workplan:** Member Hogan stated that Item 5 of 2009 Workplan is also a priority for VCTC.

Motion and a second to approve by Chair Miller and Member Holden respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

- D. **Adoption of 2009 Legislative Agenda:** Motion and a second to approve by Member Hogan and Chair Miller respectively. The motion carried unanimously.

- E. **Update on SB375 Implementation and VCOG January 29, 2009 Workshop:** Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz reported that the City Manager's group and Chair Miller had agreed on a workshop for January 29, 2009 regarding the SB375 Implementation. The purpose of the workshop would be to inform elected officials about the SB375 requirements and discuss possible issues. Mr. Bobkiewicz stated that it would be a short program with social beginning at 6:30pm and program from 7:00 to 8:00pm. The workshop would take place at the Camarillo Library.

Member parks asked if a SCAG representative would be in attendance. Mr. Bobkiewicz responded yes.

Ms. Debra Varnado provided a PowerPoint presentation on SB 375 (Sustainable Communities Strategies). Ms Varnado indicated that the intent of the legislation is to reduce greenhouse gases of only automobiles and light duty vehicles through land-use planning and transportation efforts. This would be achieved by the integration of the Regional Housing Assessment Allocation (RHNA) and the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) processes. SCAG will be reaching out to stakeholders to develop workshops and public hearings. The SCAG workshops will present the requirements and changes that will take place with SB375. There are issues with conflicting timeframes, since the RTP is scheduled for 2012 and RHNA in 2013. There will also be clean up legislation for SB375.

Chair Miller asked about whether the legislation provides funding to implement requirements. Ms. Varnado responded that the state provided no funding as part of SB375. There is another legislative bill in process that may provide funds, but there is no guarantee.

Member Morehouse indicated that issues with SB375 are the transportation projects and RHNA timeframe. He added that he hopes the January 29th workshop will help inform all.

Member Parks indicated that VCOG can satisfy SB375 requirements as it did for RHNA process. She added that she is also concerned that the legislation only looks at the numbers of miles traveled by vehicles, but not at alternative transportation options. In addition, the lack of funding is also a concern, and the Housing element process needs to be delayed out from a 4 year to 8 year plan.

Chair Miller asked Mr. Bobkiewicz about the format for January 29th workshop. Mr. Bobkiewicz indicated that the workshop will open with introductions about the success of VCOG working and the opportunity for VCOG to minimize the impacts of SB375 on Ventura County. There will be an overview presentation of SB375 and conclude with a group discussion. Members Morehouse and Parks agree to moderate the discussion.

- F. **Update on VCOG/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project:** Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz and Ms. Debra Varnado reported that the Request for Proposals (RFP) was released in September and received two responses in December. SCAG will again release RFP in an attempt to get more responses.
- G. **2009 VCOG Annual Meeting:** Chair Miller reported that the City of Thousand Oaks had offered to host the meeting. Chair Miller requested suggestions from the Board for dates in June 2009. Member Glancy stated June 25th is the Annual League of California Cities meeting in Sacramento. The Board agreed that the 2009 VCOG Annual Meeting should be scheduled for Thursday, June 18, 2009 at the Los Robles Country Club.

Mr. Bobkiewicz asked the Board for suggestions on a topic for the meeting, possibly state budget issues or a representative from the League of California Cities.

Member Parks asked about the meeting schedule. Mr. Bobkiewicz stated the meeting would be scheduled from 6:00pm to 7:00pm for social and the dinner and presentation would begin at 7:00pm.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS:**

- A. **Southern California Association of Governments:** None
- B. **Ventura County Transportation Commission:** None

C. **League of California Cities:** None.

D. **Other Agencies:** None.

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

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** 5:35 p.m. Next meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m., March 12, 2009 at Camarillo City Council Chambers.