



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MINUTES

**Thursday, March 9, 2006 - 5 p.m.
City of Camarillo Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.
2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Chair Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**

Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Alternate Tim Flynn	City of Oxnard
Member Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Ernie Villegas	City of Fillmore
Member Jonathan Sharkey	City of Port Hueneme
Member Jacqui Irwin	City of Thousand Oaks
Member Patrick Hunter	City of Moorpark
Member Carl Morehouse	City of San Buenaventura
Member Linda Parks	County of Ventura
Member Mary Ann Krause	City of Santa Paula

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None
5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Member Parks was unsure if the VCOG was the forum for it, but wanted to bring to the attention of VCOG that the City of Ojai is looking at a Social Host Ordinance, which is something the county, as well as other cities, may be looking into.
6. **Approval of the Final Agenda:** The final agenda was approved as presented.

MEMBERS

City of Camarillo
Jan McDonald, Member
Kevin Kildee, *Alternate*

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

City of Simi Valley
Paul Miller, Member
Steven Sojka, *Alternate*

City of Fillmore
Ernie Villegas, Member
Ken Smedley, *Alternate*

City of Port Hueneme
Jonathan Sharkey, Member
Murray Rosenbluth, *Alternate*

City of Thousand Oaks
Jacqui Irwin, Member
Dennis Gillette, *Alternate*

City of Moorpark
Patrick Hunter, Member
Clint D. Harper, *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
Rae Hanstad, *Alternate*

City of Santa Paula
Mary Ann Krause, Member
John Procter, *Alternate*

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Member Sharkey moved to approve the Consent Calendar; Member McDonald seconded the motion, which was carried without objection by a voice vote.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

8.A. **Review of Governance Options**

After presentations by Elizabeth Amador on the various governance models and Mary Travis on Transportation Committee, a lengthy discussion followed on the model options by various members and alternates. There was consensus that a meeting should occur between VCOG and VCTC. In the interim, VCTC should have the opportunity to review the same information regarding the options, and have the Chairs and Vice-Chairs, as well as an additional representative or two from each body, meet a few times prior to engage in dialogue. Member Morehouse moved to have the Administrative Committees of the VCOG and VCTC meet in the near future and determine what the entity should look like. Member Villegas seconded the motion, which was carried by a majority voice vote, with Member McDonald voting no (in opposition).

8.B. **Proposed Legislative Changes in the Telecommunications Industry**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz stated that at a recent meeting of the legislative staffs of VCOG member agencies, it was determined that the most important legislative issue for the VCOG is to review and address the changes in the telecommunications industry. He indicated that central to the changes are the Franchise Fees received by the 11 VCOG agencies, totaling approximately \$6 Million, which are at stake. Dave Molinax, a representative of the League of California Cities, gave a short presentation on the overlapping of services in the telecommunications arena and how changes at the state and national levels could adversely affect a city's revenue and control over local governments. In attendance was John Dokken/Verizon, who spoke about the convergence of the telecommunications, telephone, and cable companies and the effort in Sacramento to reform the system. He indicated the bill was still being formulated. He stated that there is no intent to change the existing franchise fees, nor change the provisions for public access channels, which will be fully protected in the proposed bill. He expects the bill to be completed in 30 days, at which time he would be happy to return and give a more complete report.

It was moved by Member Morehouse, seconded by Member McDonald, that the Board direct the Chair to send a letter to the appropriate state and federal legislatures supporting both the League of California Cities' Telecommunications Principles and the California Association of Counties. Motion carried without objection by a voice vote.

8.C. **City Councilmember/County Supervisor Ethics Training**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz related that AB1234, passed by legislature last year and effective January 1st, requires City Councilmembers, County Supervisors, and Planning Commissioners to have annual ethics training. He indicated the mayor of

Santa Paula suggested that VCOG take leadership in organizing the training in Ventura County. Member McDonald indicated she had spoken to their city attorney, who was putting together a program later in the year, and asked if they would be interested in taking on this project at the VCOG level. She indicated that this option may be available. Chair Hunter moved *via minute action* to ask the city attorney to take the lead on VCOG's behalf and come up with a recommendation from their own group. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

8.D. **Update on Status of Regional Housing Need Allocation Process**

Dave Bobardt Pnning Director of Moorpark, gave a short presentation on the RHNA process and the role that VCOG would like the planning director to play. Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz stated he would keep the Board abreast as resource needs become available.

8.E. **Presentation by Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition**

Cathy Brudnicki, board chair for the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition, gave some handout materials and talked about the accomplishments of the organization. She stated that since 1995, those programs have cost \$10 Million. They currently find themselves unable to meet the mark to do a quality program for the county as an all-volunteer organization. Ms. Brudnicki indicated that the County of Ventura has given them funding; however, they will need help from each of the VCOG jurisdictions, as well.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS**

9.A. **SCAG:** Linda Jones spoke earlier. Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz related that at a regional council meeting last Thursday, SCAG accepted, adopted, and integrated some 14 Indian tribes, which are stand-alone, sovereign nations. He indicated that it was an interesting discussion but doesn't have much effect on the VCOG. He also stated that trade with Mexico and the potential shipping routes through Port Hueneme are going well and indicated there will be substantial growth for the area and jobs, which in turn, drives housing.

9.B. **VCTC:** No report

9.C. **League of California Cities:** Mr. Dave Molinax gave his report earlier.

9.D. **Other Agencies:** No report

10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz reported that there will be a speaker for the June 22nd dinner meeting: Liz DiGregorio, Director of Citizens Corps, a division of Homeland Security that is responsible for citizen community preparedness. She was the Deputy Director of the Department of Homeland Security prior to this. The Board thanked and commended Congressman Gallegly's staff for coordinating this.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Emergency Preparedness Committee:** Friday, March 17, 2006 – 9 a.m.; at the County Government Center
 - **VCOG Administrative Committee:** Friday, April 7, 2006 – 9 a.m.
11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None
 12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. to the May 11, 2006 meeting.