



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MINUTES

Thursday, May 8, 2008

5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo

Council Chambers

601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010

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

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

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Patrick Hunter	City of Moorpark
Member Sue Horgan	City of Ojai
Member Tom Holden	City of Oxnard
Member Maricela Morales	City of Port Hueneme
Member Carl Morehouse	City of Ventura
Member Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Tom Glancy	City of Thousand Oaks
Member Linda Parks	County of Ventura

Absent: Member Cities: Fillmore; Santa Paula

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Member Parks suggested that the Board, on its next agenda have a discussion with SCAG about bringing AB 32 requirements out to the different cities in the County. SCAG's been very involved in it and if worked on regionally, would be better off than if done separately.

Chair Holden offered that it would also be discussed on Item # 11.

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

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

A. **Minutes: January 10, 2008:** Members Miller, Hunter, Morales, Glancy abstained.

B. **Minutes: March 13, 2008:** Members Horgan, Parks and Hunter abstained.

C. **2040 Population, Housing Units and Employment Forecasts—Amendments Pursuant to Ventura County Board of Supervisors Adoption:**

D. **Workplan Update:**

Member Horgan moved for approval, seconded by Member Miller; approved unanimously by voice vote.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

A. **FY 2008/09 Budget:** Mr. Bobkiewicz reported that in review of the fund balance, an adjustment in the membership dues enabled a recommendation of \$65,000 be collected. In the cost breakdown of these dues, $\frac{3}{4}$ are borne by all the entities in proportion to their population and the remaining quarter is divided evenly. It made sense to have funds available to the Ventura County Planning Department to deal with issues raised from time to time. \$50,000 was what was shown at the last meeting and adjustments were made to that to allow for \$5,000 to the County Planning Department. Staff was recommending the adoption of Resolution 2008-01.

Adopted unanimously by voice vote.

B. **Update on VCOG/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project:** There has been no confirmation of additional funding by SCAG for this project, and Mr. Bobkiewicz added that since committing to additional funding by SCAG, 26 staff members had been laid off. Neither Rebecca Evans nor Supervisor Parks had answers to their inquiries of SCAG’s Executive Director at that time.

Mr. Bobkiewicz commented that at the Annual Meeting of SCAG, held in Ontario on May 8, 2008, that Ventura County had won a Compass Blueprint Recognition Award for the “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project. This would be presented to VCOG on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the 8th Annual Regional Housing Summit in Riverside.

Rebecca Evans spoke and indicated that several members of VCOG would be contacted by the Alliance to enforce the work of VCOG with the local City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors by making a brief presentation of the results of Phase I of the Compact that has now won an award. VCCA’s members could provide these presentations to the City Councils, and would provide anything necessary to that effort.

Mr. Bobkiewicz offered kudos to Debra Varnado for her work in the nomination of the award.

Rebecca Evans offered her appreciation to Members Miller and Parks for their support of this project, by attending meetings and getting the word out.

- C. **4th of July Fireworks Safety Campaign:** Mr. Bobkiewicz reported that this was actually a staff-driven item to discuss ways that VCOG could have a greater presence in the County regarding 4th of July fireworks safety issues. All the cities seemed to concur. He asked for any recommendations from the Board of its involvement in the way of advertising; press release, etc., whatever would be deemed appropriate.

Chair Holden asked for comments from the Board. Most agreed that it was a good idea and could possibly be used as a model in other programs such as New Year's firing of guns into the air.

Mr. Bobkiewicz added that if there was enough interest that something could be drawn up to go out the week prior to or the week of July 4 and he would advise of same.

- D. **Sustainability Project:** Mr. Bobkiewicz asked if the Board had additional items that they would like to add or any other issues to pursue. With none given, Mr. Bobkiewicz responded that it would be readdressed in 6 months.
- E. **VCOG's Seat on the SCAG Community, Economic and Human Development Committee:** Member Morales volunteered to serve in this capacity.
- F. **2008 VCOG Annual Meeting:** Meeting scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2008. Dr. Rush as speaker, held at Topa Tower Club.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS:**

- A. **Southern California Association of Governments:** Member Morehouse attended Annual Meeting held May 8, 2008, and reported that the actions taken by SCAG were: the adoption of the 2008 RTP and the environmental document that accompanied it. Also adopted was the 2008/09 General Fund Budget and by-law amendments.
- B. **Ventura County Transportation Commission:** Mary Travis reported that \$30 mil for the Rice Road / 101 Interchange Project was cautiously moving along. VCTC was following the State Budget process, which looked good to that point. Final action item was a first look that SCAT finished up regarding commuter rail services between western Ventura County and Santa Barbara and adding additional service to that corridor and also additional bus service with additional train service which was to be discussed at the June meeting.

Member Parks commented that VCTC's website was hacked into twice—once over the past weekend and then again on this date and had to be shut down.

C. League of California Cities: None.

D. Other Agencies: None.

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

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** Member Parks requested that the next agenda address the scope of what VCOG wanted to do to meet the goals of AB32, which was already law and had some major ramifications to all of the cities. VCOG's role as a resource for the cities and the county would be helpful, and SCAG was reaching out to be a resource as well, looking at having an office in Ventura County and Jacob Lieb was working with the staff on SCAG, to give a presentation on their regional comprehensive plan and AB32. She saw something in terms of a workshop with electeds and Planning Staff so every EIR (for example) that came to the cities was understood.

Member Holden agreed and recommended APCD's participation as well.

Member Parks voted to move on that item and there was Board consensus.

Member Morehouse requested that Health Care Directives be addressed as per a request from Dr. Hornstein. This was based on first responders' inability to locate these directives and revive victims as a matter of course. He indicated that Dr. Hornstein would like to address VCOG regarding same.

Chair Holden requested prisoner re-entry also be added for discussion. Once the decision is made (later this summer), it may become more involved and complex than anticipated. It is a regional issue that doesn't affect one city.

Sheriffs, police chiefs, probation were suggested experts who would have input on that issue.

Mr. Bobkiewicz indicated follow up to arrange a presentation.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** 5:40 p.m. Next meeting to be held at 5:00 p.m., July 10, 2008 at Camarillo City Council Chambers.