



**VENTURA COUNCIL  
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 8, 2005**

**5:00 p.m.**

**City of Camarillo**

**Council Chambers**

**601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010**

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Krause called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.
2. **Salute to the Flag:** Vice Chair Krause led the Salute.
3. **Roll Call:**

<b>Member Jan McDonald</b>	<b>City of Camarillo</b>
<b>Member Ernie Villegas</b>	<b>City of Fillmore</b>
<b>Alternate Tim Flynn</b>	<b>City of Oxnard</b>
<b>Member Jon Sharkey</b>	<b>City of Port Hueneme</b>
<b>Member Carl Morehouse</b>	<b>City of San Buenaventura</b>
<b>Member Many Ann Krause</b>	<b>City of Santa Paula</b>
<b>Member Paul Miller</b>	<b>City of Simi Valley</b>
<b>Member Jacqui Irwin</b>	<b>City of Thousand Oaks</b>
<b>Member Linda Parks</b>	<b>County of Ventura</b>
4. **Public Comments** (with completion of speaker card): None
5. **Board Member Comments:** Member Parks distributed registration packets for the Senior Summit being held at Cal State University Channel Islands. Member Parks noted this is a working conference with workshops designed to identify gaps in services for the growing senior population and to discuss how those gaps can be filled. Member Parks encouraged all to attend.
6. **Approval of the Final Agenda:** Alternate Flynn moved to approve the final agenda; Member Miller seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously by a voice vote.

**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 **Consent Calendar:** Member McDonald asked why support was withdrawn on Agenda Item 7B. Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz responded it was felt at this time it would be prudent to wait until the process moves further along and then come back with some additional information. Member Miller moved to approve Items #7A and #7B. The motion was carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**A. Minutes of July 14, 2005 Meeting**

**B. Communication from Ventura County Agricultural Water Quality Coalition**

8. **Order of Business**

8A. **VCOG Structural Options:**

Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz stated that in response to the Board's July 14<sup>th</sup> direction that options for VCOG's structure be identified, staff has developed the following five options for discussion and direction:

1. **Continue existing structure.** VCOG would retain solid waste and housing responsibilities and continue to deal with regional issues on an ad hoc basis.
2. **Merge with the Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC).** This option would require State legislation to make the composition of the bodies compatible.
3. **Revitalize the existing VCOG.** Under this option, VCOG would identify other areas of regional cooperation, new and/or existing, separate from transportation.
4. **Make VCOG less formal.** An option that was considered in the 2001 study, this would make VCOG an opportunity for elected officials at the City and County levels to come together for the cooperative exchange of ideas. There would still be the roles of solid waste and housing.
5. **Some combination.** As noted in the 2001 report, regional governance is approached in different ways throughout the State. No one model seems to work better than another.

VCOG members and alternates expressed their ideas, concerns, and what options they felt would work with respect to the five options outlined by Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz.

Member McDonald made a motion that VCOG continue forward with its existing structure, retaining solid waste and housing responsibilities, identifying specific issues and/or programs to address and promote a cooperative exchange of ideas, and continuing to operate under its Joint Powers Agreement and adopted by-laws. Further, the City/County Managers group will continue to serve as the Executive Director until March 31, 2006 at which time the Administrative Committee will make a recommendation to the Board whether to hire an Executive Director.

There was discussion as to the necessity for a formal motion and specific timeframe at this point in the process. There was further discussion as to the information members would like to receive for further evaluating the various options.

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz summarized the key concepts discussed by members and alternates, and recommended staff return to the November meeting with a review of what issues VCOG has been working on for prioritization of the key three or four issues that VCOG could immediately pursue. Staff would also present ideas on informal activities in which VCOG might engage. At a future meeting, staff would present information on transportation/planning regional governance models, as well as other possible responsibilities for VCOG (such as air quality management).

Member McDonald recapped what Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz had outlined and motioned to approve the recommendation.

Vice-Chair Krause asked if anyone opposed the motion. Hearing none, the motion carried.

8B. **Discussion of Anti-Coagulant Poisons:**

Member Parks reported on the increasing mortality of wildlife, which the Parks Service has linked to the use of anti-coagulant poisons, particularly at the urban edge. She presented this issue to the Board of Supervisors and they are studying ways to avoid the use of such poisons. Member Parks encouraged cities adjacent to open space to also consider and act on the issue, and suggested VCOG consider a position to encourage efforts to curb the use of anti-coagulant poisons.

Vice-Chair Krause requested staff place the matter on the Administrative Committee agenda.

8C. **Presentation on SCAG Regional Comprehensive Plan:**

Mr. Ted Harris from SCAG made a power point presentation on the Regional Comprehensive Plan Update, the purpose of which is to guide and coordinate regional planning activities. Mr. Harris encouraged members to become involved in the process and referred them to the SCAG website for additional information.

8D. **CIWMP Update:**

Peter Kaiser, Manager of the County's Environmental and Energy Resources Division, did a brief presentation and introduced David Goldstein, the project lead on the CIWMP Update process. Mr. Kaiser explained that, upon receiving input on local conditions, the California Integrated Waste Management Board staff recommended that Ventura County conduct a plan update rather than pursuing the more involved CIWMP Amendment process. As a result, County staff will recommend at the November VCOG meeting a letter from the VCOG Chair authorizing submittal of the Countywide CIWMP Update.

8E. **Designing Road Crossings for Safe Wildlife Passage:**

Nancy Settle with the Ventura County Planning Division reported the County recently concluded a study of the impact of the countywide major road network on wildlife areas and passageways. The study was funded by a grant received from the Southern California Association of Governments. Elizabeth Chattin discussed the study's findings, including wildlife mortality and movement affected by the roadway system within the County, and recommended measures that could be employed to alleviate the impacts of the roadway system on wildlife movement and safety.

As next steps, additional funding will be sought from SCAG to continue this project and discussions will be held with Caltrans and other agencies to discuss what types of mitigation measures are acceptable to them, so that appropriate guidelines may be implemented.

9. **Agency Reports**

A. **Southern California Association of Governments:** None

B. **Ventura County Transportation Commission:**

City Manager Mike Sedell noted that in October VCTC anticipates having an agenda item to discuss consolidation of VCTC and VCOG.

- C. **League of California Cities:** None
- D. **Other Agencies:** None

10. **Interim Executive Director Report**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz distributed a sheet for Administrative Committee meeting dates. He noted the City of Simi Valley will be providing administrative assistance to VCOG, and introduced Elizabeth Amador from the City of Santa Paula, who will also provide administrative support.

11. **Request for Future Agenda Items:**

Direction given earlier

12. **The meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m. to November 3, 2005.**