



**VENTURA COUNCIL  
OF GOVERNMENTS**

**MINUTES**

Thursday, September 14, 2006  
5:00 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 5:05 p.m.
2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **ROLL CALL:**  

Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Ernie Villegas	City of Fillmore
Member Patrick Hunter	City of Moorpark
Member Jonathan Sharkey	City of Port Hueneme
Member Carl Morehouse	City of San Buenaventura
Member Mary Ann Krause	City of Santa Paula
Member Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Linda Parks	County of Ventura
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Member McDonald thanked VCOG and all of the participating cities for writing a letter of opposition to SB 1589 (Romero), and stated that as a result, changing facility use from female juvenile offenders to male juvenile offenders or adult male offenders would require approval by the legislature. Camarillo is pleased with the outcome.
6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA:** Member Sharkey moved to approve the final agenda Member Krause seconded. Carried unanimously by 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  
Anthony C. Volante, *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:**

- A. Adopt Minutes of July 13, 2006 Meeting
- B. Update on Implementation of 2006 Workplan
- C. Correspondence
- D. FY 2005/06 Year End Budget Report

Member Krause moved approval of the Consent Calendar; Member Sharkey seconded. Carried unanimously by voice vote.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **Update on VCTC/COG Issues:** Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz provided the Board with a complete agenda packet for the joint meeting of September 28. Mr. Bobkiewicz stated that was a one-item agenda, looking at a variety of options to move forward with a potential of either a merger or working more closely together between the two (2) agencies. Mr. Bobkiewicz noted that VCOG is the first board to receive the full agenda packet and that VCTC would meet September 15, 2006, and would also receive the agenda packet as part of their materials. He mentioned that everything is set for September 28 at the Camarillo Police Department facility. He noted that the packet would also be mailed to those cities that were absent from the meeting (Ojai, Oxnard, Thousand Oaks).
- B. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update:** Chris Stephens indicated that absentee VCOG board members might be at a SCAG meeting and might have more up-to-date information than he had, but in the meantime, he provided information about what has transpired in the last week and a half.

Mr. Stephens stated that the RHNA has been tied with what they called their *Regional Forecast Process*, which was discussed at the last meeting. He noted that SCAG's effort for their RHNA Pilot Program and legislation that they were pursuing failed and did not make it through in time. He mentioned that SCAG was intending to reintroduce it after the first of the year as urgency legislation in hopes getting it adopted by the Legislature. He pointed out that their direction to their staff was to proceed as if it were going to occur. In other words, trying to utilize the Pilot Program methodology as the backbone of their process. We are still not entirely sure what that means here at the local level, but they are going to be proceeding through the process and they have adopted their Preliminary Forecast numbers, which is really the starting point for that process.

These things are going to be changed in the future, which is the appropriate thing to do. The staff will be talking with the County Planning Directors' Association next week. The numbers look about 5% higher than their previous forecast for Ventura County. The population numbers from Department of Finance for Ventura County for 2005, were about 814,000 residents. The forecast population from SCAG for Ventura County by 2035 is 1,070,000. That represents approximately a 31% increase in population over the next 30 years, and the 5% that Mr. Stephens was referring to was 5% higher than their previous forecast, which was adopted in 2004 and reviewed by VCOG. It is a slight "ratcheting up" of the forecast. Clearly, in Messrs. Stephens and Bobkiewicz's opinion, this is within the margin of error that

one gets for a forecast of 30 years, and a number that they think is workable and will follow it through the process. It was not an unreasonable starting point for the process, and it will be tracked back to VCOG.

The first RHNA Workshop is scheduled for September 28, and will be held at the SCAG Regional offices. SCAG hopes to do their Subregional workshops in October. Mr. Bobkiewicz passed along some preliminary dates to County Planning staff, that they have taken a look at. They are aiming at early November. It is uncertain as to how this is going to work. Their regional RHNA Forecast, which is supposed to follow on that, is to happen in November, so they are cutting their time line very close.

As soon as a date is established, Mr. Bobkiewicz will notify the VCOG Board and will pass that along to all the cities. Mr. Bobkiewicz indicated that all this has been happening within the last seven (7) days. He received an email yesterday afternoon from SCAG with 10 or 12 different dates and times of the availability to have a workshop here in Ventura County. There is a date the afternoon of November 9, 2006—VCOG's next meeting and if this Chambers is available, it would make sense to have it take place from 1:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Both Messrs. Bobkiewicz and Stephens do not feel that it needs this much time, but if were to start at 1:00 p.m., it would be finished prior to the start of VCOG, so unless there are any objections from this group, and pending the availability of this Chambers, it would be Thursday, November 9.

It was agreed to follow-up with the City of Camarillo September 15 for room availability and reserve it for November 9, 2006. All agreed.

Regarding AB 2158 Factors, this is an issue that needs to be weighed in on early in the process. VCOG will be doing so as an entity, and per Mr. Stephens, the County Planning Division will be submitting some comments at their meeting next week with the city Planning Directors, sharing draft comments with them and encouraging them to make their comments as soon as possible—not to wait until late in the process and then may bring something back to your Board or even to each of their individual boards depending on what's going on with the process. To reiterate, it is crucial that those factors—the same ones brought to you last time—need to continue to be put in front of the SCAG staff so that they are aware of their importance to the process.

As requested by Member Krause, Mr. Stephens agreed to update anything that is shared with the other County planning directors, with she and Member Morehouse, as they are working on RHNA as well.

Mr. Stephens mentioned that the last time the request of the VCOG Board related to Subregional delegation, as the term SCAG uses, and that is a process SCAG would delegate to the Subregion (VCOG Board) the responsibility for allocating the housing needs assessment—those housing target numbers—to each of the 10 cities in the county. It is not clear as yet what that delegation entails, and there are a lot of questions as to what liabilities VCOG might be assuming, or exactly what responsibilities and avenues are open to VCOG with respect to the greater regional numbers, should we take that on. The request is at this point, just to

express our interest in pursuing that. Until we see what the final process is, it would be appropriate for the Board to make a decision.

Mr. Bobkiewicz shared that to give the Board a sense of the timing he received a letter, dated last Friday, from Hasan Ikhata, SCAG's Director of Planning and Policy, who was here a couple of meetings ago. Mr. Bobkiewicz received it Monday and it requests VCOG give them a response in writing by September 15, and specifically, as Mr. Stephens has said, if VCOG has any interest in looking at this Regional Delegation issue. If this body is looking to participate, his recommendation would be that it is expressed to SCAG staff within 4 or 5 days, for decision-making. There is not a lot that can be done at this point. No action needed, but on behalf of VCOG, the least that should be done is to express via letter to SCAG staff that we are interested.

- C. **Update on Application with Ventura County Civic Alliance for "2% Strategy" Funds from the Southern California Association of Governments for "Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County"**: No action to report, Civic Alliance continues work on their application and should hear back from SCAG the first part of October. They have gone around and received Resolutions of Support from most of the communities in the County, and they had one from every community except Fillmore and Camarillo. They have at least 8 or 10, which is good. The next step is the appointment of an ad hoc committee to help oversee the process, and in talking with the Administrative Committee at their meeting it was felt to wait until the grant is actually in hand before appointing the Committee so if done prior to the November meeting, it can be put on the agenda.
9. **AGENCY REPORTS**: Nothing to report.
- A. Southern California Association of Governments
  - B. Ventura County Transportation Commission
  - C. League of California Cities
  - D. Other Agencies
10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**: Mr. Bobkiewicz reminded the Board of the September 28 joint meeting. He will be absent from the next full board meeting on November 9, 2006. This will be an important meeting, as results from the September 28 meeting will be discussed.
11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**: Member McDonald polled the group for interest in Ethics training (deadline for completion of training is December 31, 2006). Chair Hunter requested that Mr. Bobkiewicz follow-up with some potential dates in the next 90 days and he agreed to do so. Member McDonald suggested City Attorney of Camarillo be considered for this training as they have put the program together and Mr. Bobkiewicz was asked to put email feelers out for those who haven't completed this training and what the need is.

Meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m. to the September 28, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.