



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MINUTES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo

Council Chambers

601 Camarillo Drive, Camarillo, California, 93010

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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Holden called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
 2. **FLAG SALUTE:** Member McDonald led the Pledge of Allegiance.
 3. **ROLL CALL:**

Member Tom Holden	City of Oxnard
Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Sue Horgan	City of Ojai
Member Maricela Morales	City of Port Hueneme
Member Carl Morehouse	City of Ventura
Member Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Gabino Aguirre	City of Santa Paula
Member Linda Parks	County of Ventura

Absent: Member Cities: Fillmore; Thousand Oaks
 4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.
 5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** None.
 6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA:** Chair Holden suggested that the Board move item 8C prior to item 8A on the agenda. Approved unanimously by voice vote.
 7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:**
 - A. Legislative Correspondence
 - B. Workplan Update

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

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- C. **Prisoner Re-Entry Community Issues:** Supervisor Long reported on the issues that will develop as a result of AB 900. Supervisor Long suggested having a public workshop for elected officials to gather with law enforcement personnel and members of the public to discuss the impacts of having parole's released early into the community.

Aileen Tracy, spoke in support of having a public workshop to educate the public on the issues associated with having parole's released into the community.

- A. **Update on VCOG/Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County” Project:** Mr. Bobkiewicz reported that VCOG has received noticed from SCAG that it will be reconsidering the application that was submitted in late 2007 for the two-percent strategy grant funds for phase two of the project.

Ms. Varnado gave a brief presentation of the work scope she has prepared for phase two of the “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County. Ms. Varnado presentation focused on the objectives for the future of Ventura County and reported on the major issues that were found during phase one of the project.

Chair Holden suggested including the Civic Alliance as a co-applicant in the strategy grant fund application.

Mary Ann Krause, Civic Alliance, thanked VCOG for their interest and commitment to continue on the project.

Ron Bottorff, Civic Alliance, provided a brief history of how the project originated in within the Civic Alliance.

Hugh Ralston, thanked VCOG for agreeing to form a partnership for the Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County project with the Civic Alliance. Mr. Ralston shared the Ventura County Community Foundation has committed a four-year grant to support the work of the Civic Alliance.

Sandy Smith, Civic Alliance, spoke in regards to the importance of civic engagement and the Civic Alliance desire to maintain an ongoing dialogue with VCOG regarding this project.

It was moved by Member Holden, seconded by Member Miller to include VCTC and the Civic Alliance as co-applicants in the application for phase II . The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

B. Proposition 7 – Solar and Clean Energy Act of 2008

Das Williams, spoke in support and the benefits of Proposition 7. Mr. Williams reported Proposition 7 would increase the renewable standards of all utilities.

Nancy Williams, Southern California Edison, spoke in opposition of Proposition 7. Ms. Williams expressed that mandating the requirements of Proposition 7 at this time would be a poor decision due to the unknown consequences of the measure.

It was moved by Member Miller, seconded by Member Horgan for VCOG to oppose Proposition 7. Member Horgan, Member Holden, Member McDonald, and Member Miller were in favor. Member Aguirre, Member Morales, Member Morehouse, and Member Park were opposed. The motion was tied.

It was moved by Member Morehouse, seconded by Member Parks for VCOG to remain neutral and neither express support and opposition for Proposition 7. Member Aguirre, Member Morales, Member Morehouse, and Member Park were in favor. Member Horgan, Member Holden, Member McDonald, and Member Miller were opposed. The motion was tied.

The report was received and filed.

D. VCOG Financial Audit:

Member Holden moved for approval, seconded by Member Horgan. Member McDonald abstained. The motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS:** None.
10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** None.
11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. to November 13, 2008.