



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MINUTES

Thursday, July 13, 2006 – 5 p.m.
City of Camarillo Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Member Sharkey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

Member Patrick Hunter	City of Moorpark
Member Jacqui Irwin	City of Thousand Oaks
Member Jan McDonald	City of Camarillo
Member Paul Miller	City of Simi Valley
Member Carl Morehouse	City of San Buenaventura
Member Linda Parks	County of Ventura
Member Jonathan Sharkey	City of Port Hueneme

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Member McDonald thanked everyone for participating in the VCOG Annual Meeting held on June 22, 2006.

6. **APPROVAL OF FINAL AGENDA:** Member Sharkey moved to approve the final agenda as presented; Member Morehouse seconded the motion, which was carried without objection by a voice vote.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR:** Member Sharkey moved to approve the Consent Calendar as presented; Member Morehouse seconded the motion, which was carried without objection by a voice vote

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

8A. **Update of VCTC/VCOG Issues**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz reported that representatives of VCOG and VCTC met on June 22, 2006, to review the governance options. He stated that Ginger Gherardi, VCTC Executive Director, would review the document, and a final draft would be presented at the September 28, 2006 meeting, which would be held at the Camarillo Police Station.

- 8B. **Ventura Youth Correctional Facility/SB 1589 (Romero), As Amended**
Member MacDonald noted that the Camarillo City Council voted strongly to oppose SB 1589 (Romero), and asked the VCOG members for their support to also strongly oppose the bill.

After much discussion regarding the original use of the facility and ambiguity in the language of the bill, it was moved by Member MacDonald, seconded by Member Miller, to direct the Chair and Interim Executive Director to send a letter under the signature of VCOG strongly opposing SB 1589. Motion carried without objection by a voice vote.

- 8C. **Report of Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee**

Bruce Feng provided an oral report and noted that the subcommittee was in the process of developing a work program. He noted that the subcommittee organized the emergency preparedness display at the VCOG Annual Meeting, would sponsor a terrorism seminar for elected, management employees, and emergency preparedness staff on August 3, 2006, in Camarillo; and would conduct a tour of the Southern California Distribution Operation Center on August 4, 2006 to explain what occurs during power outages. He stated that the subcommittee would continue to work on disaster preparedness fairs, outreach efforts, shared personnel with other agencies, emergency preparedness seminars, and evacuation topics. Lastly, he distributed a copy of an emergency preparedness DVD for households, which could be customized for each city.

- 8D. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update**

Member Morehouse noted that he attended the July 6, 2006 RHNA meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments. He expressed concern that cities would be dealt RHNA numbers without the benefit of providing their input.

Chris Stephens, Ventura County Planning Director, stated that County Planning staff has been sending technical and procedural comments and questions to SCAG; however, no clear response has been received. He also stated that SCAG adopted the Draft RHNA Pilot Program language. He noted that the Ventura County Planning Directors Association reviewed the language and found three items they felt were important. He recommended that a letter be sent from VCOG to SCAG outlining these issues:

1. The factors that SCAG will consider in its growth forecasting process. There is a factor in state law that was omitted from this list regarding preservation of agricultural land and natural habitat.
2. Legislation regarding protection of military facilities. Important to suggest to SCAG that they add the preservation of military facilities.
3. Identification of suitable lands for growth. Important to remind SCAG that voter-approved initiatives are not a locally adopted land use regulation as traditionally thought.

It was moved by Member Parks, seconded by Member MacDonald, for a letter to be sent from VCOG. Motion carried without objection by voice vote.

8E. **Report of Legislative Subcommittee**

Mina Layba provided an oral report and noted that the subcommittee conducted three meetings in the last year and has advocated positions regarding opposition to AB 2987 Telecommunications bill, federal communications act, and federal reductions of CDBG funding. She also noted that the subcommittee is monitoring November bond initiatives, including infrastructure ballot measures and the eminent domain initiative, and legislation regarding the RHNA process. She stated that the subcommittee would like direction regarding the Romero bill (SB 1589).

8F. **Request to Co-Sponsor Application with Ventura County Civic Alliance for “2% Strategy” Funds from the Southern California Association of Governments for “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County”**

Ron Bottorff, representing the Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA), stated that no city funds would need to be committed at this time, and letters were sent to cities to consider adopting resolutions of support. He noted that the Vacant Land Study would include all land that is within cities that are vacant, undeveloped, and zoned commercial or residential, and that no land in agricultural or unincorporated areas would be included. He also noted that the intent of the application is to have a partnership between VCOG and the VCCA to collect data, update the 2002 Vacant Land Study, and analyze a preliminary set of scenarios.

Member Parks expressed support for VCOG’s role in this project, but also expressed concern with VCCA’s position. Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz suggested that the Board could approve Phase 1 at this point and condition the approval with the creation of an oversight committee with two members from VCOG and two members from VCCA.

It was moved by Member Sharkey, seconded by Member Morehouse, to approve Phase 1 and make it contingent on the creation of an oversight committee with two representatives from VCOG. Motion carried without objection by voice vote.

Following discussion regarding who would serve on committee, Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz indicated that he would bring back more information at the next meeting.

8G. **Final Report on June 22, 2006 Annual Meeting**

Upon receiving Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz’s report, Chair Hunter acknowledged Mr. Bobkiewicz for efforts.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. Southern California Association of Governments: Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz referred members to the SCAG Executive Director Report in the agenda packet.
- B. Ventura County Transportation Commission: Mary Travis, VCTC, reported on the transit vision workshop. She stated that VCTC would be visiting cities and the Board of Supervisors in the Fall.
- C. League of California Cities: None.
- D. Other Agencies: None.

10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz noted that the next VCOG meeting would be held on September 14, 2006, and a joint meeting with VCTC would be held on September 28, 2006.

Member Morehouse indicated that he serves on the League of California Cities' Housing and Community Development Committee and that a strong issue in front of this committee is the eminent domain initiative. He stated that implications of this bill would control local land use and zoning. He also noted that he spoke briefly with Senator Pedro Nava and Assemblymember Lloyd Levine regarding implications from the telecommunications bill. Lastly, he mentioned that he attended the SCAG annual retreat, and that Councilmember Cook from the City of Huntington Beach provided a presentation regarding the implications of the future of energy. He noted that he would follow-up with Councilmember Cook regarding whether she would be able to provide the same presentation to VCOG on a future agenda.

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**: None.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2006**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:18 p.m. to the September 14, 2006 meeting.