

**VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
Thursday, January 23, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
Camarillo City Hall
Administrative Conference Room**

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- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Public Statements**
- 3. Adoption of November 29, 2018 Committee Meeting Summary (*Attached*)**
- 4. 2020 VCOG Program of Priorities-** Review Draft Program of Priorities and make recommendations for the 2020- Final Document to the Council for consideration on March 12, 2020.
- 5. 2020 VCOG Legislative Program -** Review Draft Legislative Program of make recommendations for the 2020- Final Document to the Council for consideration on March 12, 2020.
- 6. Executive Director's Report**
 - Financial Report
 - Legislative Update
 - RHNA Update
 - Annual SCAG Conference- Approval to Attend
 - AB 5- VCOG Independent Contractor Status
- 7. Establishment of Agenda for March 12, 2020 VCOG Meeting- Possible Topics:**
 - Public Safety Power Shutoff
 - Local Action-Vaping Threat
 - Energy Upgrade CA Presentation
- 8. Adjournment**

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VCOG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

November 21, 2019

Meeting Summary

ITEM 3

1. Call to Order - 2:00 p.m.

Members: Chair Adam, Chair-elect Parvin, Member Crosswhite. Staff: Executive Director Riley.

Absent: Member Mashburn, Member Kildee

2. Public Statements - None

3. July 5, 2019 Meeting Summary - The meeting Summary for the July 25, 2019 was approved as published.

4. Executive Director's Report –

- **Financial Report-** Riley provided a Financial Report for the period from July 1, 2019 to November 21, 2019. Several individuals have been arrested and charged in the Capital-One Credit Card Fraud Case wherein VCOG Funds totaling \$3,718.77 had been stolen. that fund obtained from the VCOG Operating account fraudulently totaling \$3,718.77 had been recovered and credited to VCOG's new account. A legal investigation by the Moorpark Police Dept. Detectives (V.C. Sheriff) cooperated with law enforcement agencies in Hawaii to complete the investigation and secure the arrest warrants.
- **Form 700 Filing Reminder** – Riley reminded Committee that the filing deadline for Form 700- Statements of Economic Interest is April 1, 2020. HE suggested that council members consult with their City Clerks to coordinate filing with those for the City and other agencies.
- **Staff Travel Request** – Riley requested approval to travel to Los Angeles on December 5, 2019 to attend the 10th Annual SCAG Economic Summit. SCAG is providing Riley with a complementary registration so the only cost to VCOG would be for the mileage. Member Parvin moved the approval of the request – seconded by Chair Adam. There was no opposition.
- **Appointments to SCAG Policy Committees** – Riley recommended the appointment of the following city Council Members to SCAG Policy Committees for a two year term. These appointments would be confirmed by the full Council of January 9, 2020.
 1. Will Berg, City of Port Hueneme - Reappointment to Transportation Committee
 2. Elaine Litster, City of Simi Valley - Energy and Environment Committee
 3. Richard Rollins, City of Port Hueneme - Energy and Environment Committee

The Committee concurred with Riley's recommendations.

- **2020 Meeting Schedule** – Due to the number of Legislative Committee Meetings that were cancelled or lacked a quorum, Riley recommended that the Legislative and Administrative Committees be combined with the scheduled meeting to begin at 2:00 PM with the administrative matters followed by any legislative matters. Members and staff wishing to remain for the legislative matters which would be placed on the agenda as necessary during the Legislative Session each year. This would save members and staff time and provide for an earlier conclusion to the committee business allowing more advantageous travel home. The Committee

concurrent and Riley will place the revised schedule on the full Council Agenda for approval on January 9, 2020.

- **Succession Planning- Chair and Chair Elect (and Admin Committee)** – To prepare for the January 9 VCOG Meeting, the Committee, acting as the Nominating Committee, discussed the election of officers and the make-up of the VCOG Admin Committee for 2020.

The Committee will Nominate the following:

Janice Parvin – 2020 Chair (having served as Chair-elect during 2019)

Jenny Crosswhite as Chair-elect (having agreed to serve as VCOG Chair in 2021)

Diane McCall, City of Fillmore, will be invited to serve on the Administrative Committee for the coming year along with Chair Parvin, Chair-elect Crosswhite, Immediate Past-chair Adam and Kevin Kildee, City of Simi Valley.

5. **Review of Agenda for September 12, 2019 Council Meeting** – After considerable discussion the Committee decided to invite the following to make presentations at the January 9 2020 Council Meeting:

Representative from Ventura County YIMBY about affordable housing

Ed Williams, County Ag Commissioner about HEMP Regulation Program

Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Next Meeting – January 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM.



ITEM 4

MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Review DRAFT – VCOG 2020 Program of Priorities

DATE: January 23, 2020

Recommendation:

Review Draft 2020 VCOG Program of Priorities and make recommendations for changes to the full Council.

Discussion:

This report transmits the Draft - VCOG 2020 Program of Priorities. The attached document is unchanged from 2019. The VCOG Council referred the Program of Priorities to the Administrative/Legislative Committee for review at their meeting on January 23, 2020 in order to make recommendations for changes to the Council on March 14, 2020.

ATTACHMENT: DRAFT - VCOG 2020 Program of Priorities

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DRAFT - VCOG 2020 PROGRAM OF PRIORITIES

2016-2040 Sustainable Communities Strategy

Collaboration with Regional Partners

Consolidation of Municipal Services to Achieve Economies of Scale and Administrative Efficiencies (e.g., public safety dispatch)

Countywide High Speed Internet Access (consider Point to Point Protocol)

Economic Development

- Business retention/attraction issues
- Local preference in contracting and purchasing
- Sales tax measures

Fiscalization of Land Use

Homelessness

Housing Issues

- Addressing Substandard Housing
- Second Dwelling Units

Infrastructure Funding Issues

Joint Powers Authority for Provision of Countywide Fire Services (including review of methodology for establishing rates)

Legislative Priorities of:

- Land Use and Environment
- Housing and Blight
- Economic Development
- Public Infrastructure
- Solid Waste Management
- Public Safety
- Resources Management/Water Supply Reliability
- Local Governance Sustainability

Municipal Utilities Districts for Water and Wastewater

Power Plant Siting Issues

Solid Waste Management

- Landfill Capacity and Emerging Waste-to-Energy Technology

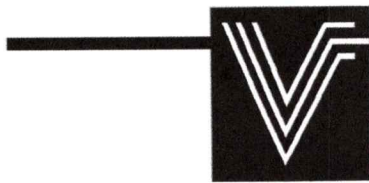
Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA) Implementation

Technology Trends in Transportation

- Emerging Trends i.e. scooters, bicycles


Transient Rentals Impacts

- Internet-based market



MEMORANDUM

TO: Administrative Committee

FROM: Hugh R. Riley, Executive Director 

SUBJECT: Review DRAFT - 2020 VCOG Legislative Program

DATE: January 23, 2020

Recommendation:

Review, DRAFT - VCOG Legislative Program for 2020 and make recommendations for changes to the full Council.

Discussion:

This report transmits the DRAFT Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Legislative Program for 2020. The attached document is unchanged from 2019. The VCOG Council referred the Program to the Administrative/Legislative Committee on January 9, 2019 to review the Program and recommend possible changes to the Board on March 14, 2019.

ATTACHMENT: DRAFT - VCOG 2020 Legislative Program

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VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
2020 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) Legislative Program is to protect and promote the regional interests of the governmental entities within Ventura County on priority issues and matters that may impact those entities. In this vein, VCOG's legislative efforts are intended to support the fiscal stability of local government, and to provide for and preserve local control of governance and service delivery. The annual adoption of a Legislative Platform will guide the VCOG Board (Board) and staff in evaluating and taking appropriate action upon legislative proposals introduced at the state and federal levels. The goals of VCOG's Legislative Program are to:

- Advocate the region's legislative interests at the state and federal levels;
- Inform legislators and the VCOG Board regarding key issues and legislation that could have potential impacts on the region;
- Participate with other Councils of Government, the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), the League of California Cities, the California State Association of Counties (CSAC), National League of Cities (NLC), Ventura County Transportation Commission (VCTC), and other regional agencies on legislative issues of importance to the region;
- Seek support and assistance for regional projects, services and programs that enhance public services.

PROCESS

The VCOG Legislative Committee, comprised of staff from the ten cities, County, and the League of California Cities representative, shall review the status of legislative proposals and make recommendations to the VCOG Board consistent with the annually adopted Legislative Platform. In addition to the direction provided in the Platform, the Committee will consider positions established by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and Southern California Association of Governments. VCOG will not address matters that are not pertinent to the region's local government services, such as partisan, socially divisive, or international issues.

When timely action is needed before the VCOG Board is able to convene to authorize a position, staff is authorized to prepare position letters for the Chair's signature, provided such position is consistent with the VCOG Legislative Platform or positions established by the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, National League of Cities or the Southern California Association of Governments. Should any of these positions be in conflict, no action will be taken without specific Board direction.

Should the Chair not be available to sign a position letter, the Vice Chair shall be authorized to sign the letter in lieu of the Chair. If neither the Chair nor Vice Chair is available, the Executive Director shall be authorized to sign in lieu.

All members of VCOG shall receive copies of position letters prepared on behalf of VCOG.

PRIORITIES

The primary priority areas for VCOG's 2020 Legislative Program include:

- Land Use and Environment
- Housing and Blight
- Economic Development
- Public Infrastructure
- Solid Waste Management
- Public Safety
- Resources Management
- Local Governance Sustainability

LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

A. LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT

- Support legislation to extend CEQA streamlining provisions for land use projects that are consistent with the SCAG Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- Support use of cap-and-trade revenues and other funding sources for local planning activities to implement the regional Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- Seek to ensure that any future funding for SB 375 implementation includes funding for local initiatives.
- Support legislation that streamlines the environmental review process for mixed-use infill development without compromising environmental quality standards.
- Support legislation and/or funding for remediation of superfund sites.
- Encourage the state of California to fund and sponsor further research into the negative impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides to determine whether the use of these products should be further restricted or banned statewide.

B. HOUSING AND BLIGHT

- Support amending state policies to give jurisdictions flexibility to provide affordable housing that is appropriate for their communities, and remove disincentives and regulatory obstacles.
- Support funding opportunities for affordable housing projects and services.
- Support legislation that addresses occupancy levels and strengthens cities' abilities to reduce overcrowding in residential housing.

- Support permitting cities to exercise review and land use regulation of group home facilities and residential care facilities in residential neighborhoods including the application of zoning, building, and safety standards.
- Support legislation that defines an equitable process to determine a fair share of new housing needed to respond to growth trends in the region.
- Support funding and implementation of programs to prevent and address homelessness.

C. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Support the creation where appropriate of economic development programs.
- Support the retention of Naval Base Ventura County.
- Support legislation and programs to encourage job attraction and retention, and to promote a healthy business climate for Ventura County.
- Support legislation related to internet sales to insure fair share disbursement of sales tax as opposed to the current structure.
- Support the enactment and expansion of tax increment financing authority for economic development, infrastructure, and community revitalization.

D. PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

- Support legislation to provide stable, adequate, and long-term funding for public infrastructure needs including but not limited to transportation alternatives, streets and roads maintenance, water and wastewater systems.
- Support legislative efforts of the Ventura County Transportation Commission, SCAG, Caltrans, and other appropriate parties to protect transportation funds from being diverted to other purposes.
- Support efforts of the League of California Cities, California State Association of Counties, and Association of California Water Agencies to establish an optional funding system for local agencies to finance storm water management, flood control, sewer and water supply projects, set rates to encourage conservation, and reduce water and sewer bills for low income customers.

E. SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT

- Support legislation pertaining to VCOG's responsibility for approval of the regional solid waste plan.

- Oppose legislation that would restrict or limit local government's ability to franchise refuse and recycling collection services, to direct municipal or county solid waste flow (flow control), to contractually require haulers to guarantee achievement of AB 939 goals, or to local government's ability to protect landfill capacity.

F. PUBLIC SAFETY

- Support legislative efforts that strengthen local law enforcement's ability to prevent and reduce crime.
- Support funding opportunities for local law enforcement activities and emergency preparedness.
- Support increased local authority and resources to address impacts of early prisoner release policies and criminal recidivism.
- Support legislation that provides funding and resources to local governments to prevent wildfires and mudslides.

G. RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

- Support and encourage regulations and procedures that promote common sense implementation of State and Federal water quality control laws, and ensure State and Federal agencies work in a coordinated fashion to enable compliance with these laws.
- Support legislation to increase the availability and viability of energy efficiency and renewable energy options for public agencies, residential, and commercial customers.
- Support programs to ensure provision of a safe and reliable water supply.
- Oppose legislation that imposes new regulatory burdens on municipal utility systems without providing funding and/or consideration of the feasibility of monitoring and mitigating such requirements.

H. LOCAL GOVERNANCE SUSTAINABILITY

- Support legislation that protects local control and ensures equitable, dependable and predictable funding for vital community services.