

MEETING SUMMARY

NORTH COUNTY MEASURE D POLICY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Wednesday, February 13, 2008
9:00 a.m.

Central Coast Water Authority
255 Industrial Way
Buellton, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

Members Present: Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton and committee chairperson; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Ed Skytt, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Ann Ruhge, Councilmember, City of Lompoc; David Murray, Caltrans, District 5 (ex-officio member)

Members Absent: Brooks Firestone, Supervisor, Third District; Mayor Larry Lavagnino, City of Santa Maria.

Advisory committee members proceeded with self-introductions. Policy Development Committee members in attendance included: Hamid Bahadori, Auto Club of Southern California; Vibiana Saavedra, PUEBLO; Deborah Brasket, Santa Barbara County Action Network; John Peterson, Buellton Chamber of Commerce; Linda Jackson, Solvang Chamber of Commerce; Norene Nims, 15th District Parent Teachers Association of Santa Barbara County; Phillip Greene, Marian Medical Center; Bill Marsalak, Associated General Contractors; Andy Caldwell, COLAB; Don Oaks, Santa Barbara County Taxpayers Association.

SBCAG Staff Members Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Gregg Hart, Public Information Officer; Fred Luna, Transportation Engineer; Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner

2. REVIEW OF AGENDA AND MEETING OBJECTIVES

Jim Kemp reviewed the meeting agenda and meeting objectives.

3. NOVEMBER 7, 2007 MEETING REVIEW

Jim Kemp presented the meeting summary from the November 17, 2007 meeting.

4. RECEIVE REPORT ON PUBLIC INPUT ON DRAFT INVESTMENT PLAN RECEIVED THROUGH PRESENTATIONS TO CIVIC GROUPS AND POLICY BODIES

Gregg Hart summarized the staff report stating that reception of the draft investment plan has been positive. He requested that committee members share additional groups with him that would like to hear more about the Measure D renewal effort.

The committee discussed comments received at some of the presentations to the civic groups and policy bodies. The committee agreed that informing voters on the elements of the investment plan would be vital for Measure D to be renewed.

5. RECEIVE PRESENTATION RESULTS OF VOTER OPINION SURVEY

Jim Kemp introduced John Fairbank of Fairbank, Maslin, Maullin and Associates, the public opinion research firm hired to conduct a voter opinion survey. Mr. Fairbank summarized the poll results with a PowerPoint presentation.

6. REVIEW INVESTMENT PLAN DRAFT, 2-06-08

Jim Kemp and Steve VanDenburgh introduced the ballot pamphlet draft of the investment plan. Committee members discussed minor language edits and Steve VanDenburgh requested that comments be forwarded to him in an email no later than February 25, 2008.

Mr. Bahadori suggested that the committee consider revisions to the ballot summary language title so that "road repair" is not the first activity listed.

The committee discussed the display of alternative funding in the summary of the investment plan and provided Steve VanDenburgh with suggestions on how illustrate the funding within the plan.

7. REVIEW ORDINANCE DRAFT, 2-06-08

Steve VanDenburgh summarized the staff report and reviewed several sections of the draft ordinance that specifically address the needs of Santa Barbara County. He noted that the ordinance is a work in progress and is still being reviewed by county counsel, bond counsel and the Board of Equalization.

Mr. Caldwell raised a question about whether the current 50/50 funding split between the north and south subregions would be revised in the future based on population. Mr. VanDenburgh noted that in the draft investment plan approved by the board and the draft ordinance, only Local Street and Transportation Improvement funding within each subregion would be adjusted annually based on population. It was noted that while the proportion of the county's population in the north is likely to increase, the proportion of sales tax generation is higher in the south. Mr. Bahadori noted that each region had assumed it would receive \$455 million in the investment plan and if the amount of funding in the North increased over time as population increased, projects in the South that are promised to voters couldn't be delivered with a shrinking pool of funding. Phil Greene stated that the north/south funding split had been previously decided and the plan proceeded on this basis. Supervisor Centeno asked for this item to be revisited for the next meeting.

Mr. Chytilo expressed concern with the description of the Citizens Oversight Committee and noted that he would provide additional comments and suggested revisions to Mr. VanDenburgh.

SBCAG staff requested that suggestions for ordinance revisions be forwarded in writing to Steve VanDenburgh by Monday, February 25, 2008 for consideration.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment provided.

9. NEXT STEPS FOR SBCAG STAFF, COMMITTEE AND BOARD

Jim Kemp outlined the milestone schedule for the Measure D renewal effort noting that it is anticipated that the North and South committees would complete their work on the investment plan at their next meeting and forward their recommendations to the full SBCAG board for adoption at its March 20 meeting. Following board approval the plan would be taken back to each city council and the board of supervisors for formal approval.

10. ADJOURN NORTH COUNTY SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

11. CALL TO ORDER NORTH COUNTY SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Members Absent: Brooks Firestone, Supervisor, Third District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Bob Orach, Councilmember, City of Santa Maria; Ann Ruhge, Councilmember, City of Lompoc.

Due to a lack of quorum, the committee was unable to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for the 2008. The committee agreed to table the item for the next meeting.

12. ADJOURN NORTH COUNTY SUBREGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for Wednesday, March 12 at 9 a.m. at the Central Coast Water Authority.