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SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES STRATEGY (SCS) MEETING

StanCOG Board Room

1111 I Street, Suite 308

Modesto, CA

Minutes of January 2, 2013 (Tuesday)

1:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Bob Borchard (City of Waterford); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); Gil Bostwick (CAC Representative); R.J. Corwin (BPAC Representative); Jean Foletta (SSTAC Representative); Marjorie Blom (LAFCo)

ALSO PRESENT:

Barbara Hempstead (Caltrans); Marisela Hernandez (City of Riverbank); Carlos Yamzon, Jaylen French, Rosa Park, Cindy Malekos, Mike Costa, Charles Turner, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Jim Damkowitz (Kittelson & Associates); John Beckman (Building Industry Association); Brad Barker (Yokuts Group of Sierra Club); Sharon Hutchins (Health Services Agency); Eunice Lovi (StaRT)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Carlos Yamzon called the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Steering Committee meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) Steering Committee Minutes of 11/27/2012

***By Motion (Marjorie Blom/Jean Foletta), and unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 11/27/12.**

5. **PRESENTATION – None**

6. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

A. Motion to Nominate SCS Steering Committee Chair and Vice Chair for FY 12/13

Carlos Yamzon briefly explained the by laws of the committee with regard to electing a Chair and Vice Chair. Member Jean Foletta motioned to nominate Richard O'Brien as Chair and Patrick Kelly as Vice Chair.

***By Motion (Jean Foletta/Marjorie Blom)**, and unanimous vote, the Committee approved the nomination of Richard O'Brien as Chair and Patrick Kelly as Vice Chair of the SCS Steering Committee for FY 12/13.

B. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt Resolution 12-24 to Accept the 2040 Regional Growth Forecast

Chair Richard O'Brien took the seat as Chair of the Committee.

Jaylen French explained that a demographic forecast was prepared to determine the extent of growth in the region over the next 28 years for the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy effort. The forecast would help StanCOG better plan to accommodate expected growth. He mentioned that a valley wide forecast was developed, which was then distributed to the local level to determine growth within the county and cities. He went over the charts that were provided in the agenda package. Discussion took place amongst members with regard to the methodology of the demographic forecast.

***By Motion (Debbie Whitmore/Patrick Kelly)**, and unanimous vote, the Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt Resolution 12-24 to Accept the 2040 Regional Growth Forecast.

C. Discussion – SCS Alternative Scenarios

Jaylen French went over the history of the baseline scenario being developed by Fregonese Associates. He mentioned that two or three alternative scenarios were being proposed to help analyze the affect of the region's transportation investment choices on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Discussion took place amongst members regarding the scenario examples provided. Members agreed to hold a special workshop meeting on January 23, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. with conference call capability to discuss in more detail. He also said that transit operators would be invited as well to provide input.

D. Discussion - San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) 2050 Regional Transportation Plan Final Ruling

Jaylen French briefly discussed the recent lawsuit brought against San Diego Association of Governments regarding their Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Environmental Impact Report (EIR). He mentioned that the San Diego Association of Governments would have to create a new EIR due to the ruling. He said that the ruling indicated that the EIR failed to adequately analyze air quality impacts.

7. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. SCS Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

8. CALTRANS REPORT - None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Carlos Yamzon said that the Policy Board had begun discussion of launching another transportation tax measure. He went over the history of past tax measures. He also said that staff was recommending renaming the SCS Committee to the "Valley Vision Stanislaus Committee" consistent with the valley-wide outreach effort underway.

10. MEMBER REPORTS - None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richard O'Brien adjourned the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) Steering Committee meeting at 2:20 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Sustainable Communities Strategy Steering Committee Meeting:

February 5, 2013 (Wednesday) @ 1:00 pm

StanCOG Board Room

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