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VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

StanCOG Board Room

1111 I Street, Suite 308

Modesto, CA

Minutes of April 30, 2013 (Tuesday)

1:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Tom Westbrook (City of Ceres); Thom Clark (City of Hughson); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson – arrived during 6A); Kathleen Cleek (City of Riverbank); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Mark Niskanen (City of Waterford); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); Gil Bostwick (CAC Representative); RJ Corwin (BPAC Representative); Jean Foletta (SSTAC Representative); Marjorie Blom (LAFCO)

ALSO PRESENT: George Sharp (DRAIL); Jim Damkowitch, Matt Braughton (Kittelson & Associates); Chelsea Norton (Mintier Harnish); Carlos Yamzon, Rosa Park, Jaylen French, Mike Costa, Cindy Malekos, Debbie Trujillo, Charles Turner (StanCOG); Karla Von Hungen, Donna Minighini (Members of the Public)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Richard O'Brien called the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Richard O'Brien opened up the meeting for Public Comments.

Karla Von Hungen of Stanislaus County stated her concerns about the Valley Vision Stanislaus Plan with emphasis on the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) component. She provided written comments for the record (see attached).

Donna Minighini of Stanislaus County expressed her concerns regarding the RHNA methodology as part of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Plan. Her opinion was that the current RHNA determination was too high.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 4/2/13

*By Motion (Debbie Whitmore/Jean Foletta), and a 10-0-2 vote (with Kathleen Cleek and Marjorie Blom abstaining), the Committee approved the minutes of 4/2/13.

5. PRESENTATIONS – None

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. 2014 Valley Vision Stanislaus Schedule Update

Jaylen French provided an update on the development schedule and adoption date. He reported that the San Joaquin Valley COG Directors would meet to discuss a later adoption date into early 2014, which was warranted due to complexities with the plan. Debbie Whitmore asked for a status update on the four land use and transportation scenarios. Jaylen French mentioned that Scenario 1 is near completion and work has begun on developing Scenarios 2, 3 and 4 which are based on Scenario 1. He said drafts should be available in two weeks and meetings with each agency would be scheduled thereafter for input. He reported that the approved draft scenarios would then go out for public review.

B. Discussion – Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update

Jaylen French provided an update on the RHNA development process. He shared a table on existing housing capacities that was prepared by staff and consultants based on a review of each of the local agencies' housing elements. He asked members for input to ensure that the reported existing housing capacities were accurate as this information would be used to determine the RHNA allocation methodology. He gave an update on the draft determination provided by the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department. He reported that staff met with HCD to request an early determination and mentioned that StanCOG felt the draft numbers were inconsistent with local demographic information. He said there would be a follow-up meeting with HCD to discuss the numbers further.

Jaylen French mentioned that merging Senate Bill 375 (SB375) goals into the RHNA allocation process was being considered. He mentioned StanCOG anticipated releasing the proposed RHNA methodology for the required 60-day public review and comment period in mid-June. A concern was raised on moving forward without knowing the RHNA numbers. It was asked how staff would seek a resolution with HCD on the RHNA number. Jaylen French mentioned that the determining factors were the headship rates and the household size and StanCOG's approach would be to address those factors. There were comments about the Stanislaus region meeting its RHNA determination and the effects that has on the region. Jim Damkowitch mentioned that staff would provide to members a list of funding that could be at risk for non-compliant Housing Elements. Jaylen French reiterated that the existing housing capacity table is based on a reporting of planned and approved projects and vacant land that is zoned for residential uses in each of the housing elements. He asked members of each of the local agencies to review for accuracy.

Karla Von Hunsen appreciated comments from the committee regarding the desire for a lower RHNA determination. She offered to provide information regarding water availability in the region. Chair O'Brien asked that she provide to Jaylen French.

Donna Minighini had questions about the capacity table that was provided in the staff report. It was her opinion that the unincorporated areas are less able to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

through transportation strategies. She suggested that existing housing be considered to meet the RHNA numbers.

C. Discussion – Roundtable VVS Discussion

Carlos Yamzon asked members if they had any questions or issues to discuss regarding VVS. Debbie Whitmore asked when information would be available on the transportation investment strategy component of the scenarios. Jaylen French reported that this should be available in May/June.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Scenario 1, New Trend Scenario Update

Jaylen French gave an update on recent meetings with Planning Directors regarding the development of Scenario 1. He mentioned that staff had one more agency to meet with to discuss the 2020 and 2035 scenarios. He said that staff would work with consultants on the Scenarios 2, 3, and 4, which would be prepared using the information from Scenario 1 as a basis.

B. Valley Vision Stanislaus Update – April

C. National Bike to Work Week in Stanislaus County

8. CALTRANS REPORT - None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Carlos Yamzon said that he requested Caltrans to report on a quarterly basis to the VVS committee.

10. MEMBER REPORTS

Jean Foletta announced that this would be her last meeting. She said that there would be another person from SSTAC that would be appointed to sit on the VVS Committee.

Gil Bostwick stated that this would be his last meeting due to the end of his term on the Citizens Advisory Committee.

Chair Richard O'Brien thanked all those in attendance for their patience.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richard O'Brien adjourned the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting at 2:10 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee Meeting:

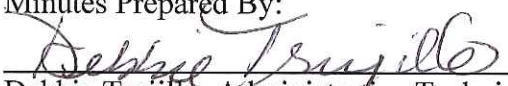
June 4, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 pm

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