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VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

StanCOG Board Room

1111 I Street, Suite 308

Modesto, CA

Minutes of October 1, 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); Lourdes Barragan (City of Oakdale); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson); Kathleen Cleek (City of Riverbank); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Mark Niskanen (City of Waterford); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); Chris Esther (CAC Representative); Monica Ramos (SSTAC Representative); Marjorie Blom (LAFCO)

ALSO PRESENT: Jim Damkowitch, Chelsey Norton (Mintier Harnish); Jaylen French, Arthur Chen, Mike Costa, Cindy Malekos (StanCOG); John Beckman, Stacie Morales, George Sharp (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 - None

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 9/3/13

***By Motion (Thom Clark/Debbie Whitmore)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 9/3/13.

5. PRESENTATIONS – None

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Discussion on Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Plan Update

Jaylen French provided an update on the preparation of the VVS plan. He mentioned that at the September 18th Policy Board meeting, the Policy Board identified Scenario 3 as the preferred scenario by a vote of eight to three. He said that the Scenario 3 land use map and the Scenario 3-

specific transportation project list was provided in the agenda package. He mentioned that Scenario 3 included a more compact land use pattern and included more infill development and greater funding towards transit and "Complete Streets". He said staff would prepare the draft VVS plan based on Scenario 3 and would release the draft in late November for a 55-day public review and comment period. He also stated that an environmental impact report (EIR) would be released as well for a 45-day public review and comment period that would end mid-January. He said staff would then respond to comments and finalize the plan, and that it would go before the Policy Board for adoption in March.

Chair O'Brien mentioned that concerns were raised at the Policy Board meeting regarding the public outreach effort, however, he felt that the VVS process provided ample opportunities for public involvement. He stated that the Policy Board voted on Scenario 3 because they were serious about conserving farm land. He reiterated that each scenario met the greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) per Senate Bill 375.

Jaylen French stated that although the VVS plan addresses land use, the local agencies would maintain land use authority.

Member Patrick Kelly asked if the draft plan would be presented to the VVS Committee prior to the public review period. Jaylen French said it would depend on timing. Chair O'Brien suggested that the Committee review the draft plan at the December 3, 2013 VVS Steering Committee meeting so that the group's comments could be included during the public comment period.

B. Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Update

Jaylen French announced that on September 30, 2013, the Housing and Community Development (HCD) Department released the final determination of 21,330 for the Stanislaus region. The determination was reduced from the original 37,051 units and reduced from the previous determination of 23,150. He commented that the final determination was a great achievement for this Committee, staff and the region.

He stated that staff had released the proposed RHNA methodology for a 60-day review and comment period on September 21, 2013. He said that staff recommended the regional income parity methodology, which established a regional average of affordable units, and that each agency would receive a greater or lesser share of the determination based on their regional average. He stated that the Policy Board would adopt the preferred methodology at their November meeting.

Chair O'Brien commended the Committee for the discussion at the September 3, 2013 VVS meeting with HCD. He requested input from members regarding the jobs/housing balance methodology. He also inquired as to how staff determined the income parity. Jaylen French provided an explanation. Chair O'Brien expressed his concerns for communities that have a higher unemployment rate and that a lower number of low income households could affect the distribution.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. Potential Development of a Transportation Expenditure Plan Framework for the Stanislaus Region

8. CALTRANS REPORT - None

9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT – None

10. MEMBER REPORTS

Chair Richard O'Brien congratulated the Committee on the efforts of the VVS plan and RHNA process. He also asked if a November meeting was needed.

Member Debbie Whitmore asked staff if the agencies should provide more detail on the funding of the projects. Jaylen French responded that no additional information was needed regarding the current project list, but that Staff would accept comments on any part of the plan.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Richard O'Brien adjourned the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting at 1:34 pm.

Next Regularly Scheduled Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee Meeting:

November 5, 2013 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 pm

StanCOG Board Room

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