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**VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA**

**Minutes of December 3, 2013 (Tuesday)**

**1:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Jim Duval (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)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carlos Yamzon, Jaylen French, Cindy Malekos, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); John Beckman (Member 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 10/1/13**

\*By Motion (Debbie Whitmore/Patrick Kelly), and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 10/1/13.

**5. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt Resolution #13-17 to Adopt the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Proposed Methodology**

Jaylen French provided an overview of the proposed Fifth Cycle RHNA Allocation Methodology, which is scheduled to go before the Policy Board for adoption at the December 18, 2013 meeting. He stated that staff released StanCOG's proposed methodology—Regional Income Parity—on September 21, 2013 for a 60-day public review and comment period. Staff also provided

alternative methodologies for the public's review and consideration. He notified the committee that four comments had been received; two from local jurisdictions in support of staff's recommendation, one from the public objecting to mandatory housing mandates from the State and another from the public stating that certain data used, which was not specified, could have been more current.

Chair Richard O'Brien inquired about the intent of Senate Bill 375 (SB375) and the RHNA. He then stated that he preferred the jobs-housing adjustment Methodology, because it would better meet the goals of SB375.

Jaylen French stated that the RHNA allocated both total housing units and affordable units. However, the methodology addresses primarily the distribution of the affordable units. He reminded members that as part of the RTP/SCS development process staff took the regional demographic forecast and distributed this growth to each local agency. It was during this process that the jobs/housing balance from new growth was addressed.

Discussion revolved around two methodologies—the regional income parity and the jobs-housing adjustment. Two motions were made; and the committee by a vote of 6-5-1 recommended the jobs-housing methodology.

Carlos Yamzon commented that staff's intent was to consolidate the recommendation of the Committee, along with the comments from the public, to form a final recommendation to the Policy Board for their consideration.

Member Patrick Kelly asked if the RHNA number would be adjusted to reflect the final determination provided by HCD. Jaylen French responded that the number would be revised to 21,330.

**\*By Motion (Patrick Kelly/Debbie Whitmore)**, and a roll call vote of 5-6-1 (with the Cities of Hughson, Oakdale, Riverbank, Waterford, Policy Board Representative Richard O'Brien, CAC Representative Chris Esther voting No, SSTAC Representative Monica Ramos Abstaining), the Committee did not recommend that the Policy Board adopt Resolution 13-17 to Adopt the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Proposed Methodology.

**\*By Motion (Chris Esther/Kathleen Cleek)**, and a roll call vote of 6-5-1 (with the Cities of Hughson, Oakdale, Riverbank, Waterford, Policy Board Representative Richard O'Brien, CAC Representative Chris Esther voting Yes, and SSTAC Representative Monica Ramos Abstaining), the Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Alternative Methodology #2 (Jobs-Housing Adjustment).

## **B. Valley Vision Stanislaus Schedule Update**

Jaylen French provided an overview of the VVS schedule through adoption, which is anticipated for June of 2014. He mentioned that in February, staff intended to release the Draft plan for a 55-day public review and comment period. He stated that during that time, public hearings would be held to inform and notify the public and the elected officials about the plan's adoption.

Chair Richard O'Brien suggested that staff provide a sign-in sheet at each presentation/meeting to accurately capture the number of people participating in this process. He also suggested that staff attend the January 13, 2014 City Council meeting in Riverbank. He recommended that staff prepare a VVS overview video in English and Spanish which could be placed on the local agencies

websites as well as StanCOG's website. He commended the efforts of the Committee throughout this process.

Jaylen French stated that the committee could meet less frequently depending on the status of the planning effort and the will of the Chair and/or committee. He also stated that staff was seeking help to grow StanCOG's outreach network; and asked members to provide suggestions regarding appropriate groups/venues to reach out to.

Carlos Yamzon commented that primary intent of the proposed extended outreach effort was to explain the process of planning for the transportation needs of the region. He said the needs exceed resources available. Through the outreach, staff could determine if there were alternative funding options that the public would support to meet the near term needs of the region.

**7. INFORMATION ITEMS – None**

**8. CALTRANS REPORT -- None**

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Carlos Yamzon mentioned that staff sought an amendment to the RTP/SCS contract for additional public outreach efforts. He stressed the importance of additional and improved outreach. He thanked Chair Richard O'Brien for the invitation to present at his City Council meeting and the suggestions provided.

**10. MEMBER REPORTS - None**

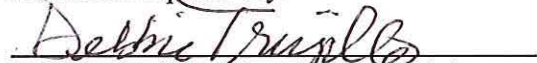
**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Richard O'Brien adjourned the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting at 1:40 pm.

**Next Regularly Scheduled Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee Meeting:**

**January 7, 2014 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 pm  
StanCOG Board Room  
1111 I Street, Suite 308  
Modesto, CA 95354**

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