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## **VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA**

**Minutes March 4, 2014 (Tuesday)**

**1:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Tom Westbrook (City of Ceres); Brad Wall (City of Modesto); Lourdes Barragan (City of Oakdale); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Chris Esther (CAC Representative); R.J. Corwin (BPAC Representative); Marjorie Blom (LAFCO)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Carlos Yamzon, Rosa Park, Jaylen French, Cindy Malekos, Arthur Chen, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); John Beckman, Brad Barker (Members of the Public)

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Jaylen French informally called the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Member Debbie Whitmore, Acting Chair (see Item 2 below), formally called the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

### **2. ROLL CALL**

Jaylen French stated that the members would need to nominate a Chair for the meeting due to the absence of the Chair Richard O'Brien, and the Vice Chair Patrick Kelly.

**\*By Motion (Member Marjorie Blom/Member Chris Esther)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee nominated Member Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock) to chair the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting.

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. Motion to Approve Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 12/3/13**

**\*By Motion (Member Chris Esther/Member Lourdes Barragan)**, and a 6-0-3 vote (with 3 abstentions by LAFCO, City of Ceres, and the City of Modesto), the Committee approved the minutes of 12/3/13.

**5. PRESENTATIONS – None**

**6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Valley Vision Stanislaus Plan Development and Schedule Update**

Jaylen French provided an update of the VVS plan development process and schedule. He mentioned that final transportation modeling results for the plan had been produced. He stated that the draft Plan documents would go out for a 55-day public review and comment period on March 17, 2014. He mentioned that informational meetings/public hearings would be held during the public comment period. He then stated that Staff would respond to all comments received and finalize the Plan for Policy Board adoption at the June 18, 2014 meeting.

**B. Regional Tax Measure Expenditure Plan Update (*Verbal Report*)**

Carlos Yamzon provided an update on the proposed sales tax expenditure plan. He mentioned that Staff was providing presentations to the City Councils and the County Board of Supervisors seeking a Resolution of Support and that these presentations would conclude the next week. He stated that the City Councils to date had been supportive with minor conditional requests such as including the Service/Mitchell Interchange in Ceres. He stated that the City of Turlock expressed concern regarding whether dollars received in Turlock would stay local. He also mentioned that there would be a poll conducted and that those results would be shared at the Policy Board meeting on March 19, 2014. He said that the results would assist in determining whether the Policy Board would proceed towards the November 2014 ballot.

Brad Barker of the public commented that the tax measure should include more dollars dedicated to public transit and alternative transportation modes. He also commented that the 25 year span was too long. He suggested a stronger package that would appeal to more of the population.

Carlos Yamzon said that Policy Board and City Council meetings were the perfect forum for the public to voice their concerns. He mentioned that the percentage could change prior to the finalization of the plan.

**7. CALTRANS REPORT -- None**

**8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Carlos Yamzon reported that the San Joaquin Valley Policy Council—consisting of elected officials from the eight valley COGs--and staff would attend the Sacramento Valley One Voice trip the next day. He said that the trip provides opportunities to speak with legislators on key transportation-related issues.

Jaylen French shared information regarding a statewide effort with the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to address concerns with housing element law and the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). He said further information would be shared with the Committee once available.

**9. MEMBER REPORTS**

Member Debbie Whitmore asked if staff could obtain a copy of the settlement agreement regarding the Association of Bay Area Governments' (ABAG) regional housing needs allocation and share this with the Committee.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Acting Chair Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock) adjourned the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee meeting at 1:30 pm.

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

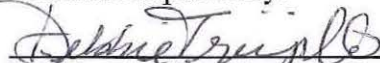
**April 1, 2014 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 pm**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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