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**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
StanCOG Board Room
1111 I Street, Suite 308
Modesto, CA
Minutes March 3, 2015 (Tuesday)
1:00 pm**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Kay Dunkel (City of Ceres); Jaylen French (City of Hughson); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto – Arrived during Item 4A); Thom Clark (City of Oakdale); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson); Kathleen Cleek (City of Riverbank); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Matt Erickson (City of Waterford); Richard O’Brien (Policy Board Representative); Marjorie Blom (LAFCO); Monica Ramos (SSTAC Representative – Left during Item 4A); Chris Esther (CAC Representative)

ALSO PRESENT: Curtis Jorritsma (City of Patterson); Carlos Yamzon, Jeanette Fabela, Cindy Malekos, Arthur Chen, Travis Jacobs, Cathy Wang, Regina Valentine, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair O’Brien called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Recommend Policy Board Adopt by Resolution the Submission of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) – Sustainable Agricultural Land Strategy Grant Application to the Strategic Growth Council

Carlos Yamzon provided information regarding the Sustainable Agricultural Land Strategy Grant. He stated that it was a pilot program consisting of two parts, one of which was for farmland preservation planning; the grant was for \$1 million with a \$100,000 cap per grant application. He said that the grant would complement the Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) with regard to the reduction of green-house gas (GHG) emissions due to farmland preservation within the RTP/SCS.

Member discussion took place regarding the feasibility of applying for the grant and whether gathering the data and putting together the application packet was achievable by the due date. The

members also stated during the discussion that they would like this grant to fund a Plan that consists of the following:

- Community consensus-building to develop a strategy for agricultural land preservation.
- Planning for critical agricultural infrastructure needs; such as processing facilities, local marketing opportunities, water quality or quantity improvements, or waste handling, to support sustainability in existing rural and agricultural communities.

Carlos Yamzon said that StanCOG could coordinate the application process but needed assistance from the agencies in putting the application together especially given the tight timeframe.

Jeanette Fabela provided a checklist to members of what was needed from the local agencies and requested that all information be submitted via email by Tuesday, March 10th close of business. Chair O'Brien suggested that staff move forward with the application if feasible.

***By Motion (City of Hughson/City of Riverbank)**, with a unanimous roll call vote of 12-0, the Committee recommended that the Policy Board adopt by Resolution the Submission of the Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conservation Program (SALCP) – Sustainable Agricultural Land Strategy Grant Application to the Strategic Growth Council contingent upon receiving the necessary information from member agencies by Tuesday, March 10, 2015.

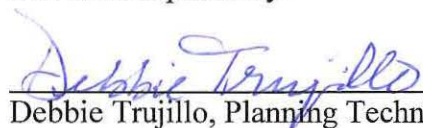
5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT - None

6. MEMBER REPORTS - None

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:



Debbie Trujillo, Planning Technician