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VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

StanCOG Board Room

1111 I Street, Suite 308

Modesto, CA

Minutes May 5, 2015 (Tuesday)

1:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Tom Westbrook (City of Ceres); Jaylen French (City of Hughson); Patrick Kelly (City of Modesto); Stephanie Ocasio (City of Newman); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson); Kathleen Cleek (City of Riverbank); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Marjorie Blom (LAFCO); Chris Esther (CAC Representative)

ALSO PRESENT: Carlos Yamzon, Rosa De Leon Park, Cindy Malekos, Jeanette Fabela, Elisabeth Hahn, Isael Ojeda, Cathy Wang, Regina Valentine, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); John Beckman, Brad Barker (Members of the Public)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Patrick Kelly called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brad Barker provided remarks in support of smart growth and protecting important resources in our area such as prime farmland.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve VVS Minutes of 3-3-15

**By Motion (LAFCO/City of Turlock), and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 3/3/15.*

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Adopt Bylaws for Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee

Cindy Malekos provided an overview of the proposed VVS bylaws. She reviewed the additional membership structure. A discussion took place amongst members regarding term limits, attendance, appointment of new members, and what would determine a quorum. Suggestions were made to clarify the bylaws and bring the revised version to the next Committee meeting in June.

***By Motion (City of Turlock/City of Patterson)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee tabled the adoption of the bylaws for the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee until the June 2, 2015 meeting.

B. Sustainable Agricultural Lands Conversation Program (SALCP) – Sustainable Agricultural Land Strategy Grant

Carlos Yamzon provided a follow-up report on the Sustainable Agricultural Land Strategy grant application based on the decision of the Policy Board at the March meeting. He said it was suggested by Policy Board Members to be prepared for future grants and to allow more time for review.

C. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy California Air Resource Board Update

Carlos Yamzon provided an update on recent meetings with the California Air Resource Board (CARB) regarding StanCOG's Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). He stated that StanCOG's RTP/SCS was on the CARB June meeting agenda.

6. INFORMATION ITEMS

A. StanCOG eNewsletter

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Carlos Yamzon reported that the FY 2015/16 Budget and Overall Work Program had been adopted at the March Policy Board meeting. He also mentioned that the public outreach process for the 2014 RTP/SCS prioritization of projects had begun.

8. MEMBER REPORTS - None

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Kelly adjourned the meeting at 1:55 p.m.

Next Scheduled VVS Meeting:

June 2, 2015 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 pm

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Minutes Prepared By:



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