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VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE

**STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA**

June 2, 2015 (TUESDAY)

1:00 PM

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

These matters may be presented only by interested persons in the audience. Discussion is limited to five minutes or at the discretion of the Chair.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve VVS Minutes of 5-5-15

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

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

B. Motion to Nominate a Chair/Vice Chair for FY 15-16

C. Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy California Air Resource Board Update (*Verbal Report*)

6. CALTRANS REPORT

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

8. MEMBER REPORTS

9. ADJOURNMENT



CONSENT CALENDAR



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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:

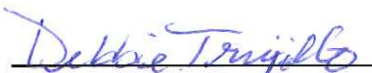
June 2, 2015 (Tuesday) @ 1:00 pm

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Minutes Prepared By:



Debbie Trujillo, Planning Technician



DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS



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TO: Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee **Staff Report**
THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director **Discussion**

FROM: Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director
Cindy Malekos, Manager of Administrative Services

DATE: May 27, 2015

SUBJECT: Bylaws for Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee

Recommendation

By Motion:

Adopt Bylaws for the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee (VVS).

Background

StanCOG is a joint powers agency that was created by a joint powers agreement originally entered into on May 11, 1971, and last amended on December 12, 2007. The member agencies of StanCOG are Stanislaus County and all of the incorporated cities within Stanislaus County, which includes the Cities of Ceres, Hughson, Modesto, Newman, Oakdale, Patterson, Riverbank, Turlock and Waterford.

On March 18, 2015, the Policy Board approved updates to the JPA to include the following: 1) update some of the standing committee descriptions and composition information to more accurately describe the committees; 2) clarify selection process for Executive Committee so that the five members are selected annually; 3) adjust Chair and Vice-Chair term of office from fiscal year to calendar year to be more in line with elected officials terms of office. The Bylaws of standing committees serve as appendixes to the JPA.

Discussion

During the update to the JPA, the Bylaws of the Policy Board and the standing committees were reviewed by staff and legal counsel for any needed updates. Because the VVS Steering

Committee was created after the last update to the JPA, there are currently no VVS Bylaws. It is proposed that VVS Bylaws be established for inclusion in the JPA.

At the May 5, 2015 VVS meeting, draft bylaws were reviewed. It was suggested that clarifications be made to the bylaws and brought back to the June meeting. The revised bylaws are attached. Once approved by VVS, the VVS Bylaws would then be presented for adoption by the Policy Board.

Should you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director at 209.525.4600 or via e-mail at rpark@stancog.org.

Attachment:

Proposed VVS Bylaws

APPENDIX IV

STANISLAUS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE BYLAWS

**ARTICLE I
FUNCTION**

The Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee (SCS) shall be a standing committee of the Stanislaus Council of Governments. The Committee shall advise the StanCOG Policy Board on issues related to the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as part of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP).

**ARTICLE II
MEMBERSHIP**

Section 1: The Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee shall be comprised of ~~twenty-one (21)~~ one (1) members. A quorum shall consist of ~~one-half (1/2) plus one (1) of the current membership~~ one-half (1/2) plus one (1) of the current membership ~~a minimum of eleven (11) of the twenty (20) members.~~

Section 2: The ~~twenty (20)~~ members of the Committee shall consist of Tier I and Tier II members.

Tier I Members shall be:

One representative from each of the 10 Member Agencies:
~~following jurisdictions:~~

City of Ceres	City of Hughson
City of Modesto	City of Newman
City of Oakdale	City of Patterson
City of Riverbank	City of Turlock
City of Waterford	Stanislaus County

One representative from LAFCO.

Tier II members shall be one ~~and 1~~ representative from:

- ~~Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee~~
- ~~Citizens Advisory Committee~~
- Citizens Advisory Committee
- StanCOG Policy Board
- ~~Social Services Transportation Advisory Council~~
- ~~LAFCO~~
- ~~StanCOG Policy Board~~
- Health Industry
- Agriculture Industry
- Environment/Conservation
- Economic Development
- Building Industry
- Transit User/Provider
- Education
- Environmental Justice

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Each committee member shall be appointed by his/her jurisdiction or the committee, as the case may be, to the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee and approved by the Policy Board Executive Committee ~~to the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee.~~

**ARTICLE III
TERM OF OFFICE**

Section 1: ~~Tier I appointments shall not be subject to term restrictions or limits.~~
Each Tier II appointment to the Committee shall be for a term of four (4) years, ~~which may be renewed for additional four year terms.~~

Section 2: In no case shall any Tier II member of the Committee serve on the Committee longer than eight (8) consecutive years.

Section 3: Any appointment term shall commence as of the date of appointment.

**ARTICLE IV
MEETINGS**

Section 1: The Policy Board shall establish a regular place and time for meetings of the Committee.

Section 2: The Executive Director may designate agenda items for any meetings of the Committee. The members of the Committee may also designate agenda items for consideration by the Committee.

**ARTICLE V
ATTENDANCE**

The members of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee are expected to attend the meetings of the Committee on a regular basis. Any member of the Committee who has three consecutive un-notified absences, four consecutive notified absences, or five absences in any one calendar year may be dismissed from the Committee.

**ARTICLE VI
REMOVAL**

The Policy Board Executive Committee may, at any time, recommend the removal of any member of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee. A majority vote of the members of the Policy Board Executive Committee shall be required to approve any removal.

**ARTICLE VII
OFFICERS, RULES, AND PROCEDURES**

Section 1: The VVS shall elect from among its membership a Chair and a Vice-Chair. The term of office for each shall be one year.

Section 2: The VVS shall adopt rules and procedures for its meetings. These rules and procedures shall be subject to approval by the StanCOG Policy Board. The Committee shall conduct all proceedings in conformity with Robert's Rules of Order and the Brown Act.

Section 3: All references to "year" shall refer to the California fiscal year, July 1 through June 30.

**ARTICLE VIII
STAFF**

The Executive Director of StanCOG, or his or her appointee, shall serve as the Secretary of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee and shall provide that Committee with appropriate staff assistance.

**ARTICLE IX
FINANCING**

Section 1: Except as specifically provided by the Policy Board, the members of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee shall receive no compensation for their service.

Section 2: The Policy Board shall provide the VVS with the financial support deemed necessary for the successful functioning of the Committee.

**ARTICLE X
AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

Changes or amendments to these Bylaws shall be approved by two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the VVS voting at a regular meeting of the Committee, and shall be subject to the majority approval of the Stanislaus Council of Governments Policy Board members voting at a regular meeting of the StanCOG Policy Board. In no case shall a vote on a proposed amendment be conducted unless the proposed amendment has been submitted, in writing, to the members of the VVS at least fifteen (15) days prior to the meeting at which a vote is to be taken.



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TO: Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee **Staff Report**
THROUGH: Carlos P. Yamzon, Executive Director **Motion**
FROM: Rosa Park, Deputy Executive Director
Cindy Malekos, Manager of Administrative Services
DATE: May 28, 2015
SUBJECT: FY 2015/16 Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee Chair and Vice-Chair

Recommendation

By Motion:

Nominate a Fiscal Year 2015/16 Chair and Vice-Chair of the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee.

Background

According to the StanCOG Joint Powers Agreement (JPA), Article V, Section 1B, “The Committee shall annually elect from its own members its Chairperson.”

Discussion

The election of a FY 2015/16 Chair and Vice-Chair is needed. The current Chair is Policy Board Member Richard O’Brien and the current Vice-Chair is Patrick Kelly. The term of office for fiscal year 2015/16 shall be from July 2015 through June 2016.

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