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

**StanCOG Board Room**

**1111 I Street, Suite 308**

**Modesto, CA**

**Minutes January 5, 2016 (Tuesday)**

**1:00 pm**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Tom Westbrook (City of Ceres); Jaylen French (City of Hughson); Stephanie Ocasio (City of Newman); Colleen Andersen (City of Oakdale); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson); Donna Kenney (City of Riverbank); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Chris Esther (CAC Representative); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); R.J. Corwin (BPAC Representative); Sara Lytle-Pinhey (LAFCO Representative)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rosa De León Park, Elisabeth Hahn, Isael Ojeda, Stephen Hanamaikai, Marcus Tucker, Chandler Marks, Regina Valentine, Debbie Trujillo (StanCOG); Edgar Garibay (Catholic Charities)

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

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

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

### **4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **A. Motion to Approve VVS Minutes of 6-2-15**

**\*By Motion (City of Turlock/Stanislaus County)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 6-2-15.

### **5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

#### **A. Air Resources Board Acceptance of StanCOG 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy**

Elisabeth Hahn provided an update regarding the acceptance letter received from the California Air Resources Board (CARB) regarding the StanCOG 2014 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy. She mentioned that the Governor had established a new statewide greenhouse gas reduction target at 40% below 1990 levels by 2030. She stated that ARB was moving forward with updating a scoping plan to reflect the new statewide goals which

would establish new targets to meet by 2018. She said that with the new targets, the next RTP/SCS update may need to begin sooner than originally anticipated.

**B. 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle Local Housing Element Update Schedule**

Elisabeth Hahn provided an update on the 5<sup>th</sup> cycle local housing element schedule. She mentioned that the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) and housing element schedules had to be coordinated with every other Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). She said this would require the local housing elements to be updated every eight years and no later than 18 months after the RTP/SCS adoption. She reminded agencies to submit their housing element update to the California Department of Housing and Community Development for review and certification.

**C. Promise Zone Initiative – Third and Final Round of Competition**

Elisabeth Hahn provided information regarding the Promise Zone Initiative. She said that under this program, disadvantaged communities can request to be designated as a Promise Zone, which provides federal assistance for economic development in disadvantaged communities. She briefly reviewed the guidelines for the program and application submittal deadlines.

**D. Transportation Expenditure Plan for the Stanislaus Region (Verbal Report)**

Rosa Park summarized the results from public polling that had been conducted regarding a potential sales tax measure, and reviewed the framework options for the transportation expenditure plan that the Policy Board developed. She said the Policy Board would be discussing the plan further at their next meeting on January 20<sup>th</sup>.

**6. CALTRANS REPORT – None**

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

Rosa Park thanked members for their support and said she looked forward to the year ahead.

**8. MEMBER REPORTS**

Chair O'Brien thanked members for attending the meeting. He stated that as the VVS goes forward, it needs to look closely at the various programs that could enhance sustainability, including agricultural sustainability, in the region.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 1:38 p.m.

***Next Regularly Scheduled VVS Meeting:***

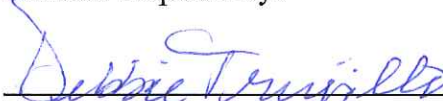
**February 2, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am**

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