

**VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**StanCOG Board Room  
1111 I Street, Suite 308  
Modesto, CA**

**Minutes February 2, 2016 (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); Colleen Andersen (City of Oakdale); Donna Kenney (City of Riverbank); Debbie Whitmore (City of Turlock); Richard O'Brien (Policy Board Representative); Sara Lytle-Pinhey (LAFCO Representative)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Rosa De León Park, Elisabeth Hahn, Jeanette Fabela, 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 1-5-16**

**\*By Motion (City of Turlock/City of Riverbank)**, and a unanimous vote, the Committee approved the minutes of 1-5-16.

**5. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

**A. 2015/16 Affordable Housing and Strategic Communities (AHSC) Program**

Rosa Park reported that this item was brought to the members' attention regarding the upcoming submission timeline of the AHSC grant and asked members if there were any comments regarding the information provided. Elisabeth Hahn provided an updated staff report with handouts regarding the program and briefly went over the various project categories, potential funding, and the proposed application deadlines. Discussion took place amongst members on the various types of projects the grant funds could be used for with the

emphasis on the Transit Oriented Development, Integrated Connectivity, and Rural Innovation Project Areas.

**B. California Road Charge Pilot Program**

Chair O'Brien asked members for comments regarding the California Road Charge Pilot Program.

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

Rosa De León Park provided members with an update regarding the approved framework for a Transportation Expenditure Plan. She went over the upcoming timeline and discussed next steps with members.

**6. CALTRANS REPORT – None**

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT - None**

**8. MEMBER REPORTS**

Chair O'Brien brought forth the discussion of the next VVS committee meeting and remaining scheduled meetings.

Chair O'Brien shared that the Air Resources Board (ARB) had asked StanCOG for target recommendations for greenhouse gas emission levels by April 2016. Elisabeth Hahn provided background on ARB's request, explaining that a Governor's Executive Order had established more aggressive statewide GHG reduction goals (40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030) than were in place when the SB 375 targets were first set in 2010. She said ARB was moving forward with updating an Assembly Bill (AB 32) Scoping Plan to reflect the new statewide goals, and that the Scoping Plan Update, which would address emissions reductions from the transportation sector as a whole, would be updated in 2016.

Additionally, Elisabeth Hahn said that the GHG Targets were first set by the ARB in 2010, and that Senate Bill (SB) 375 required the ARB to set passenger Greenhouse Gas (GHG) reduction targets and update them no later than every 8 years; new updated targets were due in 2018. She said it was unclear how the Executive Order and Scoping Plan Update would influence the process to update the SB 375 targets. ARB had shared that they would consider a top-down evaluation of what was needed for statewide reductions, in addition to a bottom-up approach based on target recommendations from the MPOs.

She further said that ARB had expectations that the MPOs would revisit their scenarios as part of this process, and that MPO target recommendations, whether formal or informal, should include a brief description of the scenarios and strategies that they considered, and any GHG emissions reductions from off-model adjustments.

Elisabeth Hahn explained that there were a number of technical considerations that would need to be taken into account, such as a new air quality model (EMFAC2014), new regional socioeconomic data, and a new travel demand model, the latter of which was anticipated to be released in June of 2016.

Member Debbie Whitmore asked if ARB was expecting a model revalidation or changes to the scenarios. She asked if the ARB could attend the next VVS meeting to clarify their expectations.

It was suggested that StanCOG could ask either the ARB liaison or StanCOG's Air Quality Coordinator to come speak about the SB375 Target Update with the VVS Committee in March.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair O'Brien adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

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

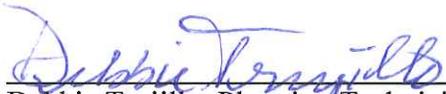
**March 1, 2016 (Tuesday) @ 10:00 am**

**StanCOG Board Room**

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