



**VALLEY VISION STANISLAUS STEERING COMMITTEE
VIA TELECONFERENCE**

**Minutes March 2, 2021 (Tuesday)
3:00 pm**

Important Notice Regarding COVID-19

In accordance with Governor Newsom’s Executive Order N-29-20, the Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) Board Room was closed, and the Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee members and staff participated in this meeting via GoToMeeting. In the interest of maintaining appropriate social distancing measures, members of the public were able to participate in the meeting electronically and had the right to observe and offer public comment during the meeting.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Tom Westbrook (City of Ceres); Merry Mayhew/Rachel Wyse (City of Hughson); Steve Mitchell (City of Modesto); Roman Acosta (City of Oakdale); Joel Andrews (City of Patterson); Donna Kenney (City of Riverbank); Katie Quintero (departed prior to 6B) (City of Turlock); David Niskanen (City of Waterford); Angela Freitas (Stanislaus County); Bill Zoslocki (Policy Board Representative); Sara Lytle Penney (LAFCO); Edgar Garibay (Environmental Justice Representative); John Beckman (Building Industry Representative)

ALSO PRESENT: Melany Arriola, Sam Becker, Emma Goldsmith, Cindy Malekos, Isael Ojeda, Josey Oshana, Rosa Park (StanCOG); Mohammad Ahmed (Interwest Consulting); Dr. Jeffrey Michael (UOP)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Cindy Malekos indicated that Policy Board representative and VVS Steering Committee Chair Richard O’Brien was unable to attend the meeting and that Bill Zoslocki would be the Policy Board representative and acting Chair until Item 3 to select a Chair would take place. Acting Chair Zoslocki called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. MOTION TO ELECT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Acting Chair Zoslocki said the Policy Board would be taking action that month to appoint its Policy Board representative to the VVS Steering Committee, and that the Policy Board representative had historically served as the VVS Chair.

***By Motion (Member John Beckman/City of Waterford) and unanimous roll call vote**, the VVS nominated the Policy Board representative, once the Policy Board appoints that representative, to serve as the Chair through FY 2021/22; and

***By Motion (City of Turlock/City of Ceres), and unanimous roll call vote**, the VVS nominated Donna Kenney to serve as the Vice-Chair through FY 2021/22.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS – NONE

5. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. Motion to Approve Valley Vision Stanislaus (VVS) Steering Committee Minutes of 8/7/18

***By Motion (City of Ceres/Member John Beckman)**, and a 12-0-2 roll call vote (with Stanislaus County and the City of Hughson abstaining), the VVS Steering Committee approved the minutes of 8-7-18.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Preliminary Draft Regional Demographic Forecasts for Stanislaus County

Isael Ojeda introduced Dr. Jeffrey Michael, Executive Director of the Center for Business and Policy Research (CBPR) at the University of the Pacific (UOP). Dr. Michael provided an extensive overview presentation of initial demographic forecast results for the 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS) which included the population, household, and employment forecasts utilizing the Regional Economic Models, Inc. REMI model, a dynamic forecasting and policy analysis tool, and employing demographic forecasts from the California Department of Finance.

B. Motion to Recommend the Policy Board Approve by Resolution the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program Suballocation Methodology

Sam Becker reviewed the REAP program, a one-time funding opportunity for cities, counties and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs), that was created through Assembly Bill 101 to prepare for and implement the sixth cycle Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). He said that StanCOG was to receive approximately \$1.48 million that was available for suballocation to its member agencies. He reviewed several suballocation methodology options for the MFC's consideration.

***By Motion (City of Modesto/City of Ceres), and a unanimous roll call vote**, the Valley Vision Stanislaus Steering Committee recommended the Policy Board approve by Resolution the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) Grant Program Suballocation Methodology Option with the \$35,000 floor.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Rosa Park thanked the members for their participation.

8. MEMBER REPORTS-NONE

9. ADJOURNMENT

Acting Chair Bill Zoslocki adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.

Next Scheduled VVS Meeting:

June 1, 2021 (Tuesday) @ 3:00 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By:

Cindy Malekos

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