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## Fresno COG Policy Board

### Executive Minutes

**Date: Thursday, September 26, 2013**

**Time: 5:30 PM**

**Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room  
 2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA**

**Members Attending:**

Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis  
 Mayor Ron Lander, City of Coalinga  
 Mayor David Cardenas, City of Fowler  
 Mayor Ashley Swearengin, City of Fresno  
 Mayor Sylvia Chavez, City of Huron  
 Mayor Gary Yep, City of Kerman  
 Mayor Chet Reilly, City of Kingsburg  
 Mayor Robert Silva, City of Mendota  
 Mayor Gabriel Jimenez, City of Orange Cove  
 Mayor Armando Lopez, City of Parlier  
 Mayor Robert Beck, City of Reedley  
 Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal, City of San Joaquin  
 Mayor Kenneth Grey, City of Selma  
 Supervisor Henry Perea, County of Fresno

Michael Navarro, Caltrans  
 Janelle Kelley, Legal Counsel  
 Tony Boren, Executive Director

**Absent:**

Mayor Marcia Sablan, City of Firebaugh  
 Mayor Joshua Mitchell, City of Sanger

Mayor Dhaliwal, Chair, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**QUORUM:** At the start of the meeting there were 14 members present representing 96.5790% of the population and there was a quorum to conduct business. (Clovis, Coalinga, Fowler, Fresno, Huron, Kerman, Kingsburg, Mendota, Orange Cove, Parlier, Reedley, San Joaquin, Selma and Fresno County).

### **FRESNO COUNTY MAYORS SELECTION COMMITTEE (INCLUDES FRESNO COUNTY)**

#### **A. Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee Appointments [Veenendaal] [APPOINT]**

Brenda Veenendaal (FCOG) reported that the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board, acting as the Fresno County Mayors Selection Committee, is asked to appoint seven new members to the Measure C Citizen Oversight Committee.

The purpose of the Citizen Oversight Committee is to inform the public and to ensure that the Measure C funding program revenues and expenditures are spent as promised to the public. Members of the Citizen

Oversight Committee must meet certain eligibility and residency criteria as noted on the application forms in your packet. The Measure C Expenditure Plan states that the COC shall be composed of thirteen members, including six at-large public members who respectively reside in each one of the five Fresno County Supervisorial Districts (with additional qualifications listed below) and seven members who must each be representatives drawn from a diverse mix of interested community organizations. Applications were received for appointment to the committee in the following categories:

**1. Four Public-At-Large positions that cover the following areas:**

**An Unincorporated rural Area West of State Route 99 –**

- David Van Pelt, District 1

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Swearengin (Fresno) and seconded by Mayor Chavez (Huron) to appoint Mr. Van Pelt for District 1. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**Three positions representing the Fresno-Clovis metropolitan area. The vacant FCMA positions must be filled by applicants living in Fresno County Supervisorial Districts 1, 2 & 3.**

- Felix Vaquilar, District 1
- Frank Puglia, District 2
- Kacey Auston, District 3
- James Escobar, District 3
- Kiel Thomas Schmidt, District 3
- Barry Mast, District 3

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Silva (Mendota) and seconded by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) to appoint Felix Vaquilar for District 1 and Frank Puglia for District 2. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mayor Swearengin (Fresno) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to appoint Barry Mast, District 3. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**2. Three Community Organization positions.**

- Kevin Hamilton, Central California Asthma Coalition
- John Baltierra, Firebaugh Rotary Club
- Mike Wells, Fresno Metro Ministry

A motion was made by Mayor Swearengin (Fresno) and seconded by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) to appoint the three applicants above to the three Community Organization positions. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**RECOGNITION**

Proclamation - Ghadar Memorial Day

Mayor Dhaliwal (San Joaquin) asked that this recognition be delayed as there were representatives coming to the meeting to accept the proclamation. A short recess will be called when the representatives arrive. A motion was made by Mayor Silva (Mendota) and seconded by Mayor Beck (Reedley) to delay the recognition until later in the meeting. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

## **Fresno COG Sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee**

### **I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **About Consent Items:**

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- A. FY 2013-14 Transportation Funding Claims [Fawcett] [APPROVE]
- B. TDA Fiscal Year End LTF and STA Surplus and Allocations with Summary Enclosure [Fawcett] [APPROVE]
- C. Title VI Plan Approval [Arnest] [INFORMATION]
- D. Prop 84 Update [Terry] [INFORMATION]
- E. 2013 San Joaquin Valley Fall Policy Conference and Blueprint Award Presentation – October 10-11 – Stockton [Terry] [INFORMATION]
- F. Greenprint Update [Thompson] [INFORMATION]
- G. FTIP Amendments [Monge] [INFORMATION]
- H. Rail Update [Thompson] [INFORMATION]
- I. Results of 2013 Call for Projects for COG-Administered FTA Section 5316 (JARC) and Section 5317 (New Freedom) Grant Program [Arnest] [INFORMATION]
- J. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- K. Active Transportation Program (ATP) Trailer Bill [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- L. Monthly Grant/Call for Project Reminders [Garza] [INFORMATION]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the September 26, 2013 Annotated Agenda. Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Swearingin (Fresno) to approve the Transportation Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

### **II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **A. RTP Monthly Update [Steck/Veenendaal/Cai] [INFORMATION]**

Barbara Steck, Deputy Director, reported that staff continues to work on the Regional Transportation Plan, which had been scheduled for adoption by the Fresno COG Policy Board in March 2014. Ms. Steck noted that at September's joint TTC/PAC meeting, the committees recommended that the action item be tabled until October. (This would move adoption of RTP to April 2014.) In the interim, staff could analyze the Coalition of Community Based Organizations' submittal of a 4<sup>th</sup> alternative SCS Scenario as well as convene a meeting for member agencies, LAFCo and the school districts to discuss the SCS scenarios and their implications.

On September 18<sup>th</sup> the RTP Roundtable met to review the SCS Scenarios, including 'Scenario D' submitted by the Coalition of Community Based Organizations, a chart showing the description of the scenarios was distributed. Ms. Steck noted that all four scenarios would meet the greenhouse gas reduction targets set for us by California Air Resources Board (CARB). Following staff's presentation and a lengthy discussion on the merits and demerits of each of the four scenarios, the committee made a

motion in support of Scenario B (based upon the current planning assumptions from member agencies). The motion carried (11 yes, 6 no). The purpose of asking for a vote at the Roundtable was to inform the TTC/PAC at its October meeting. In October, staff will present the four SCS scenarios (including a more refined analysis of Scenario D from the Coalition of Community Based Organizations as directed by TTC/PAC on September 13<sup>th</sup>). This will be an action item in October with the Policy Board making a selection for the preferred SCS Scenario that will move forward to the Draft RTP and EIR phase of the process. Ms. Steck pointed out that additional information and documents are available online at [www.fresnocog.org/rtp](http://www.fresnocog.org/rtp).

### **1. Scenario Descriptions and Performance Indicator Definitions [Cai] [INFORMATION]**

Kristine Cai (FCOG) presented this item, reporting that in the last 12 months, under the guidance of the RTP Roundtable, Fresno COG staff has developed 3 scenarios with combined land use and transportation elements, and performed technical analysis for these 3 scenarios. In addition, the Coalition of Community Based Organizations has proposed a fourth scenario that staff has been directed by TTC/PAC to include in the mix. The handout describes these four SCS Scenarios:

1. Public Input from November 2012 Workshop – Proposed by Public
2. Current Planning Assumptions – Proposed by Member Agencies
3. Foothill Growth to City of Fresno – Proposed by RTP Roundtable
4. Foothill Growth to Existing Communities – Proposed by Coalition of Community Organizations

Ms. Cai presented the Performance Indicators that were used in analyzing the four SCS Scenarios.

Mayor Reilly (Kingsburg) asked if this is an advisory document. Mr. Boren concurred. Supervisor Perea (County) asked staff to explain in context with San Diego and where they are at this point. Mayor Yep (Kerman) asked if we are addressing all the issues that San Diego is facing. Mr. Boren assured the members that COG staff is doing everything they can to include those issues in the process.

Several other members questioned adding additional scenarios. Ms. Steck pointed out that the committees cannot look at any more scenarios. There is not time and still be able to meet the deadline for approval of the RTP.

The voting process for the scenarios was explained. TTC/PAC will review the scenarios on October 4<sup>th</sup> and make a recommendation. That recommendation will be forwarded to the Policy Board along with a staff recommendation.

It was suggested that member agencies would like to present the recommendations to their individual councils before voting. Staff will make the information available so that it may be presented.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

### **2. Community Workshop and online scenario selection [Veenendaal] [INFORMATION]**

Brenda Veenendaal (FCOG) presented this item. SB 375 requires the following related to workshops at this stage of the Sustainable Communities Strategy development process:

(SB 375, page 10, E. iii) Workshops throughout the region to provide the public with the information and tools necessary to provide a clear understanding of the issues and policy choices. At least one workshop

shall be held in each county in the region. For counties with a population greater than 500,000, at least three workshops shall be held. Each workshop, to the extent practicable, shall include urban simulation computer modeling to create visual representations of the sustainable communities' strategy and the alternative planning strategy.

In response to this requirement, Fresno COG hosted 6 workshops and one video conference presentation of the Sustainable Communities Strategy Scenarios in August and September. The workshops were held in Fresno, Kingsburg, Kerman, Huron and Clovis for the general public with free transportation, child care and dinner provided. The sixth workshop was cohosted by the American Lung Association for medical professionals and health organizations at UCSF Fresno. A video conference of the presentation was requested by the City of San Joaquin with their preferred scenario selections submitted via hard copy.

Fresno COG staff also developed online versions of the presentation in English and Spanish that are accessible through the COG website at [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org) and the Fresno County Library website. Anyone may go online to view the presentation and then click into the link provided to select their preferred scenario and submit comments. The online presentation and survey was available to the public for participation until September 18, 2013. During each of the workshops Sustainable Communities Strategies A, B & C were presented and explained. Demographic data was requested via clicker technology from each participant. At the completion of the presentation, following a question and answer session, participants were asked to select their own, personally preferred scenario and to submit any comments they had regarding the scenarios. Summaries of the demographic and scenario preference selections, and the comments received are attached for Policy Board review. The clicker technology polling conducted at the workshops and online were in no way scientific in nature, and did not cover the exact demographics of the county, though representation from a variety of demographic groups was inclusive. The data and comments collected reflect the opinions of those who participated in the workshops based upon the information presented to them.

Following a brief discussion, staff was directed to prepare a packet of information after a recommendation is made by TTC/PAC for the member agencies to take to their respective councils/boards for their input.

Mayor Dhaliwal opened the meeting for public comment. Several members of the public voiced their support for Scenario D.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

**B. Circuit Planner/Project Liaison Contract [Steck] [APPROVE]**

Ms. Steck went on to report that Fresno COG requested proposals for a planning consultant to serve as a Circuit Planner/Project Liaison. The selected firm will act as a liaison between Fresno COG and the 13 smaller cities (those with populations less than 50,000) within Fresno County to (1) assist with integrating the Blueprint Smart Growth Principles into local planning processes, and (2) assist with coordinating transportation project development between local agencies and Fresno COG. This position is not meant to supplant contract planners and engineers that local agencies are currently working with but rather complement those local planning arrangements.

The selection committee included Luis Patlan (Kerman), Bryce Atkins (Mendota), John Mulligan (Sanger), Melissa Garza (Fresno COG) and Rob Terry (Fresno COG). Three firms were interviewed: Land Use Associates (Bruce O'Neal's team); Imagen (Virginia Madueno's team) and the URS team. The interview team selected Land Use Associates (Bruce O'Neal's team); The reasons for this choice were that the firm's proposal had the best understanding of the scope of work for both components of the assignment

and Bruce O'Neal's long and excellent working relationship with the local jurisdictions within Fresno County.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Grey (Selma) to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate a scope of services and to enter into a contract with Land Use Associates, not to exceed \$100,000 to serve as Fresno COG's Circuit Planner/ Project Liaison. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**C. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program and Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP) Call for Projects [Monge/Dawson] [APPROVE]**

Lindsey Monge (FCOG) presented this item noting that the Programming Sub-Committee met on July 24, 2013 to discuss possible updates to the procedures and selection criteria to be used in the upcoming 2013 CMAQ and RSTP Call-for-Projects. The Call-for-Projects is to be initiated by the FCOG Policy Board. During the Programming Sub-Committee meeting held on July 24, 2013, comments were received requesting changes to the CMAQ and RSTP scoring and criteria to be reflective of the 2014 RTP Project Evaluation Criteria. Programming Sub-Committee members were invited to submit any additional comments to FCOG staff.

Fresno COG revised both the CMAQ and RSTP applications packets per the majority consensus of the Programming Sub-Committee and transmitted those changes to the Sub-Committee membership on August 26, 2013 requesting the committee concur on the changes or request a meeting to discuss additional proposed changes. Ms. Monge explained that FCOG staff received comments from three parties requesting changes be made to the scoring criteria, but no request for additional meetings. Comments representing minor changes were incorporated into the DRAFT Call-for-Projects packets. Comments not considered to be minor changes were not incorporated into the criteria on the basis that major changes to the structure of the program require further consensus of the Programming Sub-Committee and could effectively push back the Call-for-Projects timeline.

All of the comments and responses to comments were included in the meeting package, along with the changes made to the 2013 CMAQ and RSTP Call-for-Projects packets from the July 24, 2013 Programming Sub-Committee. The text of the full DRAFT application packets can be found at [www.fresnocog.org](http://www.fresnocog.org).

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Beck (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) to approve the revised DRAFT CMAQ and RSTP application packets as amended and the Call for Projects be initiated. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**D. Caltrans Report [CALTRANS]**

Michael Navarro, Caltrans provided a brief update.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

**Fresno COG Sitting as the Fresno Council of Governments Policy Board**

**III. REAFFIRM ALL ACTIONS TAKEN WHILE SITTING AS THE TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

A motion was made by Mayor Cardenas (Fowler) and seconded by Mayor Lander (Coalinga) to reaffirm all action taken while sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

#### **IV. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS**

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- A. Executive Minutes of July 25, 2013 [APPROVE]
- B. Resolution Reaffirming Fresno COG Policy Board Support for the Safe, Clean and Reliable Drinking Water Supply Act of 2010 and the Importance of Above-ground Storage, Delta Improvements and Regional Water Infrastructure Resolution 2013-27 [Boren] [APPROVE]
- C. RHNA Methodology Public Review [Monge] [INFORMATION]
- D. Monthly Legislative Update [Garza] [INFORMATION]
- E. Regional Clearinghouse [Arnest] [APPROVE]

For a complete summary of these items, please see the September 26, 2013 Annotated Agenda.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Grey (Selma) and seconded by Mayor Beck (Reedley) to approve the Administrative Consent Items as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- A. **Ventura/Kings Canyon Corridor Revitalization Project Contract Award [Arnest]**  
**[AUTHORIZE]** – this item was pulled by staff due to an appeal. The item will be brought back at a later date.

**6:30 pm - Mayor Dhaliwal asked for a brief recess to present the Proclamation in recognition of Ghadar Memorial Day.**

**Meeting resumed at 6:37 pm.**

- B. **Fresno COG Auditor [Beshears] [APPROVE]**

Les Beshears presented this item. Per the Fresno Council of Governments Joint Powers Agreement the Fresno County Auditor Controller shall cause to be made an annual audit of the accounts and records of the Fresno Council of Governments per California Government Code Section 6505. The implementation of this section has evolved in a cooperative manner such that the COG Finance Director conducts a process per county audit policy, writes an RFP, convenes a selection committee including the Auditor Controller to review the proposals and then issues a recommendation.

As previously reported, an RFP was circulated however, all proposals exceeded the budget and the board rejected all bids, instructing staff to reissue the RFP for a three year contract allowing bidding firms to amortize startup cost over a longer period of time. Subsequently two local firms responded. Morse,

Wittwer, Sampson, LLP submitted a bid for \$97,500 per year and Dedekian, George, Small, & Markarian submitted a bid for \$84,600.

The scoring committee unanimously recommended Dedekian, George, Small, & Markarian both on a technical basis and low bid. The county Auditor Controller concurs with this recommendation. Out of a possible 85 points their average technical score was 81 compared to 71 for the other firm.

Subsequent to the RFP being issued the State Controller's Office notified staff that a separate audit of the RTMF agency would be required. Jeff Markarian agreed to provide this for an additional \$1,500, however the low initial fee is based on the fact the RTMF has not started spending on projects yet. This fee may go up in subsequent years as the RTMF starts spending and the accounting gets more complex.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor awarding a three year contract to Dedekian, George, Small, & Markarian to audit Fiscal Years, 2012/13, 2013/14, & 2015/16 for \$86,100 per year.

**C. FY 2013-14 Overall Work Program (OWP) Amendment #2 [Beshears] [APPROVE]**

Mr. Beshears went on to present this item.

**Work Element 152 High Speed Rail Planning** – In 2011, on behalf of the “Fresno Works” Committee that was formed to pursue the High Speed Rail Heavy Maintenance facility (HMF), Fresno COG hired HOK Architecture to conduct a planning study to identify a preferred site in Fresno County for the future HMF. In addition to identifying the preferred site, as part of this work effort HOK also developed and submitted the formal Heavy Maintenance Facility proposal that was submitted to the High Speed Rail Authority.

The Fresno Works Committee was recently informed by the High Speed Rail Authority staff that our proposal would likely be viewed more favorably by HSR staff if we were to move the location about one mile to the south to better accommodate the geometry of the high speed rail alignment. With this in mind, the “Fresno Works” Committee met with HOK to determine the cost of redesigning the original proposal. HOK stated that approximately \$80,000 would be required to redesign the proposal, which will include a new site plan for the HMF facility, a conceptual site plan for the area adjacent to the new HMF facility and three renderings which will provide a visual perspective on the new HMF facility. The \$80,000 would be funded by Measure C planning funds.

**Work Element 172 Congestion Management Plan** – The Federal Highway Administration has requested more specific language be added to the work element regarding the required FY 2014/15 Congestion Management Plan update. No funding is affected by this change.

**Work Element 212** – Fresno COG Rideshare staff is requesting an additional \$50,000 in Measure C funding to bolster public awareness of our Measure “C” carpool/vanpool programs by increasing the scope of publicity for events, contracting with Fresno Area Express to have ads painted on city buses, and to rent twelve billboards throughout the County to advertise the programs over the course of the next year.

**Work Element 814** –FY 2012/13 has been closed and reconciled and there is a balance of \$113,850 in the Prop 84 grant that needs to be carried over into FY 2013/14. These funds will be programmed for the following uses:

- Sustainable Communities Strategy Outreach – \$24,450



- Sustainable Communities Strategy --Blueprint Integration - \$42,750
- Greenprint development- \$46,650

The Greenprint funding is proposed to be added to the existing UC Davis contract to provide an Outreach Facilitator, a Report Writer, and a Panel of Experts to assure quality control.

Following a brief discussion and an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Supervisor Perea (County) and seconded by Mayor Lopez (Parlier) to approve FY 2013/14 Overall Work Amendment #2 increasing the budget \$243,850 to \$14,064,941.

QUORUM - 6:44 pm – Mayor Grey (Selma) left. There were 13 members representing 94.0744% of the population.

**D. The City of Fresno Requests Utilization of “Fast Tracked” Measure “C” Transit Oriented Development (TOD) Funding to Complete Preliminary Engineering Phase of Fulton Mall Reopening [Boren] [DIRECTION]**

Tony Boren, Executive Director briefly explained this item. Mayor Swarengin (Fresno) explained the City’s “time sensitive” request to utilize existing funding from the Measure “C” Transit Oriented Development (TOD) program, to be used in combination with their recently awarded TIGER grant of \$15.9 mil. to complete the reopening of Fulton Street between Tuolumne and Inyo. In June 2012, the PAC considered an application for Measure “C” TOD funding for the Fulton Mall engineering and environmental work, in the amount of \$2,000,000. The PAC recommended approval to the COG Policy Board contingent upon the award of TIGER funding to the project. Upon receiving news in Fall 2012 that Fulton had not been selected for the 2012 cycle of TIGER funding, the City requested a reduced amount of funding (\$474,800) for a portion of the initial \$2,000,000 application, so as to allow the environmental phase of the project to move forward and address all necessary technical studies to address NEPA requirements. The Fulton project has now been awarded TIGER funding for construction in the amount of \$15.9 million. The City is requesting the PAC to reaffirm its original action from June 2012 to recommend that the COG Policy Board award the necessary funding to the Fulton Mall engineering work, in order that the preliminary engineering phase may be successfully completed and TIGER construction funding be obligated within the 2013-14 Federal Fiscal Year. The City’s request is for \$1.1 million in Measure “C” TOD funding for the engineering work, which coupled with the \$474,800 in TOD funds previously awarded, would total \$1,574,800 in preliminary engineering phase funding. This is 21% less than the original \$2 million recommended by the PAC in June 2012. The City has indicated that time is of the essence in order to meet the obligation deadline for the TIGER funding recently awarded.

If the TOD funding is awarded to the Fulton Mall preliminary engineering work in accordance with the previous June 2012 PAC recommendations, COG staff estimates that a 2014 TOD Call for Projects can still be issued with \$700,000 in available TOD funds for a third round of project applications.

Following a brief discussion and opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) and seconded by Mayor Jimenez (Orange Cove) to recommend funding. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

**E. 2013 San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council Valley Voice-Washington, DC [Garza] [INFORMATION]**

Melissa Garza (FCOG) reported on the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) Regional Policy Council Valley Voice meetings in Washington, DC which took place September 11-12, 2013. The final agenda and the talking points were included in the meeting package.

This was an information item and required no further action by the Policy Board.

## **VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **A. Items from Staff**

1. Joint meeting of TTC/PAC - October 4, 2013
2. Fresno COG Policy Board October meeting - October 24, 2013. The Fresno COG Policy Board will meet on November 21<sup>st</sup> due to Thanksgiving holiday.
3. Mr. Boren pointed out the Blueprint awards that will be presented on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Fall Policy Conference in Stockton. Fresno recipients are: Mixed Use Project – Award of Excellence - Granville Homes; Residential Development – Award of Merit – Fresno Housing Authority-Parc Commons and Darrel Hildebrand Blueprint Leadership Award – John Wright, Valley Planners' Network.

### **B. Items from Members**

Supervisor Perea (County) gave a brief update on the SJV Rail Committee.

Mayor Swearingin (Fresno) reported on the Economic Development hearing. Final vote is on Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Mayor Swearingin urged Board members to attend.

Supervisor Perea (County) commented regarding Sanger area Scenic Highway project. He asked if this could be on next month's agenda.

## **VII. PRESENTATIONS**

### **A. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Policy Board on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda.

Leroy Brown made a brief presentation regarding jobs.

## **VIII. Fresno COG Policy Board Sitting as the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Authority**

### **A. Abandoned Vehicle Abatement – FY 2012-13 Fourth Quarter Summary Status Report [Thompson] [APPROVE]**

Clark Thompson presented this item. Status reports are typically submitted quarterly to ensure proper distribution of funding to the member agencies. This status report contains the following information:

- The gross amount of money received by the Authority from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund during the quarter.
- An itemized statement of the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund monies expended by the Authority during the quarter.

- An accounting of money expended for major purchases, if any.
- An accounting of unexpended revenues from the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund.
- An accounting of the total number of vehicles and parts thereof abated by the Authority during the quarter.

The enclosure for this item indicated the level of activity and distribution of funding to the member agencies. During the quarter, member agencies expended \$157,388.10 conducting AVA activities. A total of 883 vehicles were abated this quarter, compared to 810 vehicles abated during the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, an increase of 73 vehicles.

Following an expressed opportunity for public comment, a motion was made by Mayor Beck (Reedley) and seconded by Mayor Yep (Kerman) to accept the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement FY 2012-13 Fourth Quarter Summary Status Report as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Tony Boren, Executive Director

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**Others Attending:**

Heather Dumais, ALA  
Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes  
Leroy Brown, Concerned Citizen  
Veronica Garibay, Leadership Counsel  
Bruce Rudd, City of Fresno  
Christine Barker, FIRM  
Mike Wells, Fresno Metro Ministry  
Jeffrey D. Webster, FCRTA  
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG  
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG

Clark Thompson, Fresno COG  
Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG  
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG  
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG  
Melissa Garza, Fresno COG  
Lindsey Monge, Fresno COG  
Laural Fawcett, Fresno COG  
Lauren Dawson, Fresno COG  
Marla Day, Fresno COG