

Fresno County SB 375 Task Force 2012 Target-Setting

Meeting Notes

Date: Wednesday, May 23, 2012
Time: 10-12 a.m.
Place: COG Sequoia Conference Room
2035 Tulare St., Suite 201, Fresno, CA

Attending:
See Attachment "A"

I. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on items within its jurisdiction but not on this agenda. **Note: Prior to action by the Committee on any item on this agenda, the public may comment on that item. Unscheduled comments may be limited to 3 minutes.**

There were no Public Presentations.

II. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS **RECOMMENDATION**

A. Welcome and Introductions

David Fey (Clovis), Chair opened the meeting and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

B. Approval of Meeting Notes

A motion was made by Chip Ashley (Sierra Club) and seconded by John Wright (regional planner) to approve the meeting notes as presented. A vote was called for and the motion carried.

C. Draft Scenario Modeling Results (Fregonese Associates)

Fregonese Associates presented the draft results of scenario 1 & 2. Ms. Cai introduced Mr. Gabbe and Mr. Joyce of Fregonese Associates. A powerpoint presentation was shown highlighting the results of scenario 2 (available on our website). Members of the Committee asked questions and provided suggestions to improve the model. A list of suggestions is included as an attachment to the minutes. Ms. Cai pointed out that this scenario was in very draft form. There has been a delay in getting needed information from the City of Fresno. Input data for traffic model was not complete. The air quality model that would be used in estimating greenhouse gas emission was not decided. A final draft is expected in June. Members asked that the information for the next meeting be distributed in advance for review. Several comments were received from the public regarding the modeling results. Ms. Cai emphasized that the modeling, especially for the City of Fresno, was based on the information available at the time when the modeling was conducted. City of Fresno planning staff is still working on finalizing the details of the modified Alternative A that the City Council approved. It is highly possible that all the details of the modified Alternative A would not be available in time for the target-setting schedule. City of Fresno planning staff and COG staff will be working closely to reflect the modified Alternative A as close as possible in the modeling. The plan is that the Task Force will make a target recommendation in July, which will be presented to the Fresno COG Policy Board in September. The Board decision will then be forwarded to ARB in October.

Below is a list of comments/requests for the revision of the model for scenario 2 & 3.

Specific Scenario 2 stats:

- 50% of new growth accommodated on corridors
 - 7K housing units on Blackstone and Kings Canyon
- 11.5k housing in SEGA areas

Scenario 2 Comments:

- Draft plans are more ambitious than draft scenario – ensure the ambition is reflected in scenario 2
- Ensure latest thinking on draft Fresno General Plan is incorporated
 - Work with Keith from City of Fresno to incorporate latest draft thinking
- Reflect latest thinking in smaller cities, even if not draft plan – example: TOD grant funds, etc.
- Incorporate likely trends into Scenario 2 – for instance, remove areas unlikely to develop, national housing/demographic trends.

Scenario 3 Comments:

- Significantly reduce foothill residential development – justified by changing real estate market and limited water availability
- Remove Friant Ranch growth
- Focus new growth in areas designated by draft local plans and latest thinking
 - Specifically downtown areas, Loma Vista, strategic SEGA areas.
- Match housing growth to anticipated future demographic trends and income levels
- Expand definition of complete communities to include
 - Community schools
 - Appropriate employment integrated adjacent to housing – limiting polluting industry adjacent to housing
 - A more balanced employment profile within communities – more emphasis on accommodating career-oriented office employment
- Focus corridors
 - Blackstone, Kings Canyon, Shaw, and potentially Clovis Ave

D. Other Items

a. Items from Members

b. Items from Staff

Next meeting will be held on June 27th at 2 pm.

Attachment "A"

Attending:

David Fey, City of Clovis, Chair
Mike Prandini, Building Industry Association
Chip Ashley, Sierra Club
Dennis Manning, FARRC
Mary Savala, League of Women Voters
Nyla Zender, League of Women Voters
Beverly Boucher, Caltrans
Elizabeth Jonasson, CCA
Michelle Garcia, Fresno Madera Medical Society
Cruz Ramos, City of San Joaquin
John Wright, Regional Planner
Keith Berghold, City of Fresno
Kathleen Grassi, Fresno County Dept. of Public Health
Veronica Ganbay, CRLA
Jill Gromley, City of Fresno
Alex Sherrif – SJVAPCD
Mike Sells, Fresno Metro Ministry
Sarah Sharpe, Fresno Metro Ministry
Charles Lelx,
Walter Ramirez, CRLAF
Gary Lasky, Sierra Club
Craig K. Brean, Sierra Nevada Alliance
Chris Moi, Sequoia Riverlands Trust
John Capitan, Fresno State
Daniel O'Connor, American Farmland Trust
Ruby Renteria, CRLA
Marcus Evans, Caltrans
C.J. Gabbe, Fregonese Associates
Alex Joyce, Fregonese Associates
Barbara Steck, Fresno COG
Mike Bitner, Fresno COG
Kristine Cai, Fresno COG
Lindsey Monge, Fresno COG
Kathy Chung, Fresno COG
Brenda Veenendaal, Fresno COG
Peggy Arnest, Fresno COG
Rob Terry, Fresno COG
Clark Thompson, Fresno COG
Kai Han, Fresno COG
Marla Day, Fresno COG

Calling in:

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