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**Fresno COG Policy Board
MINUTES
Thursday, July 25, 2024
5:30 PM**

The meeting was held at the Fresno COG Sequoia Room

Members Attending:

Mayor Lynne Ashbeck, City of Clovis
Mayor James Horn, City of Coalinga
Mayor Elsa Lopez, City of Firebaugh
Mayor Jerry Dyer, City of Fresno
Mayor Rey Leon, City of Huron
Mayor Brandon Pursell, City of Kingsburg
Mayor Maria Pacheco, City of Kerman
Mayor Gilbert Garcia, City of Orange Cove
Mayor Alma Beltran, City of Parlier
Councilmember Mary Fast, City of Reedley
Mayor Frank Gonzalez, City of Sanger
Mayor Julia Hernandez, City of San Joaquin
Mayor Scott Robertson, City of Selma
Supervisor Sal Quintero, County of Fresno
Michael Navarro, Caltrans
Robert Phipps, Interim Executive Director
Bryan Rome, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Mayor Daniel Parra, City of Fowler
Mayor Victor Martinez, City of Mendota

Quorum: At the start of the meeting, there were 14 members representing 98.08% of the population. There was a quorum to conduct business.

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Beltran (Parlier), Chair.

I. TRANSPORTATION CONSENT ITEMS

- A. Executive Minutes of June 27, 2024 [APPROVE]**
- B. Third Quarter Obligational Authority Update (Matthew Shimizu) [INFORMATION]**
- C. FY 24-25 Fresno County Rural Transit Agency Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- D. FY 24-25 City of Reedley Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- E. FY 24-25 City of Parlier Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**

- F. **FY 23-24 City of Parlier Transportation Development Act Claim (Les Beshears) [ACTION]**
- G. **Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy Mini Grants (Brenda Thomas) [INFORMATION]**
- H. **Memorandum of Agreement for U.S. EPA Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (Simran Jhutti) [ACTION]**
- I. **Fresno COG's Final 2024 Public Participation Plan (Brenda Thomas) [ACTION]**

- Chair Beltran asked if any member wished to pull any items.
- Robert Phipps (FCOG) pulled item H to return to the next agenda.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) moved, and Mayor Dyer (Fresno City) seconded to approve consent items A-I; excluding H.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota.

Motion passed by acclamation.

II. TRANSPORTATION ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. **CalVans Presentation and Update (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]**

Summary: Fresno COG participates in the CalVans agricultural vanpool joint powers agency with full member privileges through the vanpool subsidies it administers as part of local Measure C operations.

Formed in 2011, CalVans today operates more than 1,000 ag vanpools and another 100 commuter vanpools throughout California and now in other western U.S. states as well.

At its regular May meeting, Fresno COG's Policy Board approved changes to the CalVans joint powers authority and requested an update from staff. CalVans Executive Director Georgina Landecho will provide a presentation and update to Board members.

Action: Information. The Policy Board may provide additional direction at its discretion.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) introduced Georgina Landecho, Executive Director with California Vanpool to give a presentation on the service of the organization.

Informational only. No action needed.

B. **2023/2024 Mid-Cycle Carbon Reduction Program Project Funding Recommendations (Matthew Shimizu) [ACTION]**

Summary: On April 25, Fresno COG's Policy Board issued a formal call-for-projects for the 2023/2024 mid-cycle Carbon Reduction Program (CRP), with \$5.49 million in available funding. Staff received five applications by the June 4 deadline requesting \$5.49 million in funding. The CRP scoring committee convened on June 27 to deliberate on the recommended program of projects. The scoring committee comprised representatives from: urban city (Fresno), County of Fresno, east side city, west side city, Caltrans, Fresno COG, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency, and San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. The scoring committee project recommendations are included with recommended funding.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the scoring committee's project recommendations for the 2023-24 Mid-Cycle Carbon Reduction Program (CRP).

- Matthew Shimizu (FCOG) reported on the Mid-Cycle Carbon Reduction Program.
- Nicola Steelneck (Leadership Counsel) stated that she supports and looks forward to working with Fresno County Rural Transit.

- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) moved, and Mayor Leon (Huron) seconded to approve the action.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota.

Motion passed by acclamation.

C. TradePort California Site Feasibility Study Consultant Selection (Paul Herman) [ACTION]

Summary: In late May 2023, Fresno COG submitted a grant application to the U.S. Build America Bureau's Regional Infrastructure Accelerator program for \$4.3 million to begin the site selection process for the TradePort California project in the central San Joaquin Valley, specifically focusing on the Fresno County region. In November 2023, Fresno COG was awarded \$1.75 million, which resulted in scaling down the scope of work. This plan will serve as the fifth phase in developing the inland port concept. The scaled project scope for the TradePort California Site Feasibility Study will include the following:

- Refine site suitability criteria and business plan
- Site identification and selection
- Community engagement to assure project meets environmental justice and social equity objectives
- Begin environmental and traffic analysis process
- Begin site planning, design and engineering for pilot, or model site
- Identify mitigation projects to catalyze TradePort development
- Advance plans to develop specifications for key infrastructure projects and corresponding project finance/public-private partnership structures
- Continued railroad and private industry coordination and acquiring commitments
- Begin site planning, design and engineering for pilot, or model, site
- Further discussions and approach for developing JPA or entity to deliver first phases of project

In May 2024, Fresno COG released a request for proposals for consultants to develop the plan for Fresno County with preliminary planning-level design for up to two sites dependent on the site selection metrics. Fresno COG received one proposal for this project by the June 20 deadline. The scoring committee, with representation from Fresno COG, Caltrans, and the California Inland Port Executive Advisory Committee conducted interviews and selected Mark Thomas due its experience in engineering, detailed task execution, expertise in the region and thorough emphasis on environmental clearance, public outreach and design. Joining Mark Thomas in developing the TradePort California Site Feasibility Study are sub-consultants specializing in traffic impact analysis, environmental assessments, community and stakeholder outreach, and logistics industry coordination. This Study will seek input from stakeholders across multiple industries to help determine the best site within Fresno County for a multi-modal TradePort facility that can spur future economic growth for the region while reducing the environmental impacts of freight movement. The project is expected to be completed in January 2026.

Action: Staff and the TTC and PAC recommend the Policy Board authorize the interim executive director to enter into a contract with Mark Thomas to conduct the TradePort California Site Feasibility Study for an amount not to exceed \$1,650,000.

- Paul Herman (FCOG) reported on the Tradeport California Consultant Selection.
- Mariana Alvarenga (Leadership Counsel) would like the scope of work to be amended to ensure the community is engaged at every stage.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Leon (Huron) moved, and Mayor Pacheco (Kerman) seconded to approve the motion with direction from the board to amend the scope of work adding new language to include community involvement throughout every stage of the process.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota.

Motion passed by acclamation.

D. Final Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, Final 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 4 and corresponding Final Conformity Analysis [Ofelia Abundez] [ACTION]

Summary: Fresno COG is federally mandated to prepare and maintain the Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This four-year program of projects includes a listing of all transportation-related projects requiring Federal funding or other approval by Federal transportation agencies. The FTIP also lists non-federal, regionally significant projects for information and air quality modeling purposes. Projects included in the FTIP are consistent with Fresno COG's Regional Transportation Plan and are part of the area's overall strategy for providing mobility, congestion relief, and reduction of transportation-related air pollution in support of efforts to attain federal air quality standards for the region.

Fresno COG is required to update the FTIP every two years. The most recent update was the 2023 FTIP, which was adopted by the Fresno COG Policy Board on July 28, 2022. As such, Fresno COG is due to update the FTIP again this year and is proposing approval of the final draft 2025 FTIP, 2022 RTP Amendment No. 4 and the corresponding final draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis. A resolution is enclosed and the most recent FTIP documents are available for review on the Fresno COG website at: <https://www.fresnocog.org/project/federal-transportation-improvement-program-ftip/>

Fresno COG held a 30-day public review and comment period for the draft 2025 FTIP, draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 4 and the draft Corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis commencing on Fri., May 31, and concluding on Sun., June 30. Staff held a public hearing to receive comments on the draft 2025 FTIP documents on Wed., June 12 at the Fresno COG office. Comments received during the 30-day public review period are summarized and addressed in Appendix J (formal comments and responses) of the final draft 2025 FTIP. Any changes made to the draft 2025 FTIP based on comments received are noted within the responses to such comments. Four comments were received on the draft Air Quality Conformity Analysis and no comments were received on the 2022 RTP Amendment No. 4.

The final 2025 FTIP, final 2022 RTP Amendment No. 4, and final corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis meet all applicable transportation planning requirements per 23 CFR Part 450, 40 CFR Part 93, and conform to the applicable State Implementation Plans.

Action: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend the Policy Board approve the Final Draft 2025 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, 2022 Regional Transportation Plan Amendment No. 4 and the corresponding Final Draft Conformity Analysis via Resolution No. 2024-12.

- Ofelia Abundez (FCOG) reported on the Federal Transportation Improvement Program.
- Emmanuel Agraz-Torres (Leadership Counsel) expressed his opposition regarding his opposition specifically to the project on Noth/American Ave. Stated this project increases pollution and asked for funding to be seized. And further industrial investment in Calwa, Malaga, and South Central Fresno.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Councilmember Fast (Reedley) moved, and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia (Orange Cove) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota.

Motion passed by acclamation.

E. Fresno COG Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 Program Project Awards (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]

Summary: The Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 grant program was included in the 2021 State budget and seeks to accelerate infill development, reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and increase housing supplies at all affordability levels.

Fresno COG was originally awarded \$13.6 million in REAP 2.0 funds; however, the most recent budget agreement expressed in Assembly Bill 108 on June 22, trims the program by approximately 6.7 percent, which leaves the region with an anticipated \$12.7 million, minus program management expenses of about \$100,000 to date.

REAP 2.0 is primarily administered through the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), working in conjunction with the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and the Strategic Growth Council (SGC).

On Dec. 1, 2023, Fresno COG received eight project applications from member jurisdictions seeking a collective \$21 million. On Jan. 17, 2024 a scoring committee comprising 11 representatives from various agencies, including three of the State agencies administering REAP 2.0, met to discuss and rank the projects.

Committee members scored the projects based on Fresno COG's guidelines as approved by the State's administering agencies. Of the eight applications, the City of Firebaugh's Downtown Infill Initiative, the City of Fresno's Blackstone Betterment project and the City of San Joaquin's park and trail project were the top three scoring projects, in that order. A summary of the full program outreach, application and scoring process is attached.

Based on anticipated cuts in Gov. Newsom's January budget, the scoring committee, staff and the TTC recommended in February that the City of Firebaugh receive its full \$1.5 million request, while Blackstone Betterment receive the remaining \$5 million against a \$10.6 million request. In contrast, the Policy Advisory Committee voted to award the City of Firebaugh \$1.5 million, the City of San Joaquin \$1 million and the City of Fresno \$4 million.

Now that the governor and Legislature have agreed on a budget deal, Fresno COG has received the first full 25 percent of its revised REAP 2.0 funds (\$2.8 million) and the City of Fresno has agreed to assist the City of San Joaquin with its minimum grant request, staff is prepared to offer a revised project award recommendation.

If Fresno COG restores \$400,000 of the original \$600,000 advanced for program management to projects, it can boost the total funding available to regional projects to approximately \$12.6 million. In addition, in an act of good regionalism, City of Fresno officials have volunteered to reduce their grant amount by \$300,000 to help the City of San Joaquin make its minimum project threshold. Apportionment would then follow the scoring committee's priority recommendations:

1. City of Firebaugh -- \$1.5 million
2. City of Fresno -- \$10.3 million
3. City of San Joaquin \$800,000

To be clear, while Fresno COG is proposing to contract with project awardees at this time, reimbursement will necessarily be limited to REAP cash on hand and reimbursements as they become available from HCD.

ACTION: Staff, the REAP 2.0 scoring committee and TTC/PAC recommend two actions to the Policy Board:

1. Approve the scoring committee recommendation, awarding REAP 2.0 funds in priority order: the City of Firebaugh (Downtown Infill Initiative, \$1.5 million), City of Fresno (Blackstone Betterment project, \$10.3 million), and City of San Joaquin (park and trail project, \$800,000).

2. Authorize the interim executive director to sign contracts with each of the three awarded jurisdictions.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) reported on the REAP 2.0 Program Project Awards.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) moved, and Mayor Hernandez (San Joaquin) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota.

Motion passed by acclamation.

F. Regional Pavement Management System Update Consultant Selection (Pankaj Joshi) [ACTION]

Summary: A well-maintained roadway system ensures efficient transportation for people and reliable delivery of goods and services, and it reduces serious injuries and fatalities on the transportation system. A pavement management system (PMS) helps monitor pavement condition, track rehabilitation history, and prioritize maintenance projects while maximizing funding allocations. Currently, the status of PMS throughout regional jurisdictions varies from inactive software licenses to very old data.

Fresno COG released a request for proposals (RFP) in May 2024 seeking qualified consultants to update the regional PMS. The consultant will be responsible for bringing each PMS of participating agencies to active status, updating the database with the current pavement condition index, and producing a systemwide report for each participating agency, including budgetary analysis.

Two proposals were received in response to the RFP. A scoring committee of three, comprising staff from member jurisdictions, selected NCE. NCE has extensive experience in implementing and updating pavement management plans, database management and pavement rehabilitation and sustainability. NCE has also worked with Fresno COG in similar project in 2019 that implemented PMS for the first time in nine rural cities.

This project is expected to be completed within a year.

With updates to the existing PMSs in the region, it is also deemed necessary to maintain a regional license of PMS software and carry out regional analyses for roadway maintenance. This will help Fresno COG to do regional budgetary and rehabilitation analyses for informed and data driven regional decisions. To accommodate this task, an additional \$55,000 is needed to the current allocated budget to Work Element 141.

ACTION: Staff and TTC/PAC recommend two actions:

1. That the Policy Board amend Fresno COG's 2024-25 Overall Work Program and Budget to add \$55,000 to Work Element 141 for a Pavement Management System regional license and analysis.
2. That the Policy Board authorize the executive director to enter a contract with NCE for the Regional Pavement Management System Update for an amount not to exceed \$1,245,334.90.

- Pankaj Joshi (FCOG) reported on the Regional Pavement Management System Consultant Selection.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Dyer (Fresno City) moved, and Mayor Robertson (Selma) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota.

Motion passed by acclamation.

G. Caltrans Report (Caltrans) [INFORMATION]

- Michael Navarro (Caltrans) reported the following:
 - Caltrans planning Grant – most successful year ever. Twelve of fifteen grants accepted. Fresno received 7, Fresno County 2, Fresno Council of Governments 2, Fresno County Rural Transit Agency 1.
 - Call for projects in the fall.
 - Stratford Bridge ribbon cutting on August 1, 2024.
 - Planning grant for Safe Route to Schools available.

This item is informational. No action is required.

III. ADMINISTRATIVE CONSENT ITEMS

A. San Joaquin Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies -- Valleywide Coordinator Contract (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]

Action: Staff, the SJV Policy Council and the PAC recommend Fresno COG's Policy Board authorize two actions:

1. To serve as the fiscal agent; and
2. To authorize the interim executive director to enter into a contract with VRPA Technologies to serve as the SJV

Policy Council Coordinator, for an amount not to exceed \$400,495.77, for a three-year contract commencing August 1, 2024, through July 31, 2027.

B. Multijurisdictional Housing Element Contract Amendment - City of Fresno (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]

Action: Staff and the PAC recommend Fresno COG's Policy Board authorize the interim executive director to approve amendment No. 4 to the Placeworks Multijurisdictional Housing Element, totaling \$25,698.75 to be paid by the City of Fresno.

C. Senate Bill (SB) 743 Regional Guidelines Update (Santosh Bhattarai) [ACTION]

Action: Staff and PAC request that the Policy Board authorize the interim executive director to enter into a contract with LSA to update the SB 743 regional guidelines, for an amount not to exceed \$65,000.

- Chair Beltran asked if any member wished to pull any items.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) moved, and Councilmember Fast (Reedley) seconded to approve consent item A-C.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota.

Motion passed by acclamation.

- The City of Sanger has left the meeting. Quorum is 13 members at 95.48%

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Gigawatts for Good Jobs Initiative Presentation (Robert Phipps) [INFORMATION]

Summary: Fresno County is envisioned as a massive host of clean energy development in the state because of the nearly 200,000 acres of farmland to be retired and repurposed in western Fresno County. The Westlands Water district has proposed significant farmland acreage to be retired and repurposed for clean energy generation (primarily utility-scale solar) because of long-term irrigation water availability constraints under the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.

Westlands is partnering with a clean energy development master planner, Golden State Clean Energy. These two entities are at the epicenter of clean energy planning and development in western Fresno County and the state.

The clean energy transition is ushering in opportunities as well as risks of unpredictable supplies and costs of all types of energy.

Regenerate California Innovation (RCI) Director Keith Berchtold, working with the Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Kings Counties Central Labor Council, propose that Fresno County develop a joint powers authority organization with the authority and savvy to buy and manage power locally for the benefit of all County residents, businesses and institutions.

Local ownership and management of power will also be critical for aligning the water, land, transportation, utilities and skilled workforce infrastructure investments necessary for attracting and growing industries fueled by clean energy with sustainably good jobs and export markets.

Together, the organizations are requesting to work with Fresno COG leadership to form a Reliable, Accessible Renewable Energy (RARE) Planning Committee that includes local governments, labor, businesses, non-profit and community-based organizations. Mr. Berchtold will offer a presentation on the subject matter.

Action: Information and discussion. The Policy Board may provide additional direction at its discretion.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) introduced Keith Bergthold with Regenerate California Innovation.
- Keith Bergthold gave a presentation.
- Mayor Dyer (Fresno) stated this is a good idea and stands behind it.
- Mayor Pursell (Kingsburg) stated to take into consideration the loss of farmland jobs, the need for energy and the consequences that come with it.
- Chucho Pederá (Latino Farmers and Ranchers International) working with farm workers transitioning into farming. Farm workers are being displaced and not re-trained.
- Stan Santos (Communication Workers of America) providing Broadband to the westside communities will provide more jobs and opportunities.
- Mariana Alvarenga (Leadership Counsel) works with residents advocating for better agriculture practices. Draft Environmental Impact report is expected to be released in 2025. Direct conversations with community leaders should be publicly available so the community can be fully informed before moving forward.

The Board has directed the FCOG to work with Keith Bergthold to provide a venue with minimal staffing on FCOG Part. Mainly clerical and minimal resources to gather a body to communicate the issues. To provide public notice and an initial starting point. The topics that arise are to be transparent and brought to the Board. Also to include Health and environmental.

This item is informational. No action is required.

B. 2026 Measure C Renewal Effort and Expenditure Plan Development (Robert Phipps) [ACTION]

Summary: Over the last 30 years, Fresno County's one-half cent sales tax for transportation purposes -- Measure C -- has faithfully delivered over \$2 billion in transportation improvements for Fresno County citizens, including capacity enhancements and operational improvements to many state highway facilities, such as State Routes 180, 168 and 41, among others.

Measure C has also provided funding directly to Fresno COG's 16 member agencies for maintenance and rehabilitation needs on their local streets and roads; active transportation projects, such as bike and pedestrian trails; a variety of innovative transportation programs, including a New Technology Program, a Seniors Taxi

Script program, and a Transit-Oriented Design (TOD) program, among others. Beyond streets and highways, Measure C also provides funding for urban and rural public transit needs.

By any measure, Fresno County's Measure C program has been a tremendous success and has greatly improved mobility for both people and goods within our Fresno County region. Fresno voters felt so strongly about the original measure's success -- "Promises Made...Promises Kept" -- that they overwhelmingly supported a reauthorization in 2006 with 78 percent of the vote.

Set to expire in 2027, Fresno COG and FCTA executive staff have been discussing the administrative merits and financial benefits of reauthorization. Based on those conversations, both Fresno COG and FCTA staff are convinced that efforts to renew Measure C for 2026 should begin immediately. Accordingly, staff is seeking Board authorization to begin gathering Board member, stakeholder, local jurisdiction and public input in crafting the expenditure plan for the November 2026 ballot.

In that vein, a special joint meeting of the Fresno COG/FCTA Boards will be planned for September or October, depending on Board member availability. The sole purpose will be to discuss the reauthorization of Measure C.

Action: Authorize the interim executive director to coordinate with the Fresno County Transportation Authority and begin the process of crafting the 2026 Measure C3 expenditure plan, including gathering Board member, stakeholder, local jurisdiction and public input. The Policy Board may provide further direction at its discretion.

- Robert Phipps (FCOG) reported on the 2026 Measure C Renewal Expenditure Plan.
- Veronica Garibay (Leadership Counsel) stated that the group of 10 met over months to discuss the "Moving Together Framework". A recap was given of what the group went over. The coalition intends to Move forward in that framework and hopes to be joined in that process.
- David Rivas (Carpenters Union) stated we need to come together and work together.
- Gloria Hernandez (Mothers Helping Mothers) stated once again it's another breakup.
- Alexander Chavez (Leadership Institute) Young people want a voice.
- Terri Ogle (FCTA) stated he was not in his position at the time and would be happy to meet with anyone at any time.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Ashbeck (Clovis) moved, and Mayor Dyer (Fresno City) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota, Sanger.

Motion passed by acclamation.

C. Fresno COG Executive Director Recruitment (Brenda Thomas) [ACTION]

Summary: The Fresno COG Policy Board's executive director recruiting consultant CPS HR Consulting developed the attached salary survey report, which contains a recommended salary range. The current executive director range spread is 15%. CPS HR reviewed the spread of comparable agencies, and applying industry standards and best practices, recommends a 5% increase to the range spread maximum. This would result in a new range of \$197,735 - \$237,839 and a 20% range spread.

The Policy Board's subcommittee met to review the report and discuss the findings with staff and CPS HR on July 12. Subcommittee members agreed with the recommended range and are forwarding the recommendation to the full Board for approval.

CPS HR's Manager of Executive Recruitment Pam Derby will be on hand via Zoom at the Board meeting to present the report and answer questions from Board members. When the salary range is approved, recruiting will begin immediately.

Action: The executive search subcommittee recommends that the Policy Board approve an updated executive director salary range of \$197,735 - \$237,839.

- Brenda Thomas (FCOG) gave an update on the Executive Director Recruitment.
- Pam Derby explained the process of deciding on a salary range.
- After an opportunity for public comment, Mayor Pursell (Kingsburg) moved, and Mayor Pro Tem Garcia (Orange Cove) seconded to approve the motion.

Vote: All in favor, no opposed.

Absent: Fowler, Mendota, Sanger.

Motion passed by acclamation.

V. OTHER ITEMS

A. Items from Staff

Robert Phipps reminded the board that there are no meetings in August.

B. Items from Members

Alma Beltran – Presented Brenda Thomas with an award for her 30 years of service to the Fresno Council of Governments.

VI. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

A. Public Presentations

- None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Phipps

Public:

None.

Staff:

Denise Flores; Robert Phipps; Moses Stites; Janelle Del Campo; Brenda Thomas; Jake Martinez; Les Beshears; Ofelia Abundez, Matthew Shimizu, Paul Herman, Pankaj Joshi.