

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments
Board of Directors**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007
Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Wallis called the meeting to order at 8:37 a.m.

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria; Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton; Jim Richardson, Councilmember, City of Solvang; Jonny Wallis (SBCAG Chair), Councilmember, City of Goleta; Rich Krumholz, Caltrans District 5 Representative.

Members Absent: Brooks Firestone (SBCAG Vice-Chair), Supervisor, Third District.

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Gregg Hart, Public Information/Government Affairs Coordinator; Fred Luna, Transportation Engineer; Cathy Muneio, Board Clerk; Bill Dillon, Deputy County Counsel.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Wallis called for the pledge of allegiance.

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

None.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of minutes for December 21, 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

Moved to approve: Gray; Second: Blum; Motion approved with Orach abstaining.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

A. FY 2005-06 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Receive and file SBCAG's audited Annual Financial Report and Single Audit Report for FY 2005-06.

B. CALL BOX PROGRAM MANAGEMENT

1) Authorize executive director to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the San Luis Obispo Council of Governments for service and maintenance of SR 166 call boxes.

2) Authorize the Chair to execute a one year contract with Comarco Wireless Technologies, Inc. for maintenance of the freeway call boxes, at a cost not to exceed \$140,000, with the option to extend the contract for two additional years on an annual basis.

C. FY 2007-2008 TDA/LTF APPORTIONMENTS

Receive and file the estimated apportionments of Local Transportation Funds to local agencies for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

D. FY 2007-2008 MEASURE D REVENUE ESTIMATES

Receive and file the estimated apportionments of Measure D funds for allocation to local agencies for the 2007-2008 fiscal year.

E. SBCAG COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS STUDY

Authorize SBCAG executive committee to serve as steering committee to oversee the development of the study.

F. SANTA MARIA CLEAN AIR EXPRESS SALES OUTLET RELOCATION

Receive report on relocating the Santa Maria Clean Air Express sales outlet from the Santa Maria Town Center Mall to the Santa Maria Area Transit office.

G. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Mr. Kemp requested that Item 6G be pulled from the agenda.

Motion to approve consent calendar Items 6A-F: Gray; Second: DeWees. Passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Dianne Black, County of Santa Barbara Planning & Development Commission Secretary, read a letter from the County Planning Commission requesting that SBCAG

place on its agenda consideration of the Orcutt Aquacenter project to determine if it is consistent with the Airport Land Use Plan.

Laurie Tamura of Urban Planning Concepts said she concurred with the letter from the County Planning Commission and requested this project move forward.

8. RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Adopt resolution of appreciation for former board member Skytt.

Motion to approve: Gray; Second: Alvarez. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Skytt thanked the board and wished them well on efforts to renew Measure D.

9. 2006 STATE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM AUGMENTATION

Review proposed programming options for funding made available through the 2006 STIP augmentation cycle and provide direction to staff.

The board discussed staff's proposed STIP augmentation programming recommendations. The board also discussed SBCAG's project nominations for state Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funding. Councilmember Armendariz, Supervisor Carbajal and Mayor Lavagnino indicated interest in attending the California Transportation Commission meeting on February 20th in Sacramento to support the project nominations.

Chair Wallis requested that Mr. Kemp send an e-mail to the SBCAG board informing them of the projects that the CTC staff recommends for CMIA funding when the recommendations are released on February 16.

10. LOCAL TRANSPORTATION FUNDING NEEDS

Discuss impacts of expiration of Measure D in 2010 and provide direction to staff on process for identifying replacement revenue source to meet transportation funding needs including possible renewal of Measure D.

Mr. Kemp reviewed the factors that contributed to the defeat of Measure D renewal indicating that many of the stakeholders, including opponents, believe that these factors could be addressed if a different expenditure plan were developed using a process that incorporated more public involvement. He also provided some preliminary information on a local option fuel tax to raise transportation revenues.

Motion not to pursue a local gas tax and to concentrate on renewal of Measure D.

Motion: Centeno; Second: Gray. Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Wallis called for a break at 10:27 am.

Supervisor Centeno left the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

11. ROUTE 101 MILPAS TO CABRILLO-HOT SPRINGS OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

Authorize the Chair to execute Amendment No. 3 to the contract with Moffatt & Nichol Engineers to increase the contract amount by \$390,000, for additional work related to final design, right of way acquisition, and utility coordination, and adopt an expenditure plan amendment approving an increase in the allocation of Measure D regional funds to the Highway 101 Milpas\Cabrillo Hot Springs project in the amount of \$390,000 for project support costs. (Requires 9 affirmative votes)

Moved for approval: DeWees; Second: Carbajal; Motion carried unanimously.

12. HIGHWAY 101 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Review projects funded by SBCAG under construction or development to widen or improve Highway 101 and receive a focused update from Caltrans on the STIP-funded Linden Avenue-Casitas Pass Road Interchange Project in Carpinteria.

The board received the report and no action was taken.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kemp reported on the following issues:

Staff is working with the City of Santa Maria and the County to secure funds from the Agricultural Worker Transportation Program and a letter that was submitted by SBCAG supporting a grant application.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for the 101/Ortega Hill Auxiliary Lane project for February 21. This is another regional project funded through Measure D.

The California Transportation Commission is holding a hearing on February 20 on projects nominated for state Proposition 1B Corridor Mobility Improvement Account funding and will be making final decisions on February 28. Staff is planning to attend the hearings to support the projects nominated by SBCAG.

The North County Subregional Planning Committee meeting would be held on February 21st at the Buellton City Council Chambers at 1:00 p.m.

CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Krumholz said a letter of response relative to the Diamond Rock project was included in the board packet, and mentioned that Caltrans staff would be available to answer any questions relative to the upcoming vote on projects using Prop 1B funds.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Gray asked if the Orcutt Aquacenter would be on next month's agenda for Airport Land Use Commission review.

Mr. Dillon said that county counsel had reviewed the issue and determined that the Airport Land Use Commission is not a responsible agency under CEQA and can make a determination on whether the Orcutt Aquacenter is consistent with the Airport Land Use Plan using information contained in the draft environmental document.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.