

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

Thursday, March 19, 2009

8:30 AM

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room
511 East Lakeside Parkway
Santa Maria, CA**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Alvarez call the meeting to order at 8:28 am

Members Present: Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District; Marty Blum, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Jim Richardson, Mayor, City of Solvang; Michael Bennett, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria; Dick DeWees, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Russ Hicks, Mayor, City of Buellton (arrived at 8:32 a.m.)

Members Absent: Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District

Staff Present: Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Stephen VanDenburgh, Deputy Director Programs; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Bobbi Didier, Business Manager Sarkes Khachek, Transportation Planner; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kevin E. Ready, Sr., Senior Deputy County Counsel, Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 Representative, Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

No closed session items scheduled.

4. REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION

None.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve minutes from the February 19, 2009 board of directors meeting.

Motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2009.

Motion: Carbajal Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 11-0-1 (Blum abstained)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR (5 minutes)

Approve by roll call vote on one motion:

A. LOCAL VENDOR PROGRAM

Review and approve SBCAG Local Vendor Preference Program.

Motion to bring item back to future meeting with more local preference options.

Motion: Carbajal Second: Farr

Motion carried 12-0

B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

Authorize the chair to sign an amended executive director employment agreement.

C. IMPACT FEE STUDY GRANT APPLICATION

Authorize Executive Director to apply for discretionary state planning funds to prepare a traffic impact fee study.

Motion to approve consent calendar items 6B and 6C:

Motion: Blum Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 12-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

No hearings scheduled.

ACTION ITEMS

8. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Receive presentation and provide comments on the draft 2009 Transit Needs Assessment and findings of "unmet need" and "reasonable to meet."

Motion to receive presentation and file report.

Motion: Centeno

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried 12-0

9. 2010 CENSUS

A. *Receive briefing on planning for 2010 Census.*

B. *Review options and define SBCAG's role in Census outreach.*

Board members indicated staff should prepare a more detailed work program with input from TPAC based on budget amount threshold from 2000 Census outreach program with funding for this effort provided by member agencies. Work program to be brought back to board at future meeting for approval.

10. 101 OPERATIONAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMUNITY OUTREACH

A. *Receive a presentation summarizing public outreach activities on the Highway 101 Milpas – Cabrillo\Hot Springs operational improvements project.*

B. *Provide direction to staff on a contract extension for the April agenda to continue outreach activities.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin Wallace, Montecito Fire, addressed the board on the public outreach program that Ayars and Associates have been providing and indicated it was the best ever to involve emergency service providers.

Linda Lang, Carpinteria Valley Chamber of Commerce CEO, spoke in support of the community outreach program.

CHP Area Commander Jeff Scoba addressed the board in support of the outreach program and the cooperation the CHP has had with Ayars and Associates.

Informational item only, therefore no action was taken.

11. SB-375 WORKSHOP

Receive a briefing on SB-375 and provide direction to staff on implementation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tam Hunt, CEC, described a comprehensive energy plan for the County that CEC had prepared. He also stated that the CEC is looking to wean our region from fossil fuel by 2030. He cautioned against assuming low energy prices. He encouraged the board to see the GHG emission target as a “floor” and not a “ceiling”

Jerry Bunin, Homebuilders Association addressed the board and indicated that the Association, CSAC and the League of Cities support SB-375. By reducing the job/housing market imbalance as well as retrofitting existing buildings, this would help reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. He suggested SBCAG take a leadership role in the creation of an AB 811 district to facilitate financing for energy conservation projects.

Board received the report but took no action.

12. OVERALL WORK PROGRAM

Review and comment on draft FY 2009-2010 Overall Work Program.

Motion to receive the draft FY 2009-2010 Overall Work Program report.

Motion: Centeno

Second: Bennett

Motion carried 11-0 (Carbajal absent)

INFORMATION ITEMS

13. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

14. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp addressed the board on the following three items:

- Federal Economic Stimulus program and funding
- Union Valley Parkway project and EIR certification
- Linden/Casitas Pass Interchange Improvement project public informational meeting

15. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aileen Loe, Caltrans addressed the board on the following four items:

- SHOPP program stimulus funds
- Mission Canyon Project media tour taking place on March 23, 2009
- State Route 166 paving rehabilitation project
- The completion of the Cabrillo north bound on-ramp project

PUBLIC COMMENT

David Stockdale, addressed the board objecting to the decision to fund the section on Union Valley Parkway between Highway 135 and Blosser Rd. He requested that the board rescind this funding, and use the funding to complete the UVP interchange project as a priority.

16. COMMUNICATIONS

None.

17. ADJOURN

The next Board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Santa Barbara.