

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

**Thursday, December 16, 2010**

**8:30 AM**

**Board of Supervisors Hearing Room  
105 East Anapamu Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Barbara, CA**

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Carbajal called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

**Members Present:** Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District (arrived at 8:35 a.m.); Joni Gray, Supervisor, Fourth District; Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe; Russ Hicks, Councilmember, City of Buellton; John Linn, Mayor, City of Lompoc; Larry Lavagnino, Mayor, City of Santa Maria; Helene Schneider, Mayor, City of Santa Barbara; Jim Richardson, Mayor, City of Solvang; Roger Aceves, Councilmember, City of Goleta, Joe Armendariz, Councilmember, City of Carpinteria

**Members Absent:** Joe Centeno, Supervisor, Fifth District

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Michael Powers, Deputy Director Planning; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Brittany Odermann, Transportation Planner, Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Stephen Underwood, County Counsel; Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 Representative; Pat Mickelson, Caltrans District 5 Representative

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Existing litigation – Conference with Legal Counsel (Government Code § 54956.9(a))

- Coalition Against Automobile Subsidies v SBCAG, S.B.S.C. Case # 1266839
- Sustainable Transportation Advocates of Santa Barbara v SBCAG, S.B.S.C. Case #1371493, #1340316

4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

Steve Underwood, County Counsel, stated that no reportable action had been taken.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approve minutes from the November 18, 2010 board of directors meeting.

Motion made to approve minutes of the November 18, 2010 board of directors meeting.

Motion: Schneider

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 7-0-5 (Supervisors Carbajal, Farr, Mayors Richardson Linn and Councilmember Hicks – Abstained, Supervisor Centeno - Absent)

6. APPROVAL OF CONSENT CALENDAR

Items 6F 6A and 6C were pulled from the Consent Calendar for discussion but were not considered separately.

A. BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2011

Approve SBCAG Board of Directors regular meeting schedule for 2011.

B. UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS

Receive summary of Unmet Transit Needs outreach process for 2011-12 and set public hearing on unmet transit needs for January 20, 2011, 10:00 AM time certain in Santa Maria.

C. SB-375

Approve contract with Robert Leiter for professional and specialized services related to the development of the Sustainable Communities Strategy.

D. SANTA BARBARA METROPOLITAN TRANSIT DISTRICT

Schedule agenda item for January 20, 2011 board meeting to consider request by SBMTD board of directors that MTD be added as voting member to SBCAG board.

E. TRAVEL MODEL

Approve distribution of Request for Proposals for consultant services for upgrade of SBCAG Travel Model to comply with SB-375 and Regional Transportation Plan guidelines.

F. MEASURE A IMPLEMENTATION

Receive an update on the schedule to implement the bicycle, pedestrian and safe routes to school programs and initiate work on new North County highway projects.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ralph Fertig addressed the board on the possible misunderstanding between TTAC and Measure A stakeholders.

Wilson Hubbell, stressed importance of stakeholder's participation in the development of the guidelines.

Lee Moldaver addressed the board on setting the right process and procedures for Measure A from start to finish. Involve the stakeholders from beginning of guideline developments.

Ed France supports considering the role of stakeholder groups in the disbursement of the grant funds

Eva Inbar, supports having a committee before work can begin on developing guidelines.

Michael Chiacos supports including stakeholders in the development of the guidelines.

Rosemarie Gaglione, TTAC Chair indicated that TTAC had not meant to exclude participation but focused on expediting the development of the guidelines

Noreen Nims thanked the board for including the stakeholders in guideline development.

G. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT

1. Approve policy on the application of farebox recovery ratio standards to transit operations in Santa Barbara County.
2. Approve resolution to Reduce the Farebox Recovery Ratio, required under TDA, for the City of Lompoc to 15% for three years.

H. FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT PLAN

Adopt the 2011 SBCAG Flexible Spending Account Plan including the Summary Plan Description, authorizing the establishment of a Flexible Spending Account Plan ("Plan") for SBCAG employees for purposes of providing a Health Care Flexible Spending Account and a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account.

Motion made to approve the Consent Calendar with suggested modifications to consent Items 6A and 6F:

Item 6A: Staff to determine schedule conflicts with Board of Supervisors meeting schedule in June and August and recommend alternative meeting SBCAG meeting dates if necessary.

Item 6F: Staff to work with local agency staff and stakeholders from Measure A development committee to develop draft guidelines as originally proposed in April.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Alvarez

Motion carried: 12-0

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Moldaver spoke in favor of MTD's request to be made a voting member of the SBCAG board.

8. RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

A. Adopt Resolutions of Appreciation for outgoing SBCAG board members Skytt, Pointer, Siminski and Centeno.

B. Adopt Resolution of Appreciation for Michael Powers, SBCAG Deputy Director

Motion made to adopt Resolutions of Appreciations for outgoing board members Skytt, Pointer, and Centeno:

Motion: Alvarez

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 12-0

Motion made to adopt Resolution of Appreciation for Michael Powers:

Motion: Schneider

Second: Farr

Motion carried 12-0

9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Jim Kemp, Executive Director, reported on the following items:

- Approval of state Prop 84 grant funds for work on SB-375 mandated Sustainable Community Strategy.
- Request for federal transportation earmark projects.
- Enhanced web access to the SBCAG board meeting video.
- Recruitment for the Deputy Director position.

10. CALTRANS DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5, reported on the following items:

- State bond sale.
- The State budget and its effect on the PID program
- Milpas/Hot Springs planting
- Cold Springs Bridge hearing on January 5, 2011

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No public hearings scheduled.

**ACTION ITEMS**

11. SBCAG ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Receive final SBCAG Organizational Assessment and draft Implementation Action Plan prepared by Management Partners and provide direction.

Motion made to receive final SBCAG Organizational Assessment and draft Implementation Action plan.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Schneider

Motion carried: 11-0 (Armendariz absent)



Motion made to authorize A and B.

Motion: Alvarez

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 12-0

15. MEASURE A STRATEGIC PLAN

Defer consideration of Strategic Plan addendum to February 2011 to allow additional time for completion.

Motion made to defer consideration of Strategic Plan addendum to February 2011 to allow additional time for completion.

Motion: Lavagnino

Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 12-0

16. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011

Elect Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2011.

Motion made to elect Councilmember Armendariz as Chair and Supervisor Gray for Vice Chair for 2011.

Motion: Alvarez

Second: Lavagnino

Motion carried: 12-0

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

17. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jim Kemp reported that SBCAG staff began including the minutes of the TTAC and TPAC meetings in the SBCAG board packets.

Mayor Schneider reported on the December 15 LOSSAN Board/TAC meeting indicated she lobbied for continued consideration of the re-timing of Amtrak service and the availability of "excess" Metrolink equipment to support expanded service.

Mayor Alvarez reported that the state legislation dedicating a section of Hwy 246 to Mayor Dick DeWees had been approved.

Mayor Lavagnino reported that Union Valley Parkway was scheduled to open on December 16<sup>th</sup>. He also suggested that a policy be established regarding late submittal of written materials for board meetings.

18. COMMUNICATIONS

19. ADJOURN

Chair Carbajal adjourned the meeting at 11:32 a.m.