

**Approved minutes of the Regular Meeting of the  
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments  
Board of Directors  
Thursday, March 17, 2011  
8:30 AM**

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

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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Armendariz called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

**Members Present:** Salud Carbajal, Supervisor, First District; Janet Wolf, Supervisor, Second District; Doreen Farr, Supervisor, Third District; Steve Lavagnino, Supervisor, Fifth District; Holly Sierra Mayor Pro Tem, City of Buellton; John Linn, Mayor, City of Lompoc (left at 10:00 a.m.); 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; Bob Lingl, Councilmember, City of Lompoc (arrived at 10:00 a.m.)

**Staff Present:** Jim Kemp, Executive Director; Steve VanDenburgh, Deputy Director; Terry Contreras, Board Clerk; Kent Epperson, Stephen Underwood, County Counsel; Aileen Loe, Caltrans District 5 Representative; Melissa Streder, Caltrans District 5 Representative

**Members Absent:** Lupe Alvarez, Mayor, City of Guadalupe

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. RECESS TO CLOSED SESSION

Mayor Schneider recused herself from closed session item 3A.

A. *Anticipated Litigation—Deciding to Initiate Litigation*

*Conference with Legal Counsel – Deciding to Initiate Litigation (Government Code § 54956.9(c)  
SBCAG v. City of Santa Barbara - 319 W. Haley Street Property.*

B. *Executive Director Performance Review (G.C. Section 54957(b)(1))*

4. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

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



E. 2011 FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

*Approve Formal Amendment #4 to the 2011 Federal Transportation Improvement Program to program federal demonstration funding for the County of Santa Barbara.*

F. INTELLIGENT TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM (ITS) PROJECTS

*Approve a contract with CASE Systems for a two-year pilot project to install travel time detection devices on Highway 101 and Route 154 at an average annual cost of \$31,932.*

H. AUDIT CONTRACT AMENDMENT

*Authorize Chair to approve amendment to agreement with Moss, Levy, Hartzheim LLP to add Measure A audit requirements to scope of services.*

I. PROJECT FUNDING PLAN

*Receive report on status of:*

- 1. Accelerating delivery of third northbound lane between Cabrillo Blvd. and Salinas Street as part of the U.S. 101 Operational Improvements Project.*
- 2. Revised Cabrillo Blvd. pedestrian improvements project as part of the U.S. 101 Operational Improvements Project*
- 3. Construction of Phase IIIA of Union Valley Parkway arterial project.*

J. FY 10-11 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

*Amend the current adopted budget for FY 2010-11 by approving the recommended budget adjustments.*

K. VALLEY EXPRESS

*Authorize executive director to sign amendment to MOU with SBMTD to extend term from June 30, 2011 to September 2, 2011.*

L. COLD SPRING BRIDGE PROJECT

*Receive report on Caltrans' Cold Spring Bridge suicide barrier project.*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lee Rosenberg addressed the board in opposition of the Cold Spring Bridge Project and the fatalities on Highway 101 and Highway 154 in comparison to the suicides from Cold Spring Bridge and the re-allocation of \$1.5 million.

Sam Alfano addressed the board in support of the Cold Spring Bridge Project.

Jina Carvalho, SB Response Network and Glendon Association, commented on the recent suicide in Santa Barbara and the necessity of the barriers on the bridge.

Sally Hughes addressed the board on suicide and the danger that the bridge poses without barriers erected.



**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

No public hearings scheduled.

**ACTION ITEMS**

10. **CAL VANS**

*A. Authorize chair to sign Cal Vans Joint Powers Agreement.*

*B. Appoint member and alternate to Cal Vans JPA board.*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Alex Pujo, COAST, addressed the board in support of staff recommendation.

Sherrie Fischer, MTD, addressed the board in support of programs that encourage travel options, but expressed concern on MTD funding and the possibility of funding diversion.

Michael Chiacos, CEC, addressed the board in support of staff recommendation to join Cal Vans.

Motion made to a authorize chair to sign Cal Vans Joint Powers Agreement and appoint a member and an alternate at a later date to Cal Vans JPA board.

Motion: Wolf

Second: Carbajal

Motion carried 6-1-3 (Aceves – No, Supervisors Farr, Lavagnino and Councilmember Lingl abstained Mayor Lavagnino and Armendariz absent.)

11. **CALCOG APPOINTMENT**

*Appoint delegate to California Association of Councils of Governments.*

Motion made to appoint Mayor Jim Richardson as delegate to CALCOG.

Motion: Gray

Second: Schneider

Motion carried: 10-0

12. **ORGANIZATIONAL ASSESSMENT**

*A. Receive report on status of SBCAG strategic planning process.*

*B. Authorize chair to sign a two-year contract with EcoInteractive, Inc. for a Measure A project management database.*

Motion made to continue item to the April 21, 2011 SBCAG Board of Directors meeting.

Motion: Carbajal

Second: Richardson

Motion carried: 10-0

