



BOARD ACTIONS

March 2009

Council of Fresno County Governments

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OUR MISSION

A Region of Diverse Partners Building a Progressive Future as One Voice

At their monthly meeting on Thursday, March 26 2009, the Policy Board of the Council of Fresno County Governments (Fresno COG) took action or was briefed on the following items.* Formal minutes of this meeting will be included in the next meeting package.

Fresno COG, sitting as the Transportation Policy Committee

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

Jeff Roberts, Granville Homes addressed the Fresno COG Board regarding Veterans Boulevard.

Dennis Manning, Fresno Area Residents for Rail Consolidation, announced that there will be a Fall Conference in Fresno regarding Advanced Technology and Personal Rapid Transit. More information will be forwarded to the Board as it becomes available.

Marleny Senn and Bryan Jessup announced the plans for Fresno for National Day of Prayer on May 7th.

Fresno COG Board recognized former Board Member Bob Whalen, City of Clovis for his work and dedication on the COG Policy Board. Mr. Whalen will be replaced by incoming Mayor, Harry Armstrong.

Fresno COG Policy Board received a presentation by Bob Gedert of California Product Stewardship Council regarding Toxic Waste Management.

TRANSPORTATION ITEMS

FY 2008-09 Transportation Funding Claim – County of Fresno – Resolution 2009-07

Fresno COG Board approved Resolution 2009-07 Transportation Development Claim for the County of Fresno. Local Transportation Funds claimed were in the amount of \$6,153,530 and State Transit Assistance in the amount of \$1,693,223 for a total of \$7,846,753.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

Fresno COG Board was given an update on the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Formal Amendment #4 to the FTIP was approved by Federal Highways on March 17, 2009. This amendment added Fresno's estimated share of \$47M in Federal Highway Administration ARRA funding and \$11.9M in Federal Transit Administration ARRA funds into the FTIP. A draft Federal Stimulus Target showing a breakdown of funds was distributed. The Board voted to support the locally selected ARRA project list including SR 180E. For more information on this item please contact staff person, Renée DeVere-Oki.

Regional Transportation Mitigation Fee (RTMF) Update

Fresno COG Board was updated on the latest information regarding the legal issues surrounding the process. A meeting to discuss this process with the member agencies' council is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1 at 1:30 pm at the Fresno COG offices. For more information on this item please contact Executive Director, Tony Boren.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

2008-09 Overall Work Program Amendment Number 4.

Fresno COG Board approved Amendment Number 4 increasing the budget \$1,687,500 for the fourth year Blueprint Planning Grant. Fresno COG will be taking over the lead role for the San Joaquin Valley MPO's during the fourth year implementation phase. The eight Valley COGs were awarded a \$1,350,000 grant to provide the fourth year planning process. A \$337,500 match is required to be split among the Valley COGs. Fresno COG's share of the grant is \$177,971 and the match is \$79,435. \$650,000 of the grant is set aside for consulting and administration. For more information on the Blueprint process please see our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact Deputy Director, Barbara Steck.

Sacramento One Voice

Fresno COG Board received a report on the recent Sacramento One Voice advocacy trip. For more information on "One Voice" please see our website at www.fresnocog.org or contact staff person, Jennifer Dansby.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Fresno COG Board unanimously approved the re-election of Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Kerman, Chair and Mayor Dennis Lujan, Selma, Vice-chair.

ITEMS FROM STAFF

Information was distributed on the California Statewide Communities Development Authority launch of an AB 811 solar and energy efficiency financing program for municipalities throughout California. For more information please see the meeting handouts for March 26th on our website.

ITEMS FROM MEMBERS

Mayor Rodriguez (Kerman) advised the Board members of an upcoming meeting regarding Water Issues at the Kerman Community Center. For more information contact the City of Kerman.

Mayor Silva (Mendota) announced a March for Water on April 14th starting in Mendota. For more information contact the City of Mendota.

Mayor Fast (Reedley) announced that the City of Reedley is declaring April as Donate Life California Month. For more information contact Keri Pasalakis at 510-418-8044 or kpasalakis@ctdn.org.

Meeting Dates:

Regional Policy Council Meeting – Wednesday, April 1 at 10 am
Meeting with Agencies' Council regarding RTMF – Wednesday, April 1 at 1:30 pm
Transportation Technical Committee – Wednesday, April 8 at 8:30 am
Fresno COG Rail Committee – Friday, April 10 at 10 am
Policy Advisory Committee – Friday, April 17 at 10 am
Valley Blueprint Meeting – Tuesday, April 21 at 10 am
SSTAC – Tuesday, April 21 at 1:30 pm
Valley COG Directors Meeting – Friday, April 24 at 10 am
Congestion Management Process Committee – Wednesday, April 29 at 2 pm
Policy Board – Thursday, April 30, 2009 at 5:30 pm

*Complete Agenda, Annotated Agenda and meeting package is available on our website under Committees & Agendas and also by clicking on the event on the website Calendar.

**Please see the Fresno COG website Calendar for upcoming meetings for various Committees and Sub Committees.

Fresno COG Board Members

CLOVIS – Mayor Harry Armstrong
COALINGA – Mayor Ron Lander
FIREBAUGH – Mayor Marcia Sablan
FOWLER – Councilmember Rico Aguayo
FRESNO CITY – Mayor Ashley Swearengin
HURON – Mayor Ramon Dominguez
KERMAN - Mayor Trinidad M. Rodriguez, Chair
KINGSBURG – Mayor Bruce Blayney

MENDOTA – Mayor Robert Silva
ORANGE COVE – Mayor Victor Lopez
PARLIER – Mayor Armando Lopez
REEDLEY – Mayor Mary Fast
SAN JOAQUIN – Mayor Amarpreet Dhaliwal
SANGER – Mayor Jose Villarreal
SELMA – Mayor Dennis Lujan, Vice Chair
FRESNO COUNTY – Supervisor Susan Anderson