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KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
KERN REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PROGRAM
BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ROUNDTABLE NO. 1 MINUTES

WHAT A BLUEPRINT PROGRAM IS AND IS NOT

- Is:** A voluntary visioning effort to develop tools for use by local decision-makers.
Is not: A mandatory plan that pre-empts local decision-making authority.
Is: Meant to compliment local General Plan processes.
Is not: Meant to compete with or confuse local processes
Is: Meant to identify the smallest changes to development patterns that reap the highest community benefit.
Is not: A wholesale change in the way we approach community development.
Is: A step in the direction of improved regional coordination.
Is not: A cure-all for our regional challenges.

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 24, 2007
11:30 A.M.

WEB SITE: www.kerncog.org/blueprint

Ms. Napier called the meeting to order at approximately 11:45 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was available.

I. ROLL CALL:

Self-Introductions:	Dedre Ahl	Employer’s Training Resource
	Bill Andrews	Bakersfield College
	Cassie Daniel	BIA
	Stephen DeBranch	Bolthouse Properties, LLC
	Susie Geiger	Occidental of Elk Hills
	Susan Hershberger	Aera Energy, LLC
	Teresa Hitchcock	Kern County Department of Airports
	Matthew Maass	Kern County Department of Airports
	Roger McIntosh	BIA
	Sean McNally	Grimmway Enterprises, Inc.
	Evelyn Nelson	Cal State University Bakersfield
	Herman Ruddell	Downtown Business Association
	Gloria Selvidge	Buttonwillow Chamber of Commerce
	Jake Sill	Tejon Ranch
	Stacia Thompson	Granite Construction
Kern COG Staff:	Darrel Hildebrand	Program Coordinator
	Rob Ball	Blueprint Team Member
	Jazmin Casas	Federal Highway Administration
	Becky Napier	Blueprint Team Member

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. BLUEPRINT PROGRAM ENVIRONMENT AND OVERVIEW

- A. What is the Kern Regional Blueprint Program?
1. The video "Blueprint Vision" produced by Valley Public Television was shown.
 2. Mr. Ball presented a slide show on the Kern Regional Blueprint Process, the affect of global trade on Kern County, and modeling utilized for the Blueprint Program including constraint layers and attraction layers of the UPLAN Model. Sensitive areas such as Military Flight Corridors in Eastern Kern County were also discussed.
 3. The following handouts were supplied to the participants:
 - a. A map of the Kern Regional Blueprint Program Subregional Planning Areas
 - b. A list of blueprint related websites
 - c. The Kern Regional Blueprint Program Fact Sheet
 - d. A copy of the California Partnership Strategic Action Proposal
 - e. The San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties Strategies for Sustainable Growth
 - f. Resolution No. 2006-3: Central California Mayors Conference
- B. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley
1. Ms. Napier discussed the formation of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Ms. Napier highlighted the need for the Kern Regional Blueprint Program to focus on areas outside the valley specifically Tehachapi, Frazier Park and Eastern Kern County.
 2. Strategic Action Proposal – Adopted October 26, 2006
 - a. A handout was provided. Ms. Napier highlighted the Executive Summary of the Strategic Action Proposal. Specifically highlighted were the six major initiatives recommended by the Work Groups:
 - i. Grow a Diversified, Globally-Competitive Economy Supported by a Highly-Skilled Workforce
 - ii. Create a Model K-12 Public Education System
 - iii. Implement an Integrated Framework for Sustainable Growth
 - iv. Build a 21st Century Transportation Mobility System
 - v. Attain Clean Air Standards
 - vi. Develop High-Quality Health and Human Services
- C. Strategic Growth Plan – Proposed by the Governor in January 2005, and adopted by the Legislature in May 2006, for November ballot and subsequently approved by the voters.
- Ms. Napier discussed Propositions 1B, 1C and 84 and the potential for applications for specified grant funding associated with the bonds to receive additional points if the region has a blueprint.
- D. Regional Blueprint Planning Grants awarded for Fiscal Years 2005-06 and 2006-07. Mr. Hildebrand discussed the grant awards for the eight counties involved in the blueprint as well as other issues related to the Kern Regional Blueprint Program.
1. Eight Metropolitan Planning Agencies (MPOs) submitted a blueprint grant and received \$2,000,000 of the \$5,000,000 awarded for 2005-06 including Merced

County Association of Governments, Council of Fresno County Governments, Kern Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Madera County Transportation Commission, San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, Tulare County Association of Governments.

2. The eight MPOs also received \$1,950,000 awarded for 2006-07.

IV. Schedule Next Meeting – The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 15, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be conducted in coordination with Kern Council of Governments by the consulting firm Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG)

V. 1:30 Adjourn