

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
KERN REGIONAL BLUEPRINT VISIONING PROJECT  
PLANNING DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE FORUM #3 MINUTES**

**KERN COUNTY MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM  
1115 TRUXTUN AVE, THIRD FLOOR  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

**FRIDAY  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2006  
10:00 A.M.**

Mr. Ball called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was distributed.

**I. ROLL CALL**

<b>Self-Introductions:</b>	Jim Movius	Bakersfield
	Ted James	Kern County
	James McRea	Ridgecrest
	Max Bacerra	Arvin

<b>Remote Video Teleconference (VTC) Sites:</b>	Wayne Clausen	Shafter
	Sumeet Baath	Delano
	Matthew Alexander	Ridgecrest
	(Attended but was locked out of VTC room)	

<b>Staff:</b>	Robert Ball	Kern COG
	Michael Heimer	Kern GOG

**Others\Visitors:** none

**II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None**

**III. VISITOR INTRODUCTIONS: None**

**IV. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY:**

Mr. Ball reviewed the minutes from the last meeting. Under item XIII. He requested the word forms be replaced with Request for Proposal (RFP). **APPROVED**

**PAST ACTION ITEMS:** Mr. Hildebrand circulated copies of the RFP for the Public Outreach Service Contract and requested feedback. Dave Price of Kern County RMA provided a response.

**V. BLUEPRINT SUB AREAS – LAND USE MODELING REGIONS**

A map showing the current Blueprint Sub-areas was distributed that will be used for providing projections. No changes to the map since last meeting.

**VI. DRAFT BUILDOUT (Planning Area Capacity) ANALYSIS BY SUB REGIONS AND COMPARISON TO 2030 ADOPTED FORECAST**

Mr. Ball distributed a table showing full planning area capacity of all existing general plans. Mr. James suggested that for this analysis we use the term Planning Area Capacity rather than build out, since it contains growth for areas beyond the current general plans. For example, Wasco and Bakersfield are shown at urban density to their sphere of influence and planning area. The table provides the total household capacity of each municipality’s planning area or sphere by subtracting the capacity in areas that were urban or built-up in 2002. All the communities included pending general plan amendments. The table compared the capacity with the forecasted future growth to 2030. Two additional tables contained the acreage rates used to calculate build planning

area capacity. **The next step is to scale back the analysis from the full capacity to a growth around 2050.** Some areas will be closer to capacity than other in this analysis.

## VII. CONSTRAINT MAPS

Eight draft constraint maps to be used as overlays for the land use modeling analysis were distributed at the meeting. When overlaid together almost no land is available for future urban growth. The land use model assigns levels of deterrence to each layer, and does not restrict growth outright. Areas with multiple constraints become more valuable to preserve using this type of analysis. Mr. James pointed out that some of the items depicted on the Habitat Conservation map were wish list items and not apart of a final adopted plan. Mr. Ball mentioned that mitigating urban growth through the acquisition of development rights on conservation areas works against our policy efforts to provide affordable housing. Through the Blueprint process, the potential for reducing habitat mitigation costs is possible if the current Metropolitan Bakersfield Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) could be expanded to acquire habitat in other counties up the valley. Participants are encouraged to **provide feedback on the draft constraint maps.**

## VIII. ENDORSEMENT OF GROWTH PRINCIPLES

Growth principles from the San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties and the Central California Mayors Conference were distributed. Mr. James mentioned that the principles recommend that all growth occur in incorporated Cities, and that some communities in Kern have no nearby city to be annexed into. **Participants are requested to review the principles carefully and recommend changes for consideration of endorsement at the next meeting.**

## IX. IMPLEMENTATION – LOCAL PLAN UPDATE SCHEDULES

Six of eleven jurisdictions are updating their general plans. Coordinating the Blueprint Outreach with these updates is a primary goal of this project, which is scheduled to be completed in 18 months.

## X. REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT (RHNA) HOUSING ELEMENT/CHAS DATA SUPPLEMENT

All jurisdictions in Kern are required to do a housing element update to their general plan by June 2008. Kern COG is required to complete the RHNA by June 2007, providing low income housing goals through the year 2013 for each jurisdiction. Mr. Ball suggested that to streamline the development of Housing Element updates, that they include a Housing Element Data Supplement profiling each jurisdiction. The supplement could be developed in consultation with the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) providing an earlier opportunity for HCD comment and provide feedback on the data portion of local housing elements thereby reducing the number of late comments and possibly streamlining adoption. The supplement could include a regional housing condition analysis using the Geographic Information Systems method performed for the Bakersfield and the County. This information could also be used to assist local Community Development Comprehensive Plans for affordable housing. In addition, the data being developed is also required for the Blueprint Process and could result in a cost savings to local jurisdictions in development of their housing elements. **The participants requested that Kern COG explore the feasibility of this opportunity and open a dialog with HCD on it.**

## XI. PUBLIC OUTREACH TOOLS (Modeling, Gaming, Charettes, etc.)

Last month the Public Outreach Request for Proposal (RFP) was advertised which discuss some of the range of tools to use in public workshop. The after a consultant is selected we will go into greater detail on these options.

**XII. REVIEW OF RESPONSES TO PUBLIC OUTREACH RFP – ACTION: RECRUIT FOUR VOLUNTEERS**

Jim Movius, Bakersfield  
Ted James, Kern County  
Jim McCrea, Ridgecrest  
Keith Woodcock, Wasco (volunteered by e-mail)

**X. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- **Kern COG to scale back the planning area capacity analysis from the full capacity to a growth around 2050.**
- **All participants are to provide feedback on the draft constraint maps.**
- **All participants are requested to review the growth principles carefully and recommend changes for consideration of endorsement at the next meeting.**
- **Kern COG to explore the feasibility of providing a Housing Data Supplement with the RHNA and open a dialog with HCD on it.**
- **Volunteers please review responses to RFP and provide feedback with in one week.**

The next Kern Regional Blueprint Roundtable Forum would convene on Friday, September 29, 2006 10:00 a.m. in the Kern County Multipurpose Room at 1115 Truxtun pending availability of the room and VTC equipment. Lunch afterwards at Luigi's.

**XI. ADJOURNED AT 11:35 A.M.**