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KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
KERN REGIONAL BLUEPRINT VISIONING PROJECT
PLANNING DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE NO. 7

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
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FRIDAY
JANUARY 19, 2007
11:30 A.M.

Mr. Ball called the meeting to order at approximately 11:45 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided. Mr. Ball explained that the meeting is targeted toward those organizations that have Land Use Authority. The meeting is open to the public, and any visitors should speak under public comment.

I. ROLL CALL

Self Introductions:	Issac George	Arvin
	Pam Taylor	Arvin
	Karl Davisson	Bakersfield
	Paul Hellman	Bakersfield
	Rick Kirkwood	Bakersfield
	John Stinson	Bakersfield
	Richelle Carino	Delano
	Dwight Deakin	Edwards Air Force Base
	Lorelei Oviatt	Kern County
	Gerald Forde	McFarland
	James McRea	Ridgecrest
	David Dow	Shafter
	Mike Lee	Taft
	Alina Megerdom	Taft
	Carey Boukai	Taft
	Keith Woodcock	Wasco
	Rick Iger	Kern Water Agency
Staff:	Rob Ball	Kern COG
	Troy Hightower	Kern COG
	Becky Napier	Kern COG
Others/Visitors:	Holly Hart	Smart Growth Coalition
	Graham Kaye Eddie	Makabusi Inc.

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. MEETING SUMMARY/MINUTES

Mr. Ball reviewed the minutes from the December 1, 2006 meeting. Item III A was deleted from the minutes of December 1, 2006. Mr. Ball also discussed the action items from the meeting of December 1, 2006. Mr. Ball asked for the informed consent approval from the committee to accept the minutes as is. Hearing no dissensions, Mr. Ball moved on to the next item.

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IV. RECAP OF THE KERN BLUEPRINT: WHAT IT IS AND WHAT IT ISN'T

Mr. Ball discussed the Blueprint Process focusing on the following points:

- Visioning Process not A Land Use Plan
- Complements Local Plan Updates not Compete or Confuse Them
- Voluntary not Mandatory (Provides Incentives not Legal Mandates...so far)
- Think Global and Regional not Just Local (yet)
- Educates not Advocates Recent Development and Planning Trends
- Balancing Issues not just one Issue
- Seeks "Informed Consent" not Necessarily Complete Consensus
- Incorporates Technology Tools and Visualization not Simply Written Goals/Principles

V. BLUEPRINT INCENTIVE FUNDING

Mr. Ball discussed the following issues:

- Governor's Strategic Growth Plan – Funding for Blueprints in Bond Measures as described in the meeting summary from last month.
- Affordable Housing Trust legislation for the San Joaquin Valley – A copy of the proposal to the COG directors was presented to the group.
- Kern COG local assistance for General Plan Updates - \$400,000 in transportation related funding is being made available to Kern COG's member agencies for circulation plan element updates.

Several participants expressed concern about the proposed Affordable Housing Trust legislation for the San Joaquin Valley adding another layer of bureaucracy to the existing process. Pam Taylor indicated she was attending the Professional Planner's Review Panel on Friday, January 26 and will bring this item up at that meeting.

The Affordable Housing Trust legislation for the San Joaquin Valley will be forwarded to the Community & Economic Development Roundtable.

VI. STATUS OF SYNCHRONIZATION OF BLUEPRINT WORKSHOPS WITH GENERAL PLAN UPDATES – BLUEPRINT TIMELINE

Mr. Ball updated the participants on the status of the outreach contract, the proposed outreach meeting content, and supplied a copy of the scope of work. At the next meeting the outreach consultant will go through the card game proposed for the first cycle of meetings.

VII. MEET THE PUBLIC OUTREACH CONSULTANT TEAM

This item was discussed with item VI and VIII.

VIII. DRAFT PUBLIC OUTREACH MEETING CONTENT

This item was discussed with item VI and VII.

IX. REVISED BASE CASE SCENARIO

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Mr. Ball distributed maps to each jurisdiction. After discussion it was decided that each jurisdiction would review the maps and send any revisions to Troy Hightower by February 2, 2007.

X. SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT: ONE NUMBER MODELING INDICATORS

Mr. Ball discussed the following modeling indicators and asked if there were any others that needed to be included:

- Infrastructure Cost Indicator
- Air Quality Impact Indicator
- Farmland Preservation Indicator
- Housing Affordability Indicator
- Water Resources Preservation Indicator
- Economy/Jobs Indicator
- Transportation Mobility Impact Indicator

Lorelei Oviatt from Kern County suggested the need to look at a quality of life indicator that would focus on schools, parks, trails etc.

XI. SENSITIVE (CONSTRAINT) LAYERS DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Ball presented a slide depiction of constraint layers such as oil, agriculture, fault areas, flood zones, military flight zones, etc.

XII. NEXT STEPS

- Participants will review Base Case Scenario maps and forward any revisions to Troy Hightower by February 2, 2007.

XIII. OTHER BUSINESS/NEXT MEETING – Friday, February 16, 2007 at 11:30 a.m. – Working Lunch

XIV. ADJOURN 1:30 P.M.