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KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
KERN REGIONAL BLUEPRINT VISIONING PROJECT
PLANNING DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE NO. 8
And COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE NO. 3

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
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FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 16, 2007
11:30 A.M.

Andy Pendoley, MIG representative, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:45 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

I. ROLL CALL

Self Introductions:

Issac George	Arvin
Pam Taylor	Arvin
Paul Hellman	Bakersfield
Vince Zaragoza	Bakersfield
Karen Northcutt	California City
Mike McCabe	Delano
Jennifer Lopez	Get Moving Kern
Greg Chamberlain	Kern Community College Dist.
Ted James	Kern County
Lorelei Oviatt	Kern County
Steve Chambers	Kern County Public Health
Gerald Forde	McFarland
Scott Thygerson	Mercy Hospitals
Dave McArthur	NOR Recreation & Park Dist.
Mike Lee	Taft
Carey Boukai	Taft
Dave James	Tehachapi
Keith Woodcock	Wasco
Rick Iger	Kern Water Agency

Staff:

Rob Ball	Kern COG
Troy Hightower	Kern COG
Becky Napier	Kern COG

Consultants:

Nancy Kays	MIG
Andy Pendoley	MIG

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. PRESENTATION: WHAT IS THE KERN BLUEPRINT?

Andy Pendoley from MIG presented the slide show developed for the public outreach meetings. Participants critiqued the presentation and discussed revisions.

IV. DISCUSSION: VISIONS & VALUES

- The group participated in the proposed public outreach discussion of vision & values. Specifically participants identified what the likes and dislikes were about the region and what were the rewards/challenges of living and working in the region.

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V. CARD GAME: TOP ISSUES FOR THE FUTURE

- Andy Pendoley from MIG presented a card game proposed to be used during the public outreach meetings. The game consisted of the following eight issues proposed to be discussed during the Kern Regional Blueprint Project:
 - o Agriculture
 - o Air Quality
 - o Economic Development
 - o Environment
 - o Housing
 - o Mobility
 - o Urban Growth
 - o Water

Participants voted on the top five issues to utilize during the remainder of the card game.

Participants played the card game and provided feedback on proposed revisions.

VI. FEEDBACK: MEETING AGENDA AND ELEMENTS

- Participants discussed the proposed agenda for the community outreach meetings and provided valuable feedback. **Action Item** – Kern COG will incorporate the feedback into the appropriate elements. The County of Kern and City of Bakersfield requested a review of the changes prior to release.

VII. RECRUITING SMALL GROUP FACILITATORS

- Kern Council of Governments representative, Becky Napier, discussed the need for small group facilitators for the public outreach meetings and asked for volunteers. The facilitator training will be held March 7, 2007, beginning at 11:00 a.m. at Kern Council of Governments.

VIII. BASE CASE UPLAN MAP – FINALIZATION

- Rob Ball handed out copies of the base case maps for use in the Blueprint public outreach meetings. Consent was given for the maps to be released with the understanding that additional refinements may be made between now and March 15, when the first Outreach meeting is held in Ridgcrest. **Action Item** – The County of Kern requested modifications to growth being shown in the Frazier Park and S.E. Kern areas. Cal City requested some changes in the S.E. Kern area as well.

VIII. ADJOURN

- Kern Council of Governments representative, Becky Napier, and MIG representatives, Andy Pendoley and Nancy Kays, thanked everyone for their valuable time and input into the public outreach process. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.