

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
KERN REGIONAL BLUEPRINT VISIONING PROJECT
COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTORS ROUNDTABLE NO. 2

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM
1401 19TH STREET, THIRD FLOOR
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA
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FRIDAY
OCTOBER 20, 2006
11:30 A.M.

Mr. Hildebrand called the meeting to order at approximately 11:55 a.m. A “sign-in” sheet was provided.

I. ROLL CALL

Introductions:	Pamela Taylor Vince Zaragoza David James Cheryl Scott	Arvin Bakersfield Tehachapi KEDC
Staff:	Darrel Hildebrand Rob Ball Troy Hightower Becky Napier Robert Phipps Linda Urata	Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG Kern COG
Others/Visitors:	None	

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. Introduction/Box Lunch

A box lunch was provided.

IV. Approval of Minutes of September 12, 2006

The minutes were accepted as submitted.

V. Coordination with California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley

Mr. Hildebrand discussed the external factors related to and driving the Kern Regional Blueprint Project. A handout dated October 19, 2006, entitled “Project Environment & Related Initiatives” was distributed. Mr. Hildebrand discussed each item.

A. Safe Accountable Flexible Efficient Transportation Equity Act – Legacy for Users (SAFETEA—LU, 2005)

New regulations utilizing visualization techniques to portray the relationship between transportation and other planning considerations. Intent was to have decisions based on input from general population, not just professional technicians.

B. Caltrans’ Program – California Regional Blueprint Planning Program (2001)

Blueprint Grant program conducted in San Francisco, San Diego, Sacramento and Los Angeles.

C. Federal Interagency Task Force on the San Joaquin Valley (2000)

The Task Force was officially created by Executive Order of President Clinton in 2000, implemented by President Bush in 2002, and amended and reaffirmed by President Bush in October, 2004.

The Task Force had four major initiatives: Jobs, Clean Air/Clean Energy, Financial Education, and Rural Infrastructure.

The Task Force is presently integrating its efforts within the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) which was established by Governor Schwarzenegger partially in response to the request of the Task Force.

D. California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley Strategic Action Plan (June, 2005)

Governor Schwarzenegger signed the Executive Order on June 24, 2005, in Fresno establishing the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. The Executive Order directed 8 Cabinet Secretaries to work with elected officials and civic leaders to develop a Strategic Action Proposal by November 2006, for long-term well-being and economic prosperity in the San Joaquin Valley.

Next meeting of the California Partnership is October 26 & 27 at Fresno State University. The Partnership will be considering strategic action plans related to many subject areas including but not limited to transportation; land use, agriculture, and housing; water quality, supply and reliability; health care, etc.

E. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

- a. Provision of grant matching funds
- b. The District's stated interest in "...decisions that reduce vehicle emissions associated with population growth" and "...measures to reduce or offset emissions associated with mobile sources."
- c. Regulation 8 controlling particulate matter (street sweepers, development, etc.) will be implemented this year.

F. California Center for Rural Leadership – Blueprint Learning Network & other programs.

G. Assembly Member Parra's Legislation

- a. AB 31 – would have consolidated all Metropolitan Planning Agencies.
- b. AB 1878 – would have consolidated the valley Councils of Governments except Kern, San Joaquin and Stanislaus.

Assembly Member Parra has indicated she will resurrect this bill if reelected.

H. Fiscal Incentives (Bonds, November, 2006)

- a. Proposition 1B – Projects will receive higher ratings for State funding if they conform to a Blueprint.
- b. Proposition 1C – Fiscal incentives for housing that conforms to a blueprint.

VI. Visioning & Values

Mr. Hildebrand discussed the Blueprint process and went through a slide presentation that was shown to the Kern COG Board of Directors at its meeting of October 19, 2006. The slide show will be available on the Kern COG website.

VII. Modeling & Scenarios

Mr. Hildebrand discussed the process for modeling utilizing various constraints such as habitat, oil fields, farmland, current urban development, etc. Mr. Ball discussed the potential for this roundtable to consider a model utilizing the values of affordable housing and economic development.

VIII. Public Outreach Contract

Mr. Hildebrand advised the participants that the Kern COG Board of Directors awarded the Blueprint Facilitator Contract to Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG).

IX. Other Business/Next Meeting

The participants agreed that it would be beneficial to set a regular schedule and decided on the third Tuesday of every month at 11:30 a.m.

X. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:00 p.m.