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KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
KERN REGIONAL BLUEPRINT PROJECT
ENVIRONMENTAL & SOCIAL EQUITY ROUNDTABLE NO. 1 MINUTES

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

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 17, 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:	Mary Chislock	Sequoia National Forest
	Carola Enriquez	Kern County Museum
	Edith Frick	Tehachapi Resource Conservation District
	Holly Hart	Smart Growth Coalition
	Brian Hockett	North West Kern RCD
	Loron Hodge	3 rd District Supervisor Mike Maggard’s Office
	David Jones	Kern County Air Pollution Control District
	Don Koenig	West Side Recreation & Park District
	David McArthur	North of the River Recreation & Park District
	Nicholas Ortiz	United Way of Kern County
	Stephen Pelz	Kern County Housing Authority
	Billy Roberts	Kern Regional Transit
	Jeff Ross	Taft College TIL Program
	Randy Rowles	Kern County Superintendent of Schools
	Steve Sanders	Kern County Superintendent of Schools
	Sandra Serrano	Kern Community College District
	Richard Temple	American Red Cross-Kern Chapter
	Arthur Unger	Sierra Club Kern-Kaweah Chapter
	Linda Wilbanks	Kern Regional Transit

Kern COG Staff:	Darrel Hildebrand	Project Coordinator
	Rob Ball	Blueprint Team Member
	Becky Napier	Blueprint Team Member
	Linda Urata	Blueprint Team Member

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

III. BLUEPRINT PROJECT ENVIRONMENT AND OVERVIEW

- A. What is the Kern Regional Blueprint Project?
1. The video “Blueprint Vision” produced by Valley Public Television was shown.
 2. Ms. Napier presented a slide show on the Kern Regional Blueprint Process. Mr. Ball presented a portion of the slide show depicting the computer modeling utilized for the Blueprint Project. Mr. Ball discussed constraint layers and

- attraction layers of the UPLAN Model. Mr. Ball also discussed sensitive areas such as Military Flight Corridors in Eastern Kern County.
3. A map handout was provided of the eight Subregional Planning Areas of Kern County. Kern County was divided into eight subregions in order for public outreach to be more individual to all Kern communities.
 4. Mr. Hildebrand provided additional insights pertaining to the Blueprint Project.
- 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 Project 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
 - b. Website <http://www.bth.ca.gov/capartnership/sanjoaquinvalley.asp>
- 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:
1. Education - \$10.4 billion in GO bonds to fund K-12 & Higher Education – Proposition 1D
 2. Housing - \$2.85 billion in GO bonds for homeownership, rental, and permanent housing – Proposition 1C
 3. Levee Repair & Flood Control - \$4.09 billion in GO bonds to repair and maintain levees and improve flood control systems – Proposition 1E
 4. Transportation - \$19.9 billion in GO bonds to fund repairs, reduce congestion, improve bridge safety, expand public transit and improve port security – Proposition 1B
- D. Regional Blueprint Planning Grants awarded for Fiscal Years 2005-06 and 2006-07.
1. San Joaquin Valley received \$2,000,000 of the \$5,000,000 awarded for 2005-06 – 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. San Joaquin Valley received \$1,950,000 awarded for 2006-07.

E. Growth Principles Adopted by Valley County's and Cities - **(Information Only)**

1. San Joaquin Valley Regional Association of California Counties Strategies for Sustainable Growth
2. Resolution No. 2006-3: Central California Mayors Conference

IV. Schedule Next Meeting – The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, February 15, at 9:00 a.m. The meeting will be conducted in coordination with Kern Council of Governments by the consulting firm Moore Iacofano Goltsman, Inc. (MIG)

V. 1:00 Adjourn