

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE AREAS MEETING MINUTES  
SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNSULTATION #2**

**KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
1401 19TH STREET, SUITE 300  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA**

**FRIDAY  
JUNE 1, 2007  
1:30 P.M.**

**I. SELF INTRODUCTIONS:**

Lalo Franco	Santa Rosa Rancheria Tribe
Donna Begay	Tubatulabals of Kern Valley
Janet Wheeler	Thomas Rds Imprvmt Program
Julian Behill	Chumash Council of Bakersfield
Arianne Chow-Garcia	Chumash Council of Bakersfield
David Dominguez	Chumash Council of Bakersfield
Fred Rose	Frazier Park Visitor Center
Kathy VanMitten	Tejon Indian Tribe
Robert Robinson	Kern Valley Indian Community
Marta Frausto	Caltrans Native America Liason
Adele Baldwin	Southern SJV Info Center
Arthur Unger	Sierra Club
Lorraine Unger	Sierra Club
Richard Hoegh	Frazier Park
Larry Galupe	Tule River Indian Tribe
Beth Ryan	public
Renee Nelson	Clean Water & Air Matters

<b>STAFF:</b>	Darrel Hildebrand	Kern COG
	Robert Ball	Kern COG
	Troy Hightower	Kern COG

**II. MEETING NOTES FROM MAY 10, 2007 – APPROVED – ROBERT BALL, SENIOR PLANNER**

Mr. Ball stated that they would be skipping around on the draft agenda. Mr. Ball distributed copies of the meeting notes from the May 10 meeting and correspondence gathered since that meeting. He stated comments are made during the current agenda and any changes or corrections are revised in the next meeting notes. A Native American web page to post on the Kern COG website where the council meeting notes will be posted.

Ms. Begay made corrections on the May 10 Meeting notes. She stated that John Elliott is a member of the Tubatulablas Valley Indians Council instead of Lake Isabella as stated in the meeting notes. Secondly, under agenda item V. Status of Federal/State Conservation Plans and Data, she made the correction that she was requesting local government assistance in applying for a tribal housing development grant with the state's housing development instead of with HUD as stated.

(This item was discussed out of order)

**IV. UC DAVIS ICE CENTER ENVIRONMENTAL LAYERS OVERVIEW AND RANKING SURVEY OF ENVIRONMENTAL DATA FOR USE IN LAND-USE MODEL – MICHAEL HEIMER, REGIONAL PLANNER III**

Mr. Ball stated that one of the tools that they have is the land-use modeling tool, which has the ability to allocate future growth. It also has the ability to put in discouragement layers, which is what he is requesting the participants to identify and rank the priorities. He discussed the survey that was included as part of the agenda packet. The three pages listed the classification of layers rankings from one to seven, which he requested the input from the participants on. Mr. Ball discussed the forms in detail with the council. Mr. Ball encouraged the council to write down their thoughts and ideas.

He presented the San Joaquin Valley Blueprint Video, and a Kern Regional Blueprint PowerPoint presentation to illustrate Kern Council of Government's (Kern COG) purpose for the visioning process out to the year 2050. He compared it to the Metro Bakersfield Vision 2020 process that sparked many project ideas in metropolitan Bakersfield. These ideas were implemented by local general plan updates and others were put together by groups of citizens to be a party of the visioning process. Mr. Ball discussed his PowerPoint presentation in more detail with the council about what tools are necessary to assist with developing goals as a region.

Mr. Ball stated that Kern COG has hosted 12 initial visions and values public workshops throughout the county in the Cities of Wasco, Shafter, McFarland, and Mojave. He encouraged the council to participate in the Blueprint workshops.

A member stated that Europe is working towards using wind and solar renewable energy. Mr. Ball commented that the solution phase has not been addressed at this point but the issue has been discussed at other meetings. Groups will eventually be formed to discuss renewable energy and other items.

Another member stated that the alternative energy aspect is something that tribal people have advantage because of trust lands and eligibility to reclaim BLM land. There is federal funding specifically used for tribes.

Mr. Ball indicated that both comments were great ideas and he encouraged the council to list their thoughts and ideas on the blue form. A combination of the data would be added to the final report.

(This item was discussed out of order)

### **III. TRIBAL PARTICIPATION OPPORTUNITIES AT KERN COG – DISCUSSION – RON BRUMMETT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Mr. Hildebrand stated that Kern COG would like to formalize the native American community's participation in the regional planning process. A more formalized membership is needed so that a representative can be named to the various Kern COG and 8-county blueprint committees. He explained that there is currently a committee made up of planning directors from all the cities and Kern County, there is a committee made up of Community and Economic Development directors, a committee consisting of business and industry, and a final group consisting of Environmental and Social equity for non-profit groups. Mr. Hildebrand indicated that the council should nominate one council to go to the meetings and then come back and convey the information with the rest of the council.

For the Blueprint process, the objective is to solicit the all communities to provide answers. The process is designed to change the way planning is handled so that it is done in more of a comprehensive manner. He would like to Blueprint to give a voice to the smaller communities that have not had a voice in the past and make them aware of what is going on in the community in the next forty years.

Mr. Hildebrand stated that the Blueprint is creating more public interest. It is designed to expand the process to include more growth and look at the inter-relationships of cities. He stated that once a year Kern COG holds a joint meeting with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to discuss items that affect the planning development in California. (recording of meeting ran out before the end of the meeting)

### **V. STATUS OF FEDERAL / STATE CONSERVATION PLANS AND DATA**

Mr. Franco provided a map of Yokut villages in the San Joaquin Valley.

A discussion of the need to delete the exemption at the County for 1 acre grading permits took place.

Native Americans are interested in all aspects of future growth of our communities, not just cultural preservation.

The need for organizational funding of non-federally recognized tribes was discussed.

The need for funding and training for native American monitors was discussed.

Marta Fausto – presented three grant opportunities that might be eligible for some of this activity.

**VI. NEXT STEPS / ADDITIONAL CONTACTS**

Ms. Begay provided 3 action items:

- 1) Process: Development of Agenda review of prior to meeting notes
- 2) Focus: Tangible strategies to tactical actions, timelines, master calendar
- 3) Action Items for each meeting.

**VII. ADJOURN / HAND IN COMMENT FORMS**