

KERN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

KERN COG CONFERENCE ROOM  
1401 19<sup>TH</sup> STREET, THIRD FLOOR  
BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA

WEDNESDAY  
November 2, 2011  
1:30 P.M.

Chairman Clausen called the meeting to order at approximately 1:30 P.M.

**I. ROLL CALL**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Sorensen	Caltrans
Mike McCabe	Delano
Wayne Clausen	City of Shafter
Paul Gorte	City of Taft
David James	City of Tehachapi
Lorelei Oviatt	County of Kern
Rebecca Moore	LAFCO (non-voting)
Dennis McNamara	City of McFarland

STAFF:

Becky Napier	Kern COG
Rob Ball	Kern COG
Troy Hightower	Kern COG
Rochelle Invina	Kern COG
Linda Urata	Kern COG

OTHER:

Jeff Caton	ESA
Poonam Boparai	ESA
Patty Poire	Western Properties
Craig Murphey	County of Kern

- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS:** This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons to address the Committee on any matter not on this agenda but under the jurisdiction of the Committee. Committee members may respond briefly to statements made or questions posed. They may ask a question for clarification; make a referral to staff for information or request staff to report to the Committee at a later meeting. **SPEAKERS ARE LIMITED TO TWO MINUTES. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS FOR THE RECORD PRIOR TO MAKING A PRESENTATION.**

None

**III. APPROVAL OF DISCUSSION SUMMARIES**

- a. Meeting of October 5, 2011

Mr. James made a motion to approve the Discussion Summary of October 5, 2011, seconded by Mr. McNamara, motion carried.

**IV. ENERGY ACTION PLAN WORK GROUP (Urata)**

Ms. Urata stated that Environmental Science Associates (ESA) and KEMA Services Inc. would provide an overview of the Kern Region Energy Action Plans program. Mr. Jeff Caton and Poonam Boparai gave a brief presentation of the Kern Region Energy Action Plans program.

The item was received and filed.

**V. Regional Planning Advisory Committee Bylaws Amendment (Napier)**

Ms. Napier stated at the October 5<sup>th</sup> meeting they discussed adding one permanent ex-officio non-voting member for the Kern Economic Development Corporation. She noted that she made the change in the By-Laws.

Ms. Oviatt stated that she would like add to the By-laws a quorum by necessity which would continue the item to the next meeting. Paul Gorte discussed having the ex-officio members to be voting members.

Ms. Napier stated that she would like to talk to the attorney before changing the By-laws.

Mr. Gorte made a motion to recommend to the Kern COG Board that the RPAC By-Laws be amended to add one permanent ex-officio non-voting member for the Kern Economic Development Corporation, seconded by Ms. Oviatt , motion carried.

**VI. FY 2012-2013 Overall Work Program (Napier)**

Ms. Napier stated that to be considered for inclusion in the 2012-2013 Overall Work Program, transportation related studies requested by local, state, and federal agencies that address regional issues are due by December 15, 2011. She stated that the funding available varies from year to year and averages \$30,000.

The item was received and filed.

**VII. Summary of SB-375 Information Sharing (Napier)**

Ms. Napier stated that the eight MPO Boards gave concurrence to go forward on a voluntary basis and look at how the updates on the target setting and the SCS strategy could benefit Kern COG. A summary of status of individual MPO Board actions related to assessing SB 375 updated targets, ARB SANDAG Meeting, and ARB Review Methodology comments were provided in the Staff Report.

The item was received and filed.

**VIII. Draft SB 375 Modeling Methodology Documentation (Hightower)**

Ms. Invina stated that she would be presenting Mr. Hightower's item because he was out of the office. She stated that SB375 requires MPO's and the State to perform new levels of land use and transportation modeling to support the development of the SCS, which are now required for the RTP's. Kern COG will be required to develop an SCS for the 2013/14 RTP that meets the target of reducing emissions of 5% by 2020 and 10% by 2035. The targets are planned for review by ARB in 2012. She explained that the Land Use Model is a tool to assist in the development of the targets. In addition SB375 requires that the modeling methodology used to prepare the SCS be documented. She noted the draft methodology documentation was attached to the Staff Report.

Ms. Invina stated that Kern COG has adopted the same methodology used in the Blueprint process for Land Use Modeling based on the UPlan Modeling Software. They are still in the process of validating the software.

The Modeling Methodology was discussed at great length by the Committee.

The Action requested was to review the draft documentation and submit comments prior to November 30, 2011.

**IX. Draft SB 375 Sustainable Communities Strategy Framework (Napier)**

Ms. Napier stated that the Framework has been worked on by the City of Shafter, City of McFarland, County of Kern and Kern COG. Ms. Napier noted she has created a combined document, she provided to the Committee for review and comment.

The Framework was discussed and reviewed in great length by the Committee.

There was no Action taken. The Committee agreed to continue to work on the Framework and put it on the agenda for the November 30 meeting. The Committee also agreed to have the first of four project selection process update workshops starting November 30<sup>th</sup> at 10 A.M.

**X. DISCUSSION SUMMARIES/MEETING UPDATES:**

- a. Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) Meeting Notes of October 5, 2011 were provided to the Committee for their review.

**XI. INFORMATION ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Napier announced that the Proposition 84 circuit planner consultant has been selected for the cities under 50,000 in the eight counties. The consultant is URS and the circuit planners for Kern Tulare and Kings will be Karl Schoettler and Greg Collins. Ms. Napier thanked Mr. Gorte for participating in the selection process.

**XII. MEMBER ITEMS**

There were none

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The next meeting will be November 30, 2011 at 1:30 P.M. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.