



# Kings County Association of Governments

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Member Agencies: Cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore, County of Kings  
Chair – Joe Neves ❖ Vice Chair – Ray Lerma

## MINUTES

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 4:42 p.m., on December 3, 2008 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California. The Chairperson conducted Roll Call.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Tony Barba, Dan Chin, Sid Craighead, Ray Lerma, Ed Martin, Joe Neves, Sharri Bender Ehlert

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT: Seth Eberhard, Victoria Hall, Terri King, Kyle Sand, County Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT: Kevin McAlister, Kings County Public Works

### UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

None

### MINUTES – OCTOBER 22, 2008

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to approve the Minutes of October 22, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

### KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE

#### A. General Transportation Items

##### 1. FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program – Amendment No. 1

Ms. King reported that Caltrans awarded two Statewide Environmental Justice grants to KCAG and Kern County. KCAG is preparing an amendment to the FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program to add these two projects in order to be eligible to receive the grant funds. KCAG's Statewide Environmental Justice grant was for the Kettleman City Safety and Community Study for \$140,000. A new work element for this project will be included. The Kern COG grant was on behalf of the eight valley COGs to conduct Central Valley Tribal Collaboration planning. The two year grant of \$250,000 is to build knowledge of Tribal related environmental justice issues and priorities to enhance the public participation process. KCAG's share of the match is \$1,155 of in-kind staff time over the two years of the project. This project will be included as a task in the existing work element for the Regional Transportation Plan.

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Chin) to approve Amendment No. 1 of the FY 2008-09 Overall Work Program to add the Kettleman City Safety and Community Study and Central Valley Tribal Collaboration Planning Project with the adoption of Resolution No. 08-13. Motion carried unanimously.

2. FY 2007-08 FTA Section 5311 Regional Program of Projects

Mr. Eberhard stated each year Kings County receives an apportionment of the Federal Transit Act (FTA) 5311 funds for transportation providers in rural areas. The Federal FY 2009 amount was \$268,735. Fund requests were sent to eligible transportation providers. KCAPTA and the City of Corcoran submitted applications for operating assistance. A public hearing is scheduled for this evening to receive testimony before the funds are approved.

Chairperson Neves opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward, the public hearing was closed. There were no written comments received.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to adopt Resolution No. 08-14 approving the distribution of FFY 2009 FTA Section 5311 apportionment funds to the City of Corcoran for \$89,778 and KCAPTA for \$178,957. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Revised FY 2008-09 State Transit Assistance

Mr. Eberhard reported that based on the January State Transit Assistance (STA) estimate, the TPC adopted a resolution to approve FY 08-09 STA allocations for KCAPTA and the City of Corcoran. The State Controller's Office has since revised the allocation amount reflecting the final State budget. Kings County's allocation was decreased from \$1,831,919 to \$746,749. The Resolution which was adopted in June will need to be amended to reflect this change.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Chin) to adopt Resolution No. 08-15 to amend the allocation of FY 2008-09 STA funds to claimants, based on the revised estimate. Motion carried unanimously.

4. Draft 2009 Transit Development Plan

Mr. Eberhard reported the purpose of the 2008 Kings County Transit Development Plan is to update the overall scope and intent of the previous plan. The intent of the plan is to identify current operations in Kings County and to review the performance of the operators. The review will be used to determine future service performance requirements in order to make public transit more efficient and accessible to all residents. KCAG staff has worked with local transit operators from KCAPTA and City of Corcoran as well as the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) to ensure that this update encompasses the transit needs of the community over the next 5 year period. KCAG staff will continue to take comments to this plan until January 15, 2009.

5. 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment No. 2 And Conformity Analysis

Ms. King reported the TPC adopted the 2009 Interim Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) in July. The 2009 Interim FTIP include only projects and/or project phases that can proceed until the new conformity budgets can be used in an emissions analysis. An amendment is being processed to add in those projects that were not exempt, make other programming changes and to approve a new conformity analysis. The public comment notice lists the projects and/or phases to be added to Amendment No. 2. These projects and/or phases are also being added to the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, STIP and Transportation Enhancement (TE) elements. The proposed Amendment No. 2 to the 2009 Interim FTIP and air quality conformity analysis were released November 24, 2008 for the required 30 day public review period for comment. All comments will be responded to in the final documents.

Chairperson Neves opened the public hearing. Seeing no one come forward, the public hearing was closed.

**B. Caltrans Reports**

Ms. Bender-Ehlert reported on various SR 198 projects. She stated that the design phase for the expressway project is completed, right-of-way is still being purchased, in January the California Transportation Commission will vote for an allocation of the funds, in March the project will go out to bid, and construction is scheduled to start in June 2009. The 19th Ave. SR 198 interchange is underway with design expected to be completed by August 2009 and construction is expected some time in FY 12/13. Caltrans is updating the California Transportation Plan to include long range projects.

There was a discussion regarding the accident at SR 43 and Whitley Ave. Mr. McAlister stated that Caltrans has already agreed to do a study and see if signals are warranted.

**C. Correspondence**

None

**D. Staff Comments**

None

**E. Commissioner Comments**

None

<b>KCAG COMMISSION</b>
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**A. General Commission Items**

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on December 3, 2008

A motion was made and seconded (Craighead / Chin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on December 3, 2008. Motion carried unanimously.

## 2. FY 2009-10 Overall Work Program Activities

Ms. King stated each year KCAG develops an Overall Work Program (OWP) for transportation planning activities. A draft FY 2009-10 OWP is to be submitted to Caltrans for review and comment no later than March 1, 2009. She summarized the work elements we will be working on in the following year and noted that we will be updating the Regional Bike Plan for projects to remain eligible for State Bicycle Transportation Account Funds. The draft OWP will be considered for approval to circulate for review at the February 2009 meeting.

## 2. California Partnership for the SJV Nominations

Ms. King stated The California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley was established in 2005. One member is to be a locally elected official from each County in the Valley. A letter from the Partnership Executive Committee stated that with recent elections, this is now a vacant position and has requested that KCAG submit a list of up to three nominees to fill this position. Staff sent a request to each city and the county for nominees to be submitted to KCAG. Avenal submitted the name of Sid Craighead and Hanford submitted the name of David Ayers. Sue Sorensen from Hanford was mentioned, but not formally submitted.

Dan Chin stated that Sue Sorensen was not interested at this time and was removed from consideration. After discussion, it was moved and seconded (Chin/ Neves) to submit the names of David Ayers and Sig Craighead as nominees for the Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley. Motion failed.

It was moved and seconded (Lerma / Martin) to submit the name of Sid Craighead as a nominee for the Partnership of the San Joaquin Valley. Motion carried.

## 3. PERS Employee Paid Member Contribution

Ms. King reported under the existing KCAG contract with PERS the employee contribution is presently being paid by KCAG as Employer "Pick-up". IRS revenue ruling 2006-43 allow employers who do not have written evidence of a pick up, but their actions show that they intended to establish and carry out a pick-up, to be treated as meeting the requirements of 414(h)(2) for the past pre tax contributions if the employer takes formal action in writing prior to December 21, 2008.

A motion was made and seconded (Barba / Craighead) to adopt Resolution No. 08-06 to authorize that the PERS employee paid contribution be picked up by KCAG. Motion carried unanimously.

## 4. Draft 2009 Valley Legislative Platform for "Valley Voice"

Ms. King reported the eight Valley Regional Transportation Planning Agencies created a Legislative Affairs Committee to review legislation that is of Valley wide interest. Attached is the proposed Valley Legislative Platform which is to be approved by the Policy Council on December 5, 2008. Sig Craighead and Terri King will be attending this meeting. Also scheduled is a Valley Voice trip to Sacramento for January 28th and 29th. The purpose of this trip is to meet with legislators to present a unified front on Valley issues as well as to present the Valley's Legislative Platform. The issues chosen as priorities to be presented include transportation funding, SB 375 implementation, goods movement and support of regional initiatives regarding air quality and the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley.

There is also a Valley Voice trip scheduled for February in Washington, DC. By consensus it was agreed that the County's paid lobbyist could be our representative at that meeting rather than send staff and Commissioners.

5. Regional Blueprint Update

Ms. King discussed the three Blueprint scenarios presented to the Blueprint Regional Advisory Council (BRAC). The BRAC voted to endorse the Hybrid Scenario which was not based in the local blueprint public participation process and has the most severe density increases for future development. KCAG staff remains committed to the implementation of the preferred scenario as directed by the KCAG Commission. There will be a San Joaquin Valley Regional Summit for the public in Fresno, January 26, 2009 where meeting participants will vote for their preferred scenario. KCAG staff has registration forms for those who wish to attend. The final date to register and get staff the form is January 15, 2009.

6. 2009 KCAG Meeting Calendar

Ms. King reviewed the projected 2009 KCAG meeting calendar and noted that the November and December meeting dates may need to be changed due to the holidays. The meeting schedule remains the same with the TAC meetings as the second Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the KCAG conference room and the TPC meeting as the fourth Wednesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. at the King County Government Center in the Board Chambers.

7. Schedule January Meeting

Ms. King stated that due to the Valley Voice trip in Sacramento scheduled as the same day as the January TPC meeting, that the date may need to be changed. After some discussion it was decided to leave the scheduled date standing.

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**A. Correspondence**

1. CalCOG Capital Day

Ms. King announced the first ever CALCOG Capitol Day in Sacramento, February 11, 2009. All staff and Board members are urged to attend.

**B. Staff Comments**

Ms. King requested the Commission allow KCAG staff to close the office from December 25, 2008 to January 5, 2009. Staff would be taking their own vacation time along with holiday time. The Commission agreed.

**C. Commissioner Comments**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director