



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, May 11, 2006
5:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo
Council Chambers

601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **FLAG SALUTE**
3. **ROLL CALL**
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda upon completion of a speaker card. Individual Board Members may briefly respond to Public Comments or ask questions for clarification.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**
6. **APPROVAL OF THE FINAL AGENDA**
7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

SUGGESTED MOTION: *Motion/Second to adopt the Consent Calendar as presented.*

- A. **Minutes** – Adopt the Minutes of the March 9, 2006 Meeting.
- B. **Update on Implementation of 2006 Workplan** – Receive and file report. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's report dated May 1, 2006.

MEMBERS

City of Camarillo
Jan McDonald, Member
Kevin Kildee, *Alternate*

City of Oxnard
Thomas Holden, Member
Tim Flynn, *Alternate*

City of Simi Valley
Paul Miller, Member
Steven Sojka, *Alternate*

City of Fillmore
Ernie Villegas, Member
Ken Smedley, *Alternate*

City of Port Hueneme
Jonathan Sharkey, Member
Murray Rosenbluth, *Alternate*

City of Thousand Oaks
Jacqui Irwin, Member
Dennis Gillette, *Alternate*

City of Moorpark
Patrick Hunter, Member
Clint D. Harper, *Alternate*

City of San Buenaventura
Carl Morehouse, Member
Brian Brennan, *Alternate*

County of Ventura
Linda Parks, Member
John Flynn, *Alternate*

City of Ojai
Sue Horgan, Member
Rae Hanstad, *Alternate*

City of Santa Paula
Mary Ann Krause, Member
John Procter, *Alternate*

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

- A. **Update on VCTC/VCOG Issues** - Receive update and provide direction to staff. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's oral report.
- B. **Report of Emergency Preparedness Subcommittee**: Receive update and provide direction to staff. Camarillo Assistant City Manager Bruce Feng's oral report.
- C. **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update**: Receive update and approve use of County of Ventura Planning Department as lead agency to monitor issues on behalf of VCOG. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's May 3, 2006 report.
- D. **Revisions to FY 2005/06 Budget and Proposed FY 2006/07 Budget**: Adopt Resolution No. 2006-02. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's May 1, 2006 staff report.
- E. **Request of Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA) to Co-Sponsor 2006 Annual Housing Conference**: Approve request to co-sponsor conference. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's May 2, 2006 report.
- F. **Request to Co-Sponsor Application with Ventura County Civic Alliance for "2% Strategy" Funds from the Southern California Association of Governments for "Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County"**: Approve co-sponsorship with the Ventura County Civic Alliance of an application for "2% Strategy" funds from the Southern California Association of Governments. VCOG is not obligating any of its funds at this time to project; direct staff to work with the Civic Alliance in finalizing application and distribute completed application to Board. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's May 3, 2006 report.
- G. **Update on June 22, 2006 Annual Meeting**: Receive update and provide direction to staff. Interim Executive Director Wally Bobkiewicz's oral report.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS**

- A. Southern California Association of Governments
- B. Ventura County Transportation Commission
- C. League of California Cities
- D. Other Agencies

10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Any Board Member may propose items for placement on a future agenda. Members may discuss whether or not the item should be agendaized and the description of the agenda item.

12. **ADJOURNMENT TO JULY 13, 2006**

Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business referred to on this agenda are on file in the City of Santa Paula City Manager's Office and are available for public inspection. If you have any questions regarding any agenda item, contact the Interim Executive Director at (805) 933-4200.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Interim Executive Director. Notification 48 hours before the meeting will allow VCOG to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting (28 CFR 35, 102-35.104 ADA Title II).

ITEM 7.A.

Minutes of March 9, 2006 Meeting



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

DRAFT ACTION MINUTES

Thursday, March 9, 2006 - 5 p.m.

City of Camarillo Council Chambers

601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, California 93010

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Chair Hunter called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

2. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG:** Chair Hunter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **ROLL CALL:**

**Member Jan McDonald
Alternate Tim Flynn
Member Paul Miller
Member Ernie Villegas
Member Jonathan Sharkey
Member Jacqui Irwin
Member Patrick Hunter
Member Carl Morehouse
Member Linda Parks
Member Mary Ann Krause**

**City of Camarillo
City of Oxnard
City of Simi Valley
City of Fillmore
City of Port Hueneme
City of Thousand Oaks
City of Moorpark
City of San Buenaventura
County of Ventura
City of Santa Paula**

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:** Member Parks was unsure if the VCOG was the forum for it, but wanted to bring to the attention of VCOG that the City of Ojai is looking at a Social Host Ordinance, which is something the county, as well as other cities, may be looking into.

6. **Approval of the Final Agenda:** The final agenda was approved as presented.

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7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Member Sharkey moved to approve the Consent Calendar; Member McDonald seconded the motion, which was carried without objection by a voice vote.

8. **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

8.A. **Review of Governance Options**

After presentations by Elizabeth Amador on the various governance models and Mary Travis on Transportation Committee, a lengthy discussion followed on the model options by various members and alternates. There was consensus that a meeting should occur between VCOG and VCTC. In the interim, VCTC should have the opportunity to review the same information regarding the options, and have the Chairs and Vice-Chairs, as well as an additional representative or two from each body, meet a few times prior to engage in dialogue. Member Morehouse moved to have the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the VCOG and VCTC meet in the near future and determine what the entity should look like. Member Villegas seconded the motion, which was carried by a majority voice vote, with Member McDonald voting no (in opposition).

8.B. **Proposed Legislative Changes in the Telecommunications Industry**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz stated that at a recent meeting of the legislative staffs of VCOG member agencies, it was determined that the most important legislative issue for the VCOG is to review and address the changes in the telecommunications industry. He indicated that central to the changes are the Franchise Fees received by the 11 VCOG agencies, totaling approximately \$6 Million, which are at stake. Dave Molinax, a representative of the League of California Cities, gave a short presentation on the overlapping of services in the telecommunications arena and how changes at the state and national levels could adversely affect a city's revenue and control over local governments. In attendance was John Dockman of Verizon, who spoke about the convergence of the telecommunications, telephone, and cable companies and the effort in Sacramento to reform the system. He indicated the bill was still being formulated. He stated that there is no intent to change the existing franchise fees, nor change the provisions for public access channels, which will be fully protected in the proposed bill. He expects the bill to be completed in 30 days, at which time he would be happy to return and give a more complete report.

It was moved by Member Morehouse, seconded by Member McDonald, that the Board direct the Chair to send a letter to the appropriate state and federal legislatures supporting both the League of California Cities' Telecommunications Principles and the California Association of Counties. Motion carried without objection by a voice vote.

8.C. **City Councilmember/County Supervisor Ethics Training**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz related that AB1234, passed by legislature last year and effective January 1st, requires City Councilmembers, County Supervisors, and Planning Commissioners to have annual ethics training. He indicated the mayor of

Santa Paula suggested that VCOG take leadership in organizing the training in Ventura County. Member McDonald indicated she had spoken to their city attorney, who was putting together a program later in the year, and asked if they would be interested in taking on this project at the VCOG level. She indicated that this option may be available. Chair Hunter moved *via minute action* to ask the city attorney to take the lead on VCOG's behalf and come up with a recommendation from their own group. Motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

8.D. **Update on Status of Regional Housing Need Allocation Process**

Dave Bohart, Planning Director of Moorpark, gave a short presentation on the RHNA process and the role that VCOG would like the planning director to play. Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz stated he would keep the Board abreast as resource needs become available.

8.E. **Presentation by Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition**

Cathy Brudnicki, board chair for the Ventura County Homeless and Housing Coalition, gave some handout materials and talked about the accomplishments of the organization. She stated that since 1995, those programs have cost \$10 Million. They currently find themselves unable to meet the mark to do a quality program for the county as an all-volunteer organization. Ms. Brudnicki indicated that the County of Ventura has given them funding; however, they will need help from each of the VCOG jurisdictions, as well.

9. **AGENCY REPORTS**

9.A. **SCAG:** Linda Travis spoke earlier. Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz related that at a regional council meeting last Thursday, SCAG accepted, adopted, and integrated some 14 Indian tribes, which are stand-alone, sovereign nations. He indicated that it was an interesting discussion but doesn't have much effect on the VCOG. He also stated that trade with Mexico and the potential shipping routes through Port Hueneme are going well and indicated there will be substantial growth for the area and jobs, which in turn, drives housing.

9.B. **VCTC:** No report

9.C. **League of California Cities:** Mr. Dave Molinax gave his report earlier.

9.D. **Other Agencies:** No report

10. **INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT**

Interim Executive Director Bobkiewicz reported that there will be a speaker for the June 22nd dinner meeting: Liz DiGregori, Director of Citizens Corps, a division of Homeland Security that is responsible for citizen community preparedness. She was the Deputy Director of the Department of Homeland Security prior to this. The Board thanked and commended Congressman Gallegly's staff for coordinating this.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **Emergency Preparedness Committee:** Friday, March 17, 2006 – 9 a.m.; at the County Government Center
 - **VCOG Administrative Committee:** Friday, April 7, 2006 – 9 a.m.
11. **REQUEST FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:** None
 12. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m. to the May 11, 2006 meeting.

ITEM 7.B.

Update on Implementation of 2006 Workplan



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Update on Implementation of 2006 Workplan**
DATE: May 1, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this update on implementation of the 2006 Workplan.

Discussion: The following is an overview of the status of the implementation of the 2006 Workplan.

1. AB 939 Task Force: There are no issues pending on this subject.
2. Regional Housing Needs Assessment: Staff will provide an update at the May 1, 2006 meeting.
3. Future Governance Models: Staff will provide an update at the May 1, 2006 meeting.
4. Santa Barbara/Ventura County Issues: The Board subcommittee met on January 4, 2006 to discuss next steps. Members of the Ventura City Council met on February 3, 2006 with members of the Santa Barbara City Council to discuss issues of mutual interest.
5. Legislative Agenda: Staff members from the cities and the County of Ventura met on April 13, 2006 to discuss issues of mutual concern. Minutes of their meeting are attached. The next meeting is June 8, 2006.
6. Informal Gatherings of Ventura County Officials: Staff will provide an update at the May 1, 2006 meeting.
7. Emergency Preparedness: Staff will provide an update at the May 1, 2006 meeting.

Attachment:
Legislative Committee Minutes

VCOG Legislative Committee
April 13, 2006
Meeting Notes

1. League of California Cities Update- Mullinax

- a) Telecommunications:
LCC urges cities to adopt a resolution on Telecommunications. AB 2987 sponsored by Levine and Nunez leans toward support of the telecommunications industry. The bill will establish a State franchise.

- b) Eminent Domain:
SCA 20 (McClintock) is dead. Constitutional amendment needs 2/3rd vote. Author will have difficulty getting it through.

New initiative building by a special interest group, "Term Limits USA." This east coast based group has budgeted 1.7 million to launch an eminent domain ballot measure.

LCC looking for authors to sponsor a eminent domain reform bill.

- c) June Ballot:
Two major initiatives: The Library Bond and Universal Preschool. Proposition 42

- d) November Ballot:
Proposition 42- to close loophole and Infrastructure Bonds will be featured.

- e) LAFCO and RHNA:
Local government movement is spreading change or eliminate RHNA. Proponents argue that numbers for RHNA should come from COGs or local governments.

2. City reports

- a) Camarillo- Following Legislation advocated by LCC
- b) Moorpark- Following Legislation advocated by LCC
- c) Ventura- Working on a local half cent Public Safety Initiative.

- d) Fillmore- Following Legislation advocated by LCC
- e) Thousand Oaks- Sent letters of opposition on both Federal COPE Act and AB 2987.

3. Committee Recommendations for Board Advocacy

- a) Oppose AB 2987 Telecommunications Bill
- b) Support AB 2158 (Evans) Housing Allocations. This bill affects the RHNA process.

Existing law requires that at least 2 years prior to a scheduled revision of a city or county housing element of its general plan, each council of governments or delegate subregion shall develop a proposed methodology for distributing the existing and projected housing need to cities, counties, and cities and counties within the region or subregion. The methodology includes a list of specified factors. This bill would add to that list the factors of adopted spheres of influence for all local agencies in the region and adopted policies of the local agency formation commission.

4. Next Meeting

June 8, 2006- Camarillo City Hall Conference Room, 8:30 a.m.

5. Announcements

LCC Legislative Action Days taking place May 17-18.

ITEM 8.C.

Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director
SUBJECT: **Regional Housing Needs Assessment Update**
DATE: May 3, 2006

Recommendation: Receive update and approve use of County of Ventura Planning Department as lead agency to monitor issues on behalf of VCOG.

Discussion: Staff continues to follow the beginnings of the development of the current RHNA process. SCAG is working on its allocation formulas and was set to agree on some initial methodology at a meeting on May 4, 2006. Staff will provide an updated oral report at the Board of Directors meeting.

I have been in discussion with the County Planning Directors group and they have recommended that the County of Ventura Planning Department represent VCOG in further discussions on RHNA. I met with representatives from the Planning Directors group, along with County Planning Director Chris Stephens a few weeks ago and Mr. Stephens has since sent the attached letter outlining the County's proposed services. I believe it is prudent to have the County take the lead on this issue for an approximate annual cost of \$15,000.

If the Board of Directors concurs, then funds would be allocated in the proposed FY 2006/07 VCOG budget.

Attachment:
May 2, 2006 Letter from Chris Stephens

May 2, 2006

Mr. Wally Bobkiewicz, City Manager
City of Santa Paula
970 Ventura Street
Santa Paula, CA 93060

Subject: RHNA Coordination for VCOG

Dear Wally:

At its last meeting, the City-County Planning Association (CCPA) discussed the framework for Ventura County's handling of the upcoming Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) process. Historically, the CCPA has been the primary technical development and review agent for establishing the Ventura County RHNA housing forecast for all ten cities and the County. In addition, the County Planning Division staff has customarily served as the lead coordinating staff among the jurisdictions. In this role, County Planning Division staff has served four primary functions: 1) the liaison between SCAG staff and the ten cities; 2) staff to the CCPA (see attached membership list); 3) the coordinator of any technical analyses that might be required to establish forecast scenarios; and 4) de facto technical staff to VCOG (prepare and present staff reports to VCOG and carry VCOG policy direction back to the CCPA and SCAG staff) and the City Managers Committee. In the past, this work was funded in large part through SCAG grants either administered directly by SCAG or through VCOG.

There was general agreement among the CCPA members that the County Planning Division should assume this responsibility for the upcoming RHNA forecast process. We have discussed the process and schedule with SCAG staff and believe the effort would initially require only a modest effort, consisting primarily of attending one or perhaps two SCAG meetings per month, coordinating the once-monthly CCPA discussion, and providing status reports to the VCPG Board. The costs would be minimal at this point (perhaps in the \$1,000 to \$1,500 per month range). Given the low cost, should the VCOG Board be interested in having our staff perform this service, I believe we could initiate the work under a simple purchase order, rather than through the more time-consuming effort to prepare and process a formal contract.

Wally Bobkiewicz
May 2, 2006
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I believe that fairly summarizes the potential level of effort required to staff the upcoming RHNA process for the county. Of course, as SCAG makes further progress in the forecasting effort, this will change. Should it change significantly, the issue would necessarily be returned to the VCOG Board for further review and consideration. If you have any questions or would like us to gather any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 654-2481 or chris.stephens@ventura.org. If I am unavailable, please contact Nancy Settle at 654-2465 or nancy.settle@ventura.org.

Sincerely,

Chris Stephens
Planning Director

Attachment: Current CCPA list

**Cities-County Planning Association
Attending Members**

Dave Bobardt	Moorpark	dbobardt@ci.moorpark.ca.us
Al Boughey	Simi Valley	aboughey@simivalley.org
Greg Brown	Port Hueneme	gbrown@ci.port-hueneme.ca.us
Bob Burrow	Camarillo	bburrow@ci.camarillo.ca.us
Sam Freed	Simi Valley	sffreed@simivalley.org
Kari Gialketsis	Ventura	kgialketsis@ci.ventura.ca.us
Jere Kersnar	Ojai	kersnar@ci.ojai.ca.us
Kevin McSweeney	Fillmore	kmcsweeney@ci.fillmore.ca.us
Marilyn Miller	Thousand Oaks	mmiller@toaks.org
Janna Minsk	Santa Paula	JMinsk@ci.santa-paula.ca.us
John Prescott	Thousand Oaks	jprescott@toaks.org
Katrina Schmidt	Ojai	schmidt@ci.ojai.ca.us
Nancy Settle	County	nancy.settle@ventura.org
Chris Stephens	County	chris.stephens@ventura.org
Chris Williamson	Oxnard	Chris.Williamson@ci.oxnard.ca.us
Genie McGaugh	APCD	genie@vcapcd.org

ITEM 8.D.

Revisions to FY 2005/06 Budget and Proposed
FY 2006/07 Budget



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: Revisions to FY 2005/06 Adopted Budget and Proposed FY 2006/07 Budget

DATE: May 1, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors adopt Resolution No. 2006-02 revising the FY 2005/06 budget and adopting the proposed FY 2006/07 budget.

Discussion: At its April 7, 2006 meeting, the Administrative Committee directed staff to prepare a proposed budget for FY 2006/07.

With the long future of VCOG still somewhat in limbo, staff is proposing a budget that would continue operations of the organization in a similar fashion to the past year. Staff is recommending the following changes to the budget:

1. Establishing a stipend to the City of Santa Paula of \$7,500.00 to cover costs for administrative support provided by Santa Paula Assistant to the City Manager Elisabeth Amador and me.
2. Establishing an "Assistant Executive Director" position to specifically attend meetings and monitor activities at the Southern California Association of Governments. I believe that this is the biggest missing component of VCOG staffing. A greater presence at SCAG will help integrate VCOG more into larger Southern California regional policy discussions. \$20,000 is proposed for this position.
3. Minutes and other administrative work needs to be paid for directly. I am proposing to increase the administrative support budget to \$2,500 to reimburse the costs of this support from whatever city provides the staff for these tasks.
4. A small special projects budget would remain of \$5,000.00. This might be needed to assist with RHNA issues or the Board may wish to have funds available to participate in sponsorship of regional meetings or conferences.
5. Funding for an annual meeting in 2007 similar to the meeting scheduled for June 22, 2006.

With this proposed expenditure budget of \$62,500, I am not recommending assessing member dues in FY 2006/07. I believe VCOG can live within its existing fund balances with the proposed budget.

In addition to adoption of a proposed budget for FY 2006/07, I am asking the Board to consider adopting an revised budget for the current fiscal year. This revision will allocate \$21,000 from fund balance to balance the budget for the year as well as allocate funds for the June 22, 2006 annual meeting.

The adjusted and proposed budgets are attached to Resolution No. 2006-02.

Attachment:

Resolution No. 2006-02

VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS RESOLUTION NO. 2006-02

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS ADJUSTING THE FY 2005/06 BUDGET AND ADOPTING
THE FY 2006/07 BUDGET**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Governing Body of the Ventura Council of Governments as follows:

SECTION 1: The Governing Body finds as follows:

- A. The adopted budget for FY 2005/06 must be amended to reflect actual revenues and expenditures.
- B. A budget for FY 2006/07 must be adopted to fund operations for the coming year.

SECTION 2: The Governing Body agrees to the following:

- A. Adopt the adjusted budget for FY 2005/06 as detailed in Attachment A.
- B. Adopt the proposed budget for FY 2006/07 as detailed in Attachment A.

SECTION 3: This Resolution will become effective immediately upon adoption and will remain effective unless repealed or superseded.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of May, 2006.

Patrick Hunter, Chair

ATTACHMENT A

**Ventura Council of Governments
Adjusted FY 2005/06 Budget
Proposed FY 2006/07 Budget**

	<u>FY 05/06 Adopted</u>	<u>FY 05/06 Adjusted</u>	<u>FY 05/06 Estimated</u>	<u>FY 06/07 Proposed</u>
REVENUES				
Membership Dues	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
SCAG OWP Project	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Interest Earned	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$750
Annual Dinner Meeting	\$0	\$2,250	\$2,250	\$2,250
Transfer from Fund Balance	\$0	\$21,000	\$21,000	\$52,500
Total	\$111,500	\$24,750	\$24,750	\$62,500
EXPENDITURES				
Executive Administration	\$82,500	\$6,875	\$6,875	\$27,500
Administrative Support	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$2,500
Special Projects	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$5,000
RHNA Staff Support	\$0	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$15,000
Annual Dinner Meeting	\$0	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$10,000
Web Site	\$2,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Accounting Services	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Supplies	\$4,000	\$10	\$500	\$500
Contingency Reserve	\$21,300	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$127,800	\$23,885	\$24,375	\$62,500
Excess Revenues (Expenditures)	-\$16,300	\$865	\$375	\$0
Fund Balance				
As of March 31, 2006	\$83,545			
Transfer 05/11/2006	-\$21,000			
 As of June 30, 2006	 \$62,545			
 FY 2006/07 Operating Transfer	 -\$62,500			
 As of June 30, 2007	 \$45			
Proposed FY 2006/07 Executive Administration				
City of Santa Paula	\$7,500			
Assistant ED	\$20,000			
Sub-Total	\$27,500			

03-May-06

VCOG

Revenue and Expenditure Report for the quarter ended 03/31/06

ACCRUAL BASIS

	Adopted 2005/06 Budget	notes	Actual	Percent Actual to Budget
Revenues:				
Membership Dues	\$ 100,000.00		-	
SCAG OWP Project	\$ 10,000.00		-	
Interest Earned	1,500.00	a	1,357.04	90%
Total	\$ 101,500.00		1,357.04	1%
Expenditures:				
Executive Administration	\$ 82,500.00		\$ 6,875.00	8%
Administrative Support	2,000.00		33.00	2%
Special Projects	15,000.00		-	0%
Web Site Development and Maintenance	2,000.00		604.60	30%
Accounting Services	1,000.00	b	750.00	75%
Supplies	4,000.00		10.22	0%
Contingency Reserve	21,300.00		-	0%
Total Expenditures	\$ 127,800.00		\$ 8,272.82	6%
EXCESS REVENUES (EXPENDITURES)			\$ (6,915.78)	

Cash Balance Reconciliation

Cash Balance 06/30/05, per Audit	\$ 81,550.35
Interest earned and not yet posted	-
Collection of 06-30-05 Grant Receivable from SCAG	15,290.00
Collection of 06-30-05 Interest Receivable	764.24
Payment of 06-30-05 accrued liabilities	(7,143.60)
Less: 2005-06 Excess Expenditures over Revenues, per above	(6,915.78)
Adjusted Cash Balance at March 31, 2006	\$ 83,545.21

a Interest earnings from LAIF not yet received or posted for the quarter ended March 31, 2006.

b City of Camarillo charge for fiscal management services.

ITEM 8.E.

Request of Ventura County Economic
Development Association (VCEDA) to Co-
Sponsor 2006 Annual Housing Conference



**VENTURA COUNCIL
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: Request of Ventura County Economic Development Association (VCEDA) to Co-Sponsor 2006 Annual Housing Conference

DATE: May 2, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors approve request to co-sponsor 2006 Annual Housing Conference.

Discussion: VCEDA President Bill Buratto has requested that the Board of Directors consider co-sponsorship of the annual housing conference presented by VCEDA, Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation and Housing Opportunities Made Easier (HOME). His letter of May 2, 2006 is attached.

Staff recommends that VCOG agree to be a co-sponsor of conference.



EXECUTIVE BOARD

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May 2, 2006

Wally Bobkiewicz
Executive Director
Ventura Council of Governments
C/O City of Santa Paula
P.O. Box 569
Santa Paula, CA 93060

Dear Wally:

As you know, for the past four years VCEDA, Housing Opportunities Made Easier (HOME) and Cabrillo Economic Development Corporation (CEDC) have co-hosted the Annual Housing Conference.

We have just begun planning for the conference this year and it has been suggested to invite VCOG to be a planning partner and co-host in this year's event.

I believe VCOG's participation will be a great complement to the other organizations supporting the effort to help educate the public on the many housing issues facing Ventura County.

If VCOG is interested in this collaboration, we ask that you appoint a representative to participate in the planning for the conference. The planning committee meets monthly for two hours and there are often follow-up tasks and assignments for committee members. The next committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 22 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at the offices of CEDC located at 11011 Azahar St. in Saticoy.

If you have any questions or need more information please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Bill Buratto
President/CEO

Cc: Rodney Fernandez, CEDC
Brad Golden, HOME
Howard Smith, VCEDA, Chair

ITEM 8.F.

Request to Co-Sponsor Application with Ventura County Civic Alliance for “2% Strategy” Funds from the Southern California Association of Governments for “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County”



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Wally Bobkiewicz, Interim Executive Director

SUBJECT: **Request to Co-Sponsor Application with Ventura County Civic Alliance for “2% Strategy” Funds from the Southern California Association of Governments for “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County”**

DATE: May 3, 2006

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Board of Directors 1) approve co-sponsorship with the Ventura County Civic Alliance of an application for “2% Strategy” funds from the Southern California Association of Governments. VCOG is not obligating any of its funds at this time to project; 2) direct staff to work with the Civic Alliance in finalizing application; 3) distribute completed application to Board.

Discussion: The Ventura County Civic Alliance has proposed developing a “Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County.” This civic engagement process would identify key regional challenges, develop a shared vision for the region and create a roadmap for achieving this. Details of the proposal are attached.

The Civic Alliance has been in contact with SCAG about this project and SCAG has encouraged them to apply for “2% Strategy” funding. SCAG’s 2% Strategy is a program that embodies the idea that small, incremental, and strategic changes in small parts of the region can yield great benefit to the region as a whole as well as to the individual cities. In order for the Civic Alliance to request these funds, a subregional council of governments must endorse their proposal. The Civic Alliance is asking not only for an endorsement, but also for VCOG to be a co-sponsor of the application.

VCOG staff would work with the Civic Alliance to finalize their proposal for presentation to SCAG. VCOG would not commit any funding at this time to the project, but if the application is accepted by SCAG, VCOG could consider either direct or in-kind support at a later date.

Also attached is the application form required by SCAG to provide some additional information about the grant process.

Attachments:

Information on proposed "Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County"
SCAG 2% Strategy Application

Ventura County Civic Alliance Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County

Project Definition: The **Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County** project encompasses a civic engagement process that would identify key regional challenges, develop a shared vision for the region's future rooted in common values, and create a blueprint embodying this vision along with a roadmap for achieving it. The anticipated timeframe for the project is 2006-2009.

Project Objectives: The Ventura County Civic Alliance (VCCA) is a non-governmental regional body that has identified quality-of-life indicators for Ventura County that point to several major problems that must be addressed to establish a sustainable future for our region. The VCCA is embarking upon a three-year program to advance regional planning in the County with the aim of establishing a **Preferred Regional Future** – a blueprint for our region's future that embodies the common values and aspirations of our communities and that has widespread support from county residents, businesses, civic leaders and policymakers. The VCCA supports smart growth and “three E” principles in land use, resource management, community and economic development, and related decision-making processes.

The project will address four key questions:

- I. Where we are now? (Survey)
- II. Where we are going? (Analysis)
- III. Where do we want to be? (Policy Development)
- IV. How do we get there? (Implementation)

Project Milestones:

Milestone 1 - Inventory of data: Develop baseline data by collecting and organizing *State of the Region* indicators and other relevant countywide and regional data related to population, land use, housing, transportation, water demand/supply and quality, energy supply and demand, air quality, and relative environmental and social equity information.

Milestone 2 - Goals: Compile and synthesize existing city and county goals - employ “Faulkner House Compact” goals as appropriate, prepare draft of Preferred Goals.

Milestone 3 - Vacant Land Study 2006: Update the 2002 study, collect new vacant land information from cities, revise GIS maps, trend analysis and findings.

Milestone 4 - Policy options: Compile policy recommendations from VCOG/VCTC, SCAG livable communities studies, City/County General Plans, Ventura County agency studies; develop preliminary policy options that most effectively alleviate identified problems, emphasizing the “3E” perspectives of economy, environment and social equity, SCAG 2% Strategies for mobility, sustainability and prosperity, and smart growth or “New Urbanism”

principles (e.g., infill, land recycling, walkable communities, transit-oriented development, and preservation of open space and historic areas).

Milestone 5 - Preliminary Alternative Futures: Develop three or four alternative futures (scenarios), identify assumptions and constraints (e.g., population, housing, economic development, education), develop urban form alternatives maps, land-use options (e.g., status quo, SOAR extended, SCAG 2% strategy), and farmland/open space totals.

Milestone 6 - Impact Analysis: Identify social equity, economic and physical environmental impacts of alternative futures and policy options.

Milestone 7 - Preferred Regional Future: Develop decision-making techniques and procedures, synthesize inputs from a two-phase community workshop process to select a Preferred Regional Future, along with land-use maps, supporting data and final policy options.

Milestone 8 - Implementation requirements: Identify implementation needs and requirements, including monitoring techniques; consider the “Three Es”, especially those that emphasize affordable housing and VMT reduction, develop urban form techniques and tools, consider model ordinances and intergovernmental agreements, zoning revisions, etc.

Milestone 9 - Implementation Plan: Assess and select those implementation tools and techniques that will best implement the program and define an Implementation Plan.

Need for Inclusiveness: The VCCA recognizes that, for the **Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County** project to have any chance of success, ALL cities in the County, along with the County itself, must invest in the project. We welcome and strongly encourage such investment. As the process unfolds and financial resources are assembled, we seek partnership, participation, assistance, input and support from city and county governments, regional governing bodies and special districts, businesses and civic institutions.

DRAFT Version 2

PROPOSAL TO BECOME A 2% STRATEGY DEMONSTRATION COMMUNITY

Project plan/location

This project involves Ventura County, California and all cities within.

Assistance required

The attached project summary document outlines the *Compact for a Sustainable Ventura County*, a joint proposal by the Ventura Council of Governments, the Ventura County Civic Alliance, and the cities of [to be determined]. Completion of this project will require large amounts of funding over a multi-year period. This proposal covers a portion of the project to be conducted during the first year of a projected three-year effort. The project has four basic components, or phases: (1) Update of the information in the 2002 Ventura County Vacant Land Study; (2) Creation of a range of scenarios governing Ventura County's future, including potential future growth areas, out to at least 2040; (3) Carrying out a series of public workshops in all ten cities to define a **Preferred Regional Future** (this will likely take two rounds of workshops to complete); (4) Development of an Implementation Plan. The assistance required is support from SCAG's consultants, Fregonese Calthorpe Associates, in updating the 2002 Vacant Land Study and developing and analyzing future scenarios. Additional funding will be sought from Ventura County government, business entities, foundations, and regional and state funding to cover scoping and development of a complete work plan and for carrying out future phases of the plan, including the community workshops.

How this project implements the Compass Vision and 2% Strategy

Ventura County has, over the years, largely constrained development within urban boundaries and avoided the sprawl-type development that has consumed most of the land in other southern California counties. But Ventura County faces growth pressures similar to those of these counties and must decide where to place such growth. Most SOAR initiatives sunset around 2020 and it is not too soon to begin planning for what will follow. An overall regional plan, or vision, for the future of Ventura County will undoubtedly favor mixed-uses, infill and development close to transportation corridors. Thus, in effect, Ventura County already is in a good position to implement the Compass 2% Strategy, and the project should have the end result of a regional vision that recognizes Compass Strategy. The plan must also, of course, deal with numerous issues including affordable housing, workforce education, open space preservation and a host of other quality-of-life issues.

In addition to the Compass data and analysis, the project will build on numerous previous efforts supported by SCAG, VCOG, the Ventura County Transportation Commission, and the Ventura County Planning Division, including:

- Agricultural/Open Space Resource Management as a Transportation Land Use Impact Mitigation Strategy

- Transportation Center Study
- Economic/Transit/Mixed Use Strategies for Housing Rich Communities (2004)
- Ventura County Vacant Land Study (2002)
- The State of the Subregion Ventura County – Measuring Progress in the 21st Century
- Strategies for Livable Communities (1998)
- Vehicle Miles Traveled Reduction (1995)

The project will also build on work by the Ventura County Civic Alliance on promoting livable communities and sustainability in our region, previous city, county and regional visioning and planning efforts in Ventura County, and lessons learned from similar efforts in other regions, including the Sacramento Blueprint, the Compact for a Sustainable Bay Area, Envision Utah, and others.

Larger agency efforts

This project is proposed by the Ventura Council of Governments and its partners.

Anticipated start date

The anticipated start date under this proposal is September, 2006. The project covers the period 2006-2009, followed by implementation.

Estimated expense of services

The four-year estimated cost of completing this project is in the \$700-800,000 range. Services under this proposal would support tasks carried out in the first year of the work plan. It is anticipated that services in the \$100,000 range (and higher, if funds are available) would cover assistance with update of the Vacant Land Study plus scenario development and analysis.

Source for 20% local match

Over the life of the project, support will be required from Ventura County local governments, businesses and civic institutions - and, in fact, is currently being sought by the Ventura County Civic Alliance. It is anticipated that such support will significantly exceed the 20% match level.

Type of product

The products of the first phase of the project, to be covered by the services under this proposal, will be an updated Vacant Land Study and a document describing a range of scenarios for the future of Ventura County.



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COMPASS 2% STRATEGY
Shared Values, Shared Future

SCAG use only: date received	completed		
Subregion	Member City?	Yes	No
Agency/City/County _____			
Primary contact name _____			
Phone	Email		

demonstration project proposal

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an opportunity to become a partner for regional sustainability

As a jurisdiction within the Southern California Association of Governments region, you have an opportunity to assist in the implementation of the Compass Regional Growth Vision. Your voluntary involvement in working on a local planning and programming initiative will help ensure the success of Compass aimed at improving the quality of life for all Southern Californians.

SCAG is offering the opportunity for your community or project to be a showcase Demonstration Project – one that exemplifies shared principles and goals between the Compass program and your community vision. Demonstration Projects will benefit from SCAG staff time, financial resources, technical assistance, and/or consultant services to promote examples of creative, forward-thinking, and sustainable development solutions that fit local needs and support shared regional values.

Selection and assistance will be based on many criteria, most focusing on the project’s inclinations towards balanced transportation modes and a mixture of land uses and housing needs. Project location within one of SCAG’s “2% Strategy” areas will also be an important consideration.

Please fill out the contact information on the top of this page, then provide a detailed proposal that includes the information listed below. Thanks for your interest and participation in the Compass Vision initiative and in promoting a sustainable Southern California!

**PROPOSAL TO BECOME A 2% STRATEGY
 DEMONSTRATION COMMUNITY**

Please complete contact info at top of page

Your proposal should include information on all of the following:

- ◆ Project/plan location (please provide a map or other illustrative figure)
- ◆ Detailed description of assistance requested
- ◆ How your project implements the Compass Vision and 2% Strategy
- ◆ Any larger agency effort or project of which this proposal is a part
- ◆ Anticipated start date for work in this proposal
- ◆ Estimated expense of services requested in application
- ◆ Source for a 20% local match for this project/proposal (e.g. In-kind staff support, Cash, Programmed in Budget, etc)
- ◆ Type of product expected (e.g. written report, visual aides, video, plans, maps, etc)





demonstration project proposal

Please check all that apply to your proposal:

What type of project:

- Analysis of potential zone changes, specific plan, or general plan amendment
- Potential development proposal
- Areawide feasibility study
- Visioning session/workshop for General Plan, Specific Plan, etc.
- Other

Is The Project In A Compass 2% Strategy Opportunity Area?

refer to pdf document under "2% Opportunity Area Maps" on the Compass 2% website

- Located in a 2% Strategy area
- In a Metro Center
- In a City Center
- Near a Rail Transit Stop (½ mile from current or future Metrorail or Metrolink station)
- list the *current* transit in the project area (incl. bus): _____
- Along a (future) Bus Rapid Transit Corridor
- Within an Airport, Port, or Industrial Center
- In a Priority Residential Infill Area
- In a Compass Priority community

The following are project-related criteria

- Consists of infill or redevelopment (in whole or in part)
- Brownfield site
- Looks to rethink existing commercial corridors (ie change from commercial to residential)
- Would create/extend/add to area's "downtown" or "Main Street"
- Incorporates multi-family housing
- Proposes a mix of uses (at a minimum commercial with housing)
- Would include affordable housing
- Will construct/reconstruct pedestrian infrastructure (sidewalks, bikeways, etc)
- Other



For a complete application, please submit a letter of support from your subregion.

If chosen for and you accept SCAG's offer to become a 2% Strategy Demonstration Project, your City Council or County Board of Supervisors will need to provide a resolution of support (example on SCAG's Compass website).

Please feel free to attach additional information.

Thank you for your interest and participation in SCAG's Compass 2% Strategy Implementation program!

Disclaimers:

By applying to become a 2% Strategy Demonstration City, the applicant agency agrees to use its name in regional and national recognition of the Compass 2% Strategy program)

In submitting this application, the Applicant agrees and understands that SCAG shall not be liable to the Applicant for claims, demands, costs or damages arising from or connected with the provision or use of services offered by SCAG or its consultants under the 2% Strategy Program.

ITEM 9

Agency Reports

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR' S MONTHLY REPORT MAY 2006

Each month I establish, with input from the Directors, the priority issues on which management and the staff focus. This report summarizes the work that was accomplished during the month as well as other items I feel will give the Council a better understanding of what the staff and I are doing to accomplish our performance objectives.

I. Improve the efficiency and accountability of management within the organization

- Subregion preaward audits are underway. Three audits, the South Bay Council of Governments, San Bernardino Associated Governments and Ventura Council of Governments are in process. Arroyo Verdugo, Coachella Valley, Western Riverside and the Gateway Cities are scheduled for May and June.
- Contracts pre-award audits for five contracts, over \$250,000 were completed in April and reports were issued. A pre-award audit of Fulbright & Jaworski was started in April.
- The RFP for the annual external audit was issued in April. Proposals are due in May with selection the first week in June.

II. Provide support to the Regional Council in providing direction and leadership to SCAG

- On April 12th I and the staff met with Don Brackenbush and Susan Kamei, Executive Director, ULI (Urban Land Institute) Los Angeles Chapter, and Bev Perry, Chairperson for Compass Partnership, regarding ULI collaboration with SCAG on the 2% Strategy. ULI has agreed to support and promote the Compass Blueprint through a variety of avenues. Potential upcoming partnerships with ULI include: 1) hosting Technical Advisory Programs (TAPs) focusing on development opportunities in the 2% Strategy areas, 2) co-developing with SCAG the policy content for the ULI Financing Forum in the Fall of 2006, 3) co-hosting working lunches that bring ULI expertise to explore development leading to recommendations to overcome potential obstacles.
- On April 13th, SCAG participated in an informational exchange meeting with the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) in San Juan Capistrano. Agenda items included updates on transportation planning, goods movement, Maglev coordination, and the extension of the LOSSAN Rail Corridor. SANDAG presented a new report on the economic impacts of border wait times and SCAG presented an update on the Multi-County Goods Movement Action Plan. Additionally, both agencies reached consensus regarding the importance of redefining the LOSSAN rail corridor to encompass the entire corridor from San Diego to San Luis Obispo.

SCAG was represented by SCAG President Toni Young (Port Hueneme) and Regional Councilmembers Richard Dixon (Lake Forest) and Debbie Cook (Huntington Beach).

- On April 14th Bert Becker and I met with the Orange County City Managers in Orange County and discussed the issues of the audit process. The discussion included what prompted the OCCOG audit, and what's going forward with the appeal process. They were asked by the Division of the Orange County League to meet with us. Bert will keep them informed.
- On April 14th I also met with Alan Rothenberg, LAWA Commission Chair, regarding decentralizing the Regional Aviation System. We discussed a business plan approach to constructing the High Speed Access Plan to Ontario and Palmdale.
- On April 17th a Mini Workshop was held at SCAG and facilitated by Bonnie Herman, President & CEO of CCRL (California Center for Regional Leadership). SCAG attendees included myself, Hasan Ikhata and Lynn Harris. Other regional collaborative representatives included: John Aro, South Bay Economic Development Partnership, Bill Allen, LAEDC, Bruce Ackerman and Bob Scott, Economic Alliance of the San Fernando Valley, Bill Carney, San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership, and Lucy Dunn, Orange County Business Council. They had discussions on why and ways to work together to promote regional solutions for better planning for mobility, housing, and job training, and whether they can work together to promote implementation of General Plans in their respective communities to accomplish the above.
- The 6th Annual Regional Housing Summit was held in the City of Torrance's Toyota Meeting Hall on Thursday, April 20th. nearly 200 persons attended the half day Summit whose theme was "Where Will Our Children Live?". Thirty evaluations were submitted with 16 giving the Summit the highest possible rating of Very Good, while the remaining 14 evaluations gave it the second highest rating out of a possible 5 rating categories available. Two Regional Housing Needs Assessment Workshops have been held for policy committee and Regional Council Members; one on Monday, April 24th and the other on May 1st to discuss and review the proposed RHNA Pilot Program, which links transportation with housing planning through an integrated growth forecast and Compass Blueprint strategy. Feedback from the workshops will be shared with CEHD at their next meeting.

III. SCAG Operations

- Recruitments.

The Intergovernmental Relations Department is being led by Karen Tachiki. Karen will continue in her legal capacity as well. The CFO has been hired and will start on May 30th. He is Wayne Moore who is leaving the City of L.A. Department of Transportation. He was the Assistant General Manager and CFO for that Department. The Manager of Finance has been selected and we are undergoing

reference checking with the final candidate. Several other staff recruitments are underway.

- Training and Development/Professional Pathways

Wellness sessions continued with a session on Healthy Eating for Busy People seminar held on April 25th and body composition screening for cholesterol, blood pressure and body fat. May brings sessions on exercise and the great outdoors. A financial educational series was held on April 18 The Seven Secrets of Financial Success. Additional sessions will be held throughout the year to enhance employee knowledge about financial planning concepts. The new leadership/management training series for staff is continuing in May. Classes to be held in May are Project Management, Time and People Management, Interpersonal Communication, Media & Public Relations. Speech Communication classes are continuing.

IV. Implement Adopted Regional Plans

- Air Quality/Conformity. On March 30th, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) issued their conformity determination for the fine particulate (PM2.5) for SCAG's 2004 Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) *Destination 2030* and the 2004 Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP). Based on federal review (FHWA, FTA, US EPA), the 2004 RTP and 2004 RTIP met all air quality conformity requirements and conformed to the applicable state implementation plan (SIP).

SCAG staff has been working with the air districts in the development of the 2007 Air Quality Management Plans (AQMPs). During March, staff provided applicable data to the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Ventura Air Pollution Control District to be included as part of their 2004 AQMPs, including regional transportation model output and transportation control measures. In the South Coast region, SCAG has the responsibility of preparing and approving the portions of the AQMP relating to regional demographic projections and integrated land use, housing, employment, and transportation programs, measures, and strategies.

- Regional Comprehensive Plan. In April, the Regional Council approved two consultant contracts for the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP). Jones and Stokes will be assisting staff on the development of the Open Space and Habitat Chapter and Public Financial Management will be assisting on the Finance Section. The RCP Task Force has developed preliminary performance outcomes for various chapters including Energy, Open Space, Security, and Land Use. Staff is continuing to develop these outcomes through both technical testing and through participatory process. Included in this process is the formation of new working groups for Energy and Open Space. Finally, the RCP will be the subject for an extended discussion session at the RC Retreat in June.
- Regional Transportation Plan Update. Staff is continuing to pursue all the strategies that would minimize the potentially adverse impact of transitioning the RTP Update from a 3-year cycle to a 4-year cycle allowed under SAFETEA-LU. As you may

recall, a key issue has arisen regarding the 4th year of the transition period. The RTP and/ or RTIP amendments may not move forward during the 4th year, unless a SAFETEA-LU compliant RTP is in place or there are some changes to SAFETEA-LU or new permitting guidance are issued by the federal agencies before July 1, 2007. Therefore, SCAG will be pursuing the adoption of the next RTP as close to July 1, 2007 deadline as possible in order to minimize exposure to the amendment restrictions. Given the deadline for the submittal of the State Implementation Plan (SIP) to US EPA in June of 2007, the earliest possible adoption of the next RTP would be around November of 2007. This would still expose the region to about 6-months of RTP/RTIP amendment freeze. Staff is also committed to continue working with the federal agencies as well as through the legislative process to address this issue. Staff has also started coordinating this issue with the county transportation commissions so that they may plan ahead with the hope of eliminating or minimizing amendment needs during this freeze period. I will continue to update you on this issue as needed and appropriate.

V. Develop Additional Planning Efforts

- Compass Blueprint. The Compass Partnership has been meeting quarterly since their inception in July, 2005. As per their charge, members have been involved in mobilizing private and non-profit interests to increase awareness and promote the Compass Blueprint using their existing networks. Currently, we are pursuing separate strategies with both the Urban Land Institute and the California Center for Regional Leadership to engage in collaborative activities that mutually address the goals of each organization. I will continue to update you on the outcomes of these and other partnerships.
- Growth Forecasting. Staff facilitated the development and completion of interim model and all required socioeconomic data sets required for 2007 AQMP modeling runs. The preliminary draft regional and county forecasts for the 2007/08 RTP was presented to the P&P Technical Advisory Committee.

VI. Data & Planning Methods

- Data/GIS Task Force. At the Task Force meeting on April 18, 2006, James Christy, Regional Director, and Jerry Wong, Information Specialist, of the Los Angeles Regional Office of the Census Bureau made a presentation on the American Community Survey (ACS). The ACS is a new nationwide survey designed to provide communities and other stakeholders with up-to-date information about the population in the United States that will replace the census long form in future censuses. The new survey will provide annual information beginning in August 2006 for all geographic units within the United States with a population of 65,000 and higher. After several years of accumulation, the sample will be sufficiently large to provide information for all census tracts and selected block groups every year as opposed to the current release every decade. The ACS data will be very useful in many regional and local planning applications.
- Travel Model Improvement. Work continues on the new SCAG Travel Simulation Model with an anticipated completion date of June 2006. Staff is coordinating with

Caltrans, the county transportation commissions, and transit operators in the calibration and validation of the model. In support of the Air Quality Management Plan, SCAG submitted travel forecasts to the SCAQMD from an Interim Model that contains some elements of the new model. Results from this Interim Model demonstrated that key modeling enhancements, which will be more fully implemented in the new model, will increase analytical accuracy and policy sensitivity for future planning and project studies.

VII. Legislative Program

- Design-Build and Public-Private Partnerships. On behalf of SCAG, I participated in a meeting of legislative leaders including Senate Minority Leader Dick Ackerman, Assembly Speaker Fabian Nunez; Susan Kennedy, Chief of Staff to Governor Schwarzenegger, and business and state leaders including former State Treasurer and Gubernatorial Candidate Kathleen Brown (now a Managing Director of Goldman Sachs); Patrick Mason, President of the California Foundation on the Environment and the Economy (CFEE); and Rich Little, Director of the Keston Institute for Infrastructure at USC to discuss public-private partnerships (PPPs) and design-build contracting and the potential benefits of each in financing the development of major transportation and infrastructure projects. This meeting led to a follow-up educational workshop on PPPs and design-build principles held for approximately 50 legislative staff. As a member of the Board of both the CFEE and the Keston Institute, I played a lead role in organizing these meetings and, likewise, SCAG provided much of the source materials on PPPs and design sequence contracting. SCAG hopes to hold further workshops to continue the process of informing legislators and their staffs of the importance of these innovative and useful tools for infrastructure finance.
- SCAG Sponsored Legislation. We have worked with the Bay Area Association of Governments (ABAG) to introduce AB 2307 (Mullin), a bill that would extend the deadline to submit the housing portion of our general plan to June 30, 2009. Staff testified at first policy committee hearing (Local Government Committee) on April, 19, 2006, where the bill passed unanimously and was referred to a second policy committee, (Housing and Community Development Committee) for hearing on April 24, 2006, where it passed to Assembly Appropriations Committee. The bill faced opposition from the Builders' and Realtors' Associations at the second policy committee hearing. Our lobbyist informs us that this may make passage from the Appropriations Committee more difficult. The bill is not set for hearing.

SCAG is preparing language for a pilot project that would make the regional RHNA process more efficient, and would demonstrate the viability of using 20 year housing planning consistent with regional transportation, air quality and the compass blueprint growth vision. We will introduce language into a bill in May.

SCAG is the sponsor of AB 2762 (Levine), a bill that would include Indian Tribes within the definition of state entity for the sole purpose of entering into a JPA to join SCAG for transportation planning purposes. We have worked carefully with the Indian tribes and the author to ensure tribal sovereignty is preserved. Passage

of this measure would help to ensure good planning for projects that traverse Indian lands. The bill is set for its first hearing on May 10, 2006 with no on-record opposition.

- Sacramento Trip – Infrastructure Bond Follow-Up. At the direction of SCAG President Toni Young, SCAG will lead a delegation of elected officials to Sacramento to follow up on the infrastructure bond deliberations and to ensure that regional interests are represented in that dialogue. Our lobbyist has suggested that early to mid June would be an optimal time to conduct the trip, and we are working with our lobbyist to secure the best dates and arrange for meetings with appropriate legislators. I have met with the Chief of Staff of incoming SCAG President Yvonne B. Burke to coordinate her participation and input in putting this trip together.
- Southwest Compact Bi-National Conference. As part of our continuing efforts to develop strategic relationships with our regional partners throughout the Southwestern United States and Northern Mexico, SCAG held its second Southwest Compact Bi-National Hearing in Mexicali, Mexico on April 26, 2006 attended by more than 130 participants. Presentations at the Bi-national hearing focused on developing a blueprint for action that would include future coordinating events, exploration of federal and state legislative vehicles and a more concerted effort to engage the private sector in developing critical transportation improvements that will enhance economic growth and international trade.

The co-host, the Honorable Samuel Ramos Flores, Mayor of the Municipality of Mexicali encouraged inclusive decision making and cooperation in planning for a better quality of life in the region. The Executive Director of the San Diego Association of Governments indicated that his organization looks forward to working more closely with SCAG on border issues and that a series of recommendations will be forthcoming. Yuma, Arizona also participated.

- We continue to participate in the process led by the League of California Cities to develop the concept of Regional Blueprint Plans which would enhance the integration of regional planning with CEQA efficiencies and potentially financial incentives. Discussions are currently focusing on the development of performance indicators, such as vehicle miles traveled per household, as means by which to measure the effectiveness of Regional Blueprints. Meetings at both a technical and policy level are set to continue into May.

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