



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

AGENDA

Thursday, October 9, 2014
5:00 p.m.
City of Camarillo
Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive
Camarillo, CA 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. CONSENT CALENDAR

- A. Minutes of July 10, 2014 Meeting – pg. 3
- B. Quarterly Budget Report – pg. 6
- C. Register of Warrants – pg. 9
- D. Legislative Update – pg. 11

MEMBERS

City of Camarillo
Jan McDonald, Member
Charlotte Craven, *Alternate*

City of Fillmore
Manuel Minjares, Member
Douglas Tucker, *Alternate*

City of Moorpark
Janice Parvin, Member
Roseann Mikos, PhD., *Alt.*

City of Ojai
Paul Blatz, Member
Carlton Strobel, *Alternate*

City of Oxnard
Tim Flynn, Member
Dorina Padilla, *Alternate*

City of Port Hueneme
Sylvia Muñoz Schnopp, Member
Douglas Breeze, *Alternate*

City of San Buenaventura
Carl Morehouse, Member
Cheryl Heitmann, *Alternate*

City of Santa Paula
Jim Tovias, Member
Rick Cook, *Alternate*

City of Simi Valley
Bob Huber, Member
Glen Becerra, *Alternate*

City of Thousand Oaks
Al Adam, Member
Joel Price, *Alternate*

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

6. ORDER OF BUSINESS

- A. **Report by Assistant Sheriff Gary Pentis Regarding Public Safety Realignment**
– pg. 13
- B. **Report by Ventura County Continuum of Care Board Regarding Interagency Council on Homelessness** – pg. 14
- C. **Discussion and Direction Regarding Wildlife Corridor Issues** – pg. 15
- D. **Establishment of VCOG Program of Priorities for 2015** – pg. 17
- E. **Adoption of 2015 VCOG Meeting Schedule** – pg. 20

7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

8. AGENCY REPORTS

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

9. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

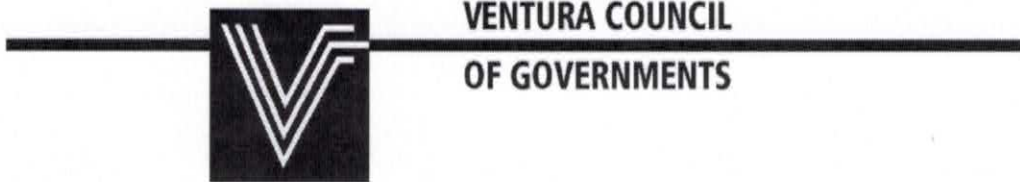
Any Board Member may propose items for placement on a future agenda. Members may discuss whether or not the item should be agendized and the description of the agenda item.

- 10. CLOSED SESSION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Executive Director**

11. ADJOURNMENT

Copies of staff reports or other written documentation relating to each item of business referred to on this agenda are on file with the Ventura Council of Governments Executive Director and are available for public inspection. If you have any questions regarding any agenda item, contact the Executive Director at (805) 320-5482.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the 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).



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEETING SUMMARY

Thursday, July 10, 2014

4:00 p.m.

City of Camarillo
Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive
Camarillo, CA 93010

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 4:50 p.m.

2. **FLAG SALUTE** - Led by Chair McDonald

3. **ROLL CALL**

Jan McDonald, Chair, City of Camarillo
Al Adam, Vice Chair, City of Thousand Oaks
Janice Parvin, City of Moorpark
Paul Blatz, City of Ojai
Tim Flynn, City of Oxnard
Bob Huber, City of Simi Valley

Absent: Cities of Fillmore, Port Hueneme, San Buenaventura, Santa Paula, and County of Ventura

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The following individuals addressed the Board requesting VCOG support for the California Bay Delta Plan process: Eric Bergh, Manager of Resources, Calleguas Municipal Water District; Susan Mulligan, General Manager, Calleguas Municipal Water District; Steve Blois, Director, Metropolitan Water District.

5. **BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

None.

6. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- A. Minutes of April 10, 2014 Meeting
- B. Quarterly Budget Report
- C. Register of Warrants
- D. Adoption of a Conflict of Interest Code for the Ventura Council of Governments
- E. Legislative Update

Item 6E was pulled from the agenda for discussion. Member Huber moved, Member Blatz seconded approval of Consent Calendar Items A through D, which were unanimously approved.

Upon discussion of Consent Calendar Item E, Member Huber moved that VCOG support the Calleguas Municipal Water District's request that VCOG sign onto a coalition letter providing comments on the California Bay Delta Conservation Plan; Member Flynn seconded the motion.

Vote: Ayes – McDonald, Huber, Parvin, Flynn
 Noes – None
 Abstentions – Adam, Blatz

7. ORDER OF BUSINESS

A. Adoption of VCOG FY 2014/2015 Annual Budget

Member Parvin moved, Vice Chair Adam seconded adoption of the FY 2014/2015 VCOG Annual Budget, which was unanimously approved.

Action: Direction was given to agendize for discussion the potential for VCOG to grant funds to facilitate worthwhile projects, specifically the City of Camarillo's Project HOPE; and to request the program's administrator, Deputy Joseph Preciado, address the Board on this matter.

B. Follow-Up and Direction Regarding the Regional Issues of Homelessness and Economic Development in Ventura County

Agenda Item deferred.

C. Presentations and Discussion/Direction Regarding Regional Issues Related to Animals

Julie Newsome, Wildlife Advocate, addressed the Board on the impacts of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides, citing how the products can poison predators of the animals that ingest them, as well as pets and children. Ms. Newsome informed that Board that the California Department of Pesticide Regulation ban that took effect July 1, 2014 does not go far enough, as commercial applicators may continue to use the products. Ms. Newsome recommended an Integrated Pest Management approach be instead employed, suggesting such alternatives as removing attractions for rodents, such as standing water and woodpiles; sealing cracks that may provide entry into the home; and using barn owl nesting boxes and traps.

Seth Riley, Wildlife Ecologist, National Park Service presented the results of studies on the exposure of wildlife to anticoagulant rodenticides, citing mortality statistics for coyotes, bobcats, and mountain lions.

Public Comment:

Kian Schulman informed the Board that the Coastal Commission has banned all anticoagulant rodenticide use in unincorporated areas, and proposed that the use of all anticoagulant rodenticides, both first and second generation, be prohibited.

Carol Smith stated support for a ban on first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides, including a ban on commercial use.

Cynthia Maxwell discussed the impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides to birds of prey and issues with bait boxes.

Sharon Noel discussed the impacts of anticoagulant rodenticides to bobcats and issues with bait boxes.

Dr. Lowell Novy, DVM, stated there should be no need to use these products, as other safe alternatives are available, citing his ranch operation as an example.

Discussion and Direction:

Member Flynn asked whether studies have been conducted of other rodent control products in terms of their being a safer alternative to anticoagulant rodenticides; Chair McDonald indicated that it would be helpful to distribute information on this subject in community newsletters.

The Board recommended that presentations on this subject be made to the City Councils and Board of Supervisors, then bring the matter back to VCOG for further consideration.

8. AGENCY REPORTS - Not considered due to lack of quorum

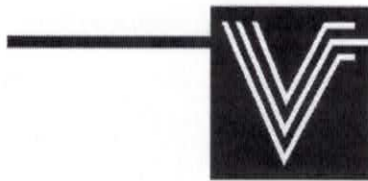
9. REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Not considered due to lack of quorum

10. CLOSED SESSION Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957(b)(1) – Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Title: Executive Director

Not considered due to lack of quorum

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m. due to lack of quorum



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Quarterly Budget Report
DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation:

Receive and file Quarterly Budget Report for the quarter ending September 30, 2014.

Discussion:

This report transmits the Ventura Council of Governments (VCOG) budget report for the quarter ending September 30, 2014. This quarterly report indicates that revenues were 74.5% of the adopted budget while expenditures were approximately 16.1% of the adopted budget.

The objectives of VCOG's adopted Investment Policy are safety, liquidity, and yield, with the foremost objective being safety. Prudence, ethics, and delegation of authority are the Policy's applied standards of care. Below is a summary of VCOG's investments that are in compliance with this investment policy:

Institution	Investment Type	Maturity Date	Interest to Date	Rate	Balance
Wells Fargo - Checking	Government Checking	N/A	\$5.31	0.02%	\$130,888.77

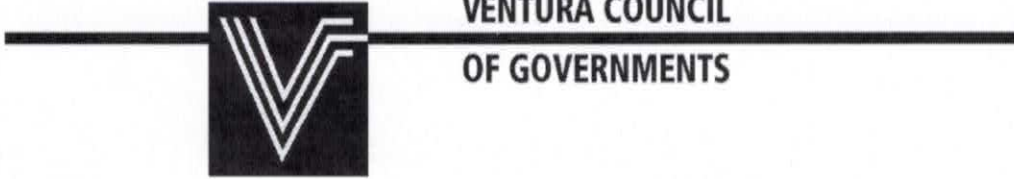
VCOG maintains an interest-earning government checking account with Wells Fargo Bank. The first \$250,000 of the combined deposit balance is federally insured and the remaining balance is collateralized by Wells Fargo Bank.

**VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
BALANCE SHEET
AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Assets:	
Cash and Investments – Wells Fargo Bank	\$130,888.77
Receivables	<u>10,098.00</u>
Total Assets:	<u>\$140,986.77</u>
Liabilities:	
Accrued Expenses	<u>\$6,562.50</u>
Total Liabilities:	<u>\$6,562.50</u>
Fund Balance:	
Fund Balance	<u>\$134,424.27</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance:	<u>\$134,424.27</u>

**VENTURA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE QUARTER ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2014**

Revenues	Year to Date Actual	Budgeted	Variance Over/(Under)	% Year to Date
Dues Assessments	29,904	\$40,000	(10,096)	74.8%
Other Revenue	250	500	(250)	50.0%
Interest	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues	<u>30,159</u>	<u>40,500</u>	<u>(10,341)</u>	<u>74.5%</u>
Expenditures				
Accounting Services	0	3,000	(3,000)	0.0%
Annual Meeting	449	7,500	(7,051)	6.0%
Executive Admin.	8,449	45,000	(36,551)	18.8%
Miscellaneous	1,664	5,000	(3,336)	33.3%
Special Projects	<u>0</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(5,000)</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>10,562</u>	<u>65,500</u>	<u>(54,938)</u>	<u>16.1%</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>19,597</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>44,597</u>	
Beginning Fund Balance	<u>111,292</u>	<u>102,400</u>	<u>8,892</u>	
Ending Fund Balance	<u>\$130,889</u>	<u>\$77,400</u>	<u>\$53,489</u>	



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Register of Warrants
DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation:

Approve the Register of Warrants for expenditures incurred from July 1 through September 30, 2014.

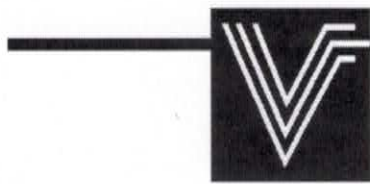
Discussion:

This report presents expenditures incurred by the Ventura Council of Governments for the period July 1 through September 30, 2014. It has been prepared in addition to the quarterly budget report so that the Board may be timely informed as to the expenditure of funds for services and other costs to the organization.

For the current period, expenditures for the services provided by the Executive Director totaled \$6,562.50. The agreement for these services is at a rate of \$125 per hour, at an annual cost not-to-exceed \$35,000.

Register of Warrants
 Ventura Council of Governments
 October 9, 2014

<u>Check #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Inv. Date</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
161	7/24/14	City of Camarillo	7/16/14	Annual Meeting Support	\$190.17
162	9/15/14	Alliant Insurance Service	9/1/14	Liability Insurance	\$1,578.45
163	10/9/14	Laura Behjan	10/2/14	Professional Services	\$6,562.50



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Legislative Update – End of Session Summary
DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Board of Directors receive and file this legislative update.

Discussion:

AB 1147 (Bonilla, Gomez Holden) – Massage Therapy Act of 2014

VCOG supported AB 1147, an effort toward reinstating local government's land use authority with respect to massage establishments. This bill was signed by the Governor on September 18. AB 1147 will provide more authority to local government for the zoning and regulation of massage establishments, addressing a top priority of the League of California Cities and VCOG to assure local agencies can more readily address public safety issues in those businesses that may operate illegally.

AB 2280 (Alejo) - Community Revitalization and Investment Authorities

This bill, supported by VCOG, would provide an economic development tool for disadvantaged communities. The bill enjoyed broad support of the business, labor and development sectors. On September 29, Governor Brown vetoed the bill.

AB 2188 (Muratsuchi) – Expedited Solar Energy Permits

The League of California Cities opposed this legislation which would require local government to establish a separate and unequal permitting process for residential solar installation, including an electronic submittal process for solar permit applications. Of greatest concern is that the law sets a precedent for tiered levels of public service. As the

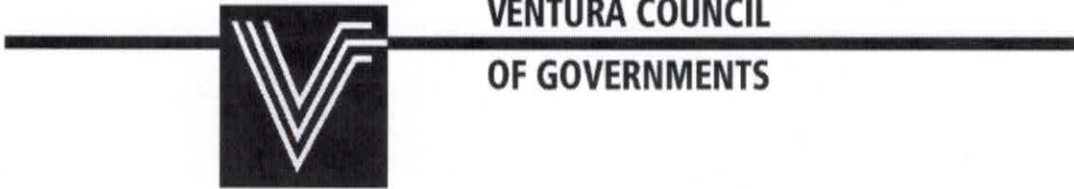
law requires cities to provide a level of service for solar permit applications that may be unavailable to others. Despite local agencies' objections, the Governor signed this bill.

Comprehensive Groundwater Legislation

On September 16, Governor Brown signed legislation to enact comprehensive groundwater management within California. The set of bills – AB 1739 (Dickinson), SB 1168 (Pavley) and SB 1319 (Pavley) - establishes requirements for groundwater sustainability plans in basins designated as medium and high priority. As the new law takes effect, further details on its implementation and local government responsibilities with respect to groundwater management will emerge.

2015 Legislative Platform

The VCOG Legislative Committee will meet in December to discuss and recommend a legislative platform for the upcoming year; the Committee's recommendations will be on the Board's January, 2015 agenda.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Report by Assistant Sheriff Gary Pentis Regarding Public Safety Realignment

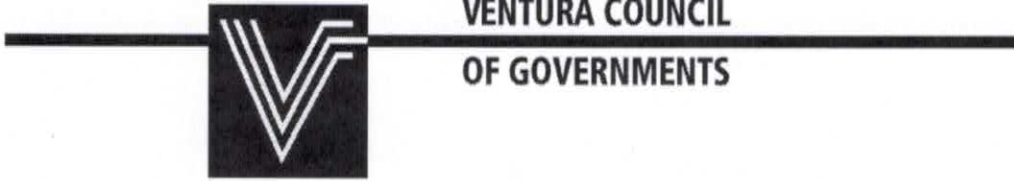
DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation: Receive report from Assistant Sheriff Gary Pentis and provide direction as desired.

Discussion:

AB 109 and 117, signed into law in 2011, made changes in the definition of felony offenses in California, and shifted responsibility for housing non-violent, non-serious, non-sex offenders to local jails rather than incarceration in state prisons. The Legislation provided for a funding stream that was enacted into the State Constitution with passage of Proposition 30 in 2012.

Ventura County Assistant Sheriff Gary Pentis will update the VCOG Board on the implementation of Public Safety Realignment within Ventura County, including fiscal and community safety impacts, as well as recommendations for addressing specific concerns related to realignment.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director

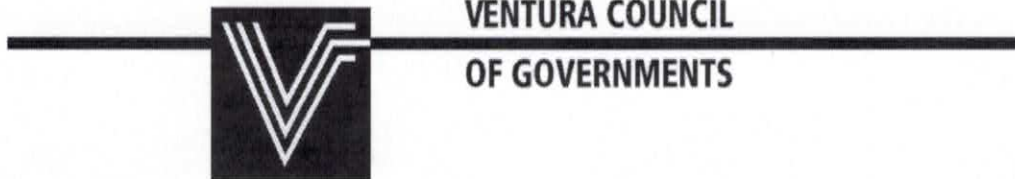
SUBJECT: Report by Ventura County Continuum of Care Board Regarding Interagency Council on Homelessness

DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation: Receive report from Ventura County Continuum of Care Board and provide direction as desired.

Discussion:

Rob Orth, Director of Social Services for the Salvation Army and Executive Committee Member of the Ventura County Continuum of Care Alliance, and staff from the Continuum of Care Alliance will update the VCOG Board on the Ventura County Continuum of Care. The report will cover the homeless population and resources, federal and local priorities, as well as initiatives that are currently being pursued to address homelessness in Ventura County.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director

SUBJECT: Discussion and Direction Regarding Wildlife Corridor Issues

DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation: It is recommended the VCOG Board support actions that facilitate wildlife mobility and reduce mortality resulting from barriers to movement in the built environment, as presented in this report.

Discussion:

As part of its Program of Priorities for 2014, the VCOG Board identified several subject areas pertaining to animals for discussion, including that of wildlife corridor crossings.

Urbanization poses obstacles to native wildlife passage from open space areas that interface with man-made structures, such as transportation systems. Among the concerns associated with these obstacles to natural movement are increased mortality from being struck by vehicles, inbreeding, and reduced genetic diversity.

Studies being conducted by Seth Riley, Wildlife Ecologist for the National Park Service and others identify the most common cause of wildlife mortality to be by vehicles, as animals attempt to navigate safe passage from one area of their native habitat to another. Additionally, where natural movement is restricted, there are issues of reduced genetic diversity and inbreeding, affecting the long term health and potential existence of the population.

In 2005, the County of Ventura, in coordination with the Donald Bren School of Environmental Science and Management at the University of California, Santa Barbara (with funding from the Southern California Association of Governments) undertook a roads and biodiversity project that produced guidelines for safe animal passage. The resulting document addresses a number of design elements recommended to mitigate impediments to wildlife movement. The County's Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, amended in 2011, define project and cumulative impact thresholds for evaluating a range of potential impacts to habitat connectivity during California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review. These

documents serve as a basis for conditioning permits to address impacts to wildlife movement corridors. County staff are also exploring a proposed text amendment to include development standards for discretionary projects that may further accommodate safe animal passage within Ventura County.

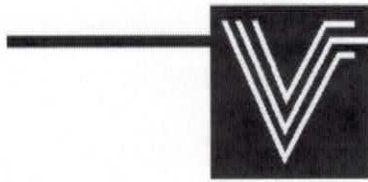
At the State level, the California Essential Habitat Connectivity Project is a joint effort between Caltrans and the California Department of Fish and Game that offers guidance on mitigating the connectivity impacts of roads and developing local and regional plans for wildlife connectivity. These planning tools are resources for local City Planning staffs in the environmental review process where development projects may affect connectivity/safe passage.

As part of its planned freeway projects, Caltrans conducts studies to identify impacts to wildlife movement and recommend mitigation measures. Several such studies have been conducted, are underway or planned in the Ventura County area, including along the 126, on the 118 at Rocky Peak and west of Moorpark, and on the 23 and 101 freeways. With respect to the 101, efforts are being pursued for a wildlife crossing at Liberty Canyon. The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has pledged \$200,000 toward a Project Study Report, and Caltrans applied for a TIGER grant through the U.S. Department of Transportation for \$2 million toward funding the environmental analysis and design of the proposed crossing. This highly competitive grant was awarded to only three percent of applicants; unfortunately, Caltrans was not awarded the grant.

As an interim measure, Caltrans has a project to provide approximately two miles of fencing, plus natural barriers of rock and landscaping at the Liberty Canyon crossing. Although a specific timeframe for construction has not been established, Caltrans staff anticipates it will occur in early 2015. To assist with project costs, a grant application has been filed with the California Wildlife Conservation Board by the Resource Conservation District (RCD) of the Santa Monica Mountains. Staff has contacted and is awaiting a response from the RCD as to whether letters of grant support are being accepted; if so, it is recommended the Board authorize the Chair to sign a letter in support of the RCD's application.

Should the VCOG Board desire to take action in support of measures to improve wildlife connectivity/safe animal passage, the following recommendations are presented:

- That VCOG encourage and support projects for safe animal passage, such as bridge crossings, culverts, fencing, and habitat provision;
- That VCOG support efforts to secure funding to improve wildlife connectivity in the region, including sending a letter of support for the RCD's grant application to the California Wildlife Conservation Board, if appropriate;
- That VCOG support and encourage local planning efforts to address adverse impacts on wildlife movement corridors;
- That, where cost-effective and practical, VCOG encourage the use of such tools as conservation easements in critical habitat areas.



**VENTURA COUNCIL
OF GOVERNMENTS**

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Establishment of VCOG Program of Priorities for 2015
DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation: Discuss and establish a Program of Priorities for VCOG for 2015, and direct staff as to its implementation.

Discussion:

In preparation for this agenda item, the Administrative Committee requested that VCOG Members be polled as to those issues that might be incorporated in VCOG's Program of Priorities for the coming calendar year. Members were asked to review the 2014 Program of Priorities, topic areas submitted by the Ventura City and County Managers (VCCM), and to present additional issues as desired.

Based on Members' input, the following nine topic areas are presented as potential priorities for 2015. These subject areas received multiple indications of interest as follows:

Economic Development (4 responses)

In 2014, the VCOG Board reviewed the Gold Team Initiative and its accomplishments with respect to business retention and expansion in Ventura County, and received an update on Ventura Countywide employment demographics, including tools and strategies used by the Economic Development Collaborative of Ventura County (EDC-VC) for retaining and growing the regional business base. Economic Development is a broad subject area that can cover a range of business attraction and retention issues. Certain issues listed later in this report (e.g., advantages/disadvantages of sales tax increases, the cost/benefit of incentives for business attraction, local preference in contracting and purchasing), could be incorporated into this topic.

Housing (4 responses)

The issue of housing, including substandard housing, second dwelling units, and group home issues, had been slated for the 2014 Program of Priorities but due to the scheduling of other agenda items, is now being planned for the January 2015 VCOG meeting.

Considering the breadth of this issue, it may be necessary to schedule various aspects of housing over two or more Board meetings.

Infrastructure Funding Issues (4 responses)

This topic is generating great interest as local government contends with the challenge of securing the significant levels of funding required to maintain and upgrade aging public infrastructure.

California Bay-Delta Process (2 responses)

In October 2014, VCOG supported the Calleguas Municipal Water District's request that VCOG sign onto a coalition letter providing comments on the California Bay-Delta Conservation Plan. As the process moves forward, it is anticipated that further information and request for action may come before the Board. Further, the Board may wish to incorporate the subject of Regional Water Management here.

Countywide High-Speed Internet Access (2 responses)

A number of public agencies and other organizations comprise the Broadband Consortium of the Pacific Coast, formed to advance the expansion of high-speed internet access in Ventura, Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties. Broadband is viewed as a critical technology to enhance such public concerns as economic competitiveness, public safety, and civic engagement. In June 2014, the California Public Utilities Commission awarded the consortium \$300,000 over the next two years through the PUC's California Advanced Services Fund to promote the deployment of a broadband infrastructure in the tri-County region (capital costs are excluded from this grant).

Homelessness (2 responses)

In its role as the Interagency Council on Homelessness for Ventura County, this remains an ongoing priority for VCOG. In 2014, the VCOG Board reviewed the City of Oxnard's Homeless Liaison Program, the City of Camarillo's Project HOPE, the 2014 Homeless Count and recent history of homeless efforts in Ventura County. The Continuum of Care Board is scheduled on this agenda to update the Board on current homelessness initiatives. Additionally, staff is working in response to Board direction to explore the potential for VCOG to grant funds to facilitate worthwhile projects, specifically Project HOPE, for the benefit of the region.

Impacts from Transient Rentals (2 responses)

An increasingly popular Internet-based market for hotel reservations and sites where individuals rent their properties for short-term lodging (VRBO, Airbnb, Flipkey, e.g.) presents implications for the collection of Transient Occupancy Tax and business fees. Additionally, zoning may be an issue, and residents may have concerns with neighborhood impacts related to transient uses in single family properties. The broader subject of Internet sales may be appropriate to consider here as well.

Public Safety Realignment (2 responses)

Ventura County Assistant Sheriff Gary Pentis is scheduled on this agenda to address the Board on the regional impacts of criminal justice realignment, with the Board providing direction for follow-up action on addressing specific concerns stemming from realignment.

Technology Trends in Transportation (2 responses)

For this topic area, the impacts of vehicle-sharing applications such as Uber, providing the necessary infrastructure to support electric vehicles, and the potential of self-driving vehicles may be appropriate to consider.

It is recommended the VCOG Board adopt some or all of the preceding issues for its 2015 Program of Priorities, and provide direction as to their scheduling and scope.

In addition to the foregoing categories, the following topics were identified by individual members for inclusion in the VCOG Program of Priorities; some of the issues presented below are related to topics discussed above and are recommended for inclusion in the 2015 Program of Priorities:

Advantages/Disadvantages of Sales Tax Increases (recommended for inclusion with Economic Development)

Animal Issues

Business Attraction/the Cost-Benefit of City Incentives (recommended for inclusion with Economic Development)

Education

Fiscal Impacts Related to Internet Sales (recommended for inclusion with Impacts from Transient Rentals)

Graffiti Eradication Update

Local Preference in Contract Work and Purchasing (recommended for inclusion with Economic Development)

Local Regulatory Authority for Massage Establishments

Military Base Sustainability

Merger of VCOG and VCTC

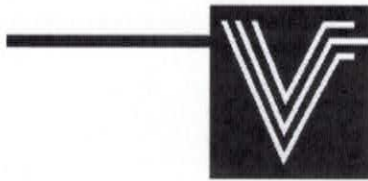
NPDES Permit Renewal

Regional Water Management (recommended for inclusion with California Bay-Delta Process)

Regulation of Medical Marijuana Facilities

Siting of Power Plants in Ventura County

It is recommended the Board review the foregoing issues and provide staff direction as to their inclusion in the VCOG 2015 Program of Priorities.



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors
FROM: *Laura* Laura Behjan, Executive Director
SUBJECT: Adoption of 2015 VCOG Meeting Schedule
DATE: October 9, 2014

Recommendation:

Adopt a schedule for VCOG meetings for calendar year 2015.

Discussion:

The VCOG Bylaws currently state that regular VCOG meetings are to be held no less than four times a calendar year or as otherwise determined by the Board. The Bylaws also specify that regular meetings will take place the second Thursday of the month at 5:00 p.m.

In September 2013, the Board directed that VCOG institute a quarterly meeting schedule, which was implemented for calendar year 2014. In 2014, the Board also established a Program of Priorities, from which topics identified as being of concern to the region were scheduled on the Board's agendas. On certain occasions, time constraints prevented the Board from having discussion and providing direction on the issues. Further, these constraints have resulted in some topics being deferred to future meetings.

In consideration of these challenges, the Administrative Committee recommends the Board adopt a bi-monthly meeting schedule for 2015, plus annual dinner meeting (General Assembly) as follows:

- Thursday, January 8, 2015
- Thursday, March 12, 2015
- Thursday, May 14, 2015
- 2nd or 3rd Thursday of June, 2015 – General Assembly dinner meeting (time and location to be determined)
- Thursday, July 9, 2015
- Thursday, September 10, 2015
- Thursday, November 12, 2015

VCOG meetings will commence at 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise determined by the Board and will take place in the Camarillo City Council Chambers.

The foregoing calendar is expected to enable more effective scheduling of matters slated to come before the Board, while providing the Board flexibility to cancel up to two meetings during the course of the year if needed.

It is recommended the VCOG Board adopt the recommended schedule for VCOG meetings for calendar year 2015.