

**TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, February 17, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Technical Planning Subcommittee (TPS) meeting was called to order on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10:05 a.m. by Chairman Corrie Kates.

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

Corrie Kates, Community Development Director
David Sawyer, Planning Manager
Leisa Lukes, Planning Director
Lauri Aylaian, Community Development Director
Ken Lyons, Associate Planner
Martin Magana, Planning Manager
Greg Trousdell, Associate Planner
Margaret Park, Planning Director

Bob Lyman, TLMA Regional Office Manager

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Joseph Lim, Planning Manager
Carmen Manriquez, Community Development Director
Jennifer Wellman, Planning Director

ALSO PRESENT:

Ryan Snyder
Mathew Roberts

STAFF PRESENT:

Aurora Wilson
Katie Barrows
Jim Sullivan
Jacob Alvarez
Carol Rayner

AGENCY:

City of Indian Wells
City of La Quinta
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Desert Hot Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
Agua Caliente Band
of Cahuilla Indians
County of Riverside

AGENCY

City of Indio
City of Coachella
City of Blythe

Ryan Snyder Associates
Citizen

2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

Jacob Alvarez provided the members with a corrected copy of the staff report for the Adopted Technical Planning Subcommittee Goals for the Remainder of Fiscal Year 2008-09.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

4. TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS

Jim Sullivan, CVAG'S GIS Program Director, stated the AICP Workshop that was tentatively set to be held on Tuesday, March, 17, 2009 has been rescheduled to Tuesday, April 21, 2009. The workshop will immediately follow the TPS meeting and the workshop speaker will be Mr. Ryan Synder. The topic of the workshop will be the Bikeway and Trail Planning for Practitioners. The workshop would be a three to four hour class providing credits toward AICP'S 32 hour requirement of annual training. The training is for planners with at least two years experience.

Aurora Wilson, CVAG's Director of Community Resources, provided the committee members an update on the condition of former Executive Director Wohlmuth.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

None

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 20, 2009 TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

Lauri Aylaian, City of Palm Desert, noted that under the discussion relating to Goal #2 – Alternative Energy Planning- she had requested informational updates be provided on Green building codes, not Greenhouse building codes.

IT WAS MOVED BY GREG TROUSDELL, CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, AND SECONDED BY MARGARET PARK, AGUA CALIENTE BAND OF CAHILLA INDIANS, TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 20, 2009 MINUTES AS AMENDED.

THE MOTION CARRIED WITH THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE.

7. **ADOPTED TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE GOALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

Jacob Alvarez stated at their January 20th meeting, the subcommittee agreed to change priority #3 -- Regional Transportation Plan & CV Year 2035 Traffic Model to an Informational item. It was then recommended to move priority #5 – Affordable Housing projects into the top 4 priority list.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

8. **DISCUSSION & DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT OBJECTIVES FOR FOUR GOALS FOR THE REMAINDER OF FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

Jacob Alvarez stated that this item was tabled at the January 20th meeting. The subcommittee asked CVAG staff to provide draft objectives for priority #5 – Affordable Housing Projects.

Jacob Alvarez stated Legislation including AB32 and SB375 should be looked at separately.

SB375 – Establishes a regional strategy to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions through Land Use & Transportation policy. Objectives are to continue to gather information

on legislation, disseminate that information and provide it to all jurisdictions, develop a strategic outline of the implementation strategy, promote awareness and education and help shape and make recommendation on Cleanup legislation.

AB32 - Requires the State to reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020.

Objectives are to gather information on legislation, disseminate the legislation information and provided it to the jurisdictions and promote awareness and education about legislation. Pending and future legislation will be monitored and information relating to legislative issues (League of California Cities) will be provided. Position letters will be prepared as needed on related issues and submitted to state, federal and local legislative bodies.

Katie Barrows, CVAG's Energy and Environmental Resources Director, stated AQMD will coordinate with CVAG regarding potential regional GHG tonnage inventory cost estimates. AQMD is in the process of completing their methodology in San Bernardino County. AQMD has offered a workshop in the future regarding AB32 and GHG.

Objectives for Alternative Energy Planning would include:

- continuing education;
- review types and usage of Alternative Energy for commercial / residential and their impact;
- the formulation of an alternative Energy Zone similar to the Enterprise Zone and evaluation of zoning for multiple jurisdictions;
- consider building codes including Title 24 and Green Building Codes;
- development of regional standards for wind energy and solar energy in residential zoning and develop a consistent regional model ordinance;
- provide updates from the Energy and Environmental Committee and ensure that strategic energy planning is consistent in the Coachella Valley.

City Ordinances - Mrs. Wilson asked Lauri Aylaian, City of Palm Desert, questions regarding wind turbines in their city. Ms. Aylaian stated the city does not have an ordinance for turbines. Bob Lyman, County of Riverside, stated that the county handles the ordinance for wind turbines for the City of Palm Desert. Mr. Lyman stated he would email the jurisdictions an example of that ordinance. Chairman Kates stated that a Model Ordinance should be uniform for all jurisdictions that now use a plan instead of an ordinance. The cities were asked to provide CVAG with ordinances regarding telecommunication towers and commercial/ residential windmill and solar panel use or standards.

Jacob Alvarez stated Mike Walsh, Coachella Valley Housing Coalition, was not present to give an overview of the Neighborhood Stabilization Program.

Affordable Housing - Mr. Alvarez stated the objectives for Affordable Housing Project included gathering information on current and pending legislation (League of California Cities). Prioritize strategic locations for housing projects that best serve the region and develop the projects near work centers and transportation. Propose Legislation to change current law (how 20% set-aside is used). Ensure that cities receive Affordable Housing Credits and cost effectiveness of a regional strategy. Provide updates on Workforce Housing Trust for first time buyers, non-profit money for GAP financing and provide needed resources. Provide updates on Neighborhood Stabilization Programs regarding implementation and cost effective use of funds.

Base Map of Affordable/Workforce Housing - Chairman Kates asked Jim Sullivan if a Base Map of the Coachella Valley could be made. The map would assess affordable/workforce housing needs. The map would have Public Road Networks and SunLine Transit Routes. Mr. Sullivan asked the subcommittee members to forward him information in GIS ready electronic format, not paper maps or written descriptions. If GIS format is not available, he asked that the information be readily imported into GIS such as an Excel spreadsheet with a list of APNs.

Other information that should be provided to Mr. Sullivan included:

1. Commercial Hubs
2. Large work center/ Employment Hubs—identified by the city or CVEP
3. Farm worker housing locations
4. Affordable Housing location
 - a. Number of units
 - b. Whether units are senior or non age restricted.

Information should be submitted to Mr. Sullivan at jsullivan@cvag.org.

Non-Motorized Transportation Plan - Ryan Synder, Ryan Snyder and Associates, stated he is close to wrapping up the process of obtaining information for the Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. A small amount of information is still needed from the City of La Quinta, Mountain Conservancy and Parks and Recreation. Mr. Synder stated he has held workshops, met with stakeholders, agencies and has met with all jurisdictions regarding information. He is in hopes that the cities will adopt the plan when it is finished. The draft of the plan will be available in a couple of weeks for review.

Lauri Aylaian asked Mr. Synder what the criteria was for the model. Mr. Synder stated the needs of the cities, stakeholders and who and what is served the best. The criteria is then evaluated by priorities and drafted. CVAG does not fund this project unless it is on a regional road. Mr. Synder stated that he has tried to assist the cities get funding for their projects through RCTC and Caltrans.

Chairman Kates asked if the report will have recommendations for connectivity and reroutes for continuation on some of the street routes. Mr. Synder stated that the network will get individuals through the entire valley. He also added that the draft plan will be given to Allyn Waggle, CVAG's Deputy Executive Director and Transportation Director, for review, as CVAG's Transportation Committee initiated the RTP. Subcommittee members requested that they have a chance to view the draft before it is adopted. Jacob Alvarez stated he will keep the committee updated on the RTP.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

9. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Planning Subcommittee (TPS)** will be held at **10:00a.m. on Tuesday, March 17, 2009.**

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Friday, March 13, 2009.**

AICP Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, April 21, 2009**. The workshop will immediately follow the TPS meeting.

10. **INFORMATIONAL: COMMITTEE GOALS FOR 2008/2009**

Goal #1	Legislation including AB 32 & SB 375
Goal #2	Alternative Energy Planning
Goal #3	Regional Bike/Trail Development
Goal #4	Affordable Housing Projects
Information Item	Regional Trans. Plan & CV Yr 2035 Traffic Model

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Rayner
Senior Assistant