

**TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
Tuesday, July 21, 2009**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

With the absence of Chairman Corrie Kates and Vice Chairman Margaret Park, the Technical Planning Subcommittee (TPS) meeting was called to order on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 10:05 a.m. by Aurora Wilson, CVAG's Community Resources Director.

MEMBERS/ALTERNATES PRESENT:

David Sawyer, Planning Manager
Leisa Lukes, Planning Director
Lauri Aylaian, Community Development Director
Ken Lyons, Associate Planner
Bud Kopp, Senior Planner
Joseph Lim, Planning Manager
Carmen Manriques, Community Development Director
Barbara Burrow, Junior Planner
Martin Magana, Planning Manager
Dan Malcolm, Senior Planner

Barbara Carson, Assistant Community Dev. Director

MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

Bob Lyman, TLMA Regional Office Manager

ALSO PRESENT:

Jim Moorissen

STAFF PRESENT:

Aurora Wilson
Katie Barrows
Jacob Alvarez
Carol Rayner

AGENCY:

City of La Quinta
City of Cathedral City
City of Palm Desert
City of Palm Springs
City of Rancho Mirage
City of Indio
City of Coachella
City of Blythe
City of Desert Hot Springs
Agua Caliente Band of
Cahuilla Indians (ACBCI)
City of Indian Wells.

AGENCY

County of Riverside

PZC, Inc.

2. FINALIZATION OF AGENDA, ADDITIONS & REVISIONS

None.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER AND DIRECTOR COMMENTS

None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

6. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 16, 2009 TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**

IT WAS MOVED BY JOE LIM, CITY OF INDIO AND SECONDED BY CARMEN MANRIQUES, CITY OF COACHELA, TO APPROVE THE JUNE 16, 2009 MINUTES. THE MOTION CARRIED.

Barbara Burrow, City of Blythe, joined the meeting via Video-Conference at 10:10 a.m.

7. **ELECTION OF TPS CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009/ 2010**

A MOTION WAS MADE BY BARBARA CARSON, CITY OF INDIAN WELLS, TO NOMINATE LAURI AYLAIAN, CITY OF PALM DESERT, FOR THE CHAIR FOR THE FY 2009/2010 AND IT WAS SECONDED BY BUD KOPP, CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AND THE MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LAURI AYLAIAN TO NOMINATE JOE LIM, CITY OF INDIO, FOR THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE FY 2009/2010 AND IT WAS SECONDED KEN LYON, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS. BARBARA CARSON NOMINATED CRAIG EWING, CITY OF PALM SPRINGS. THERE WAS NO SECOND TO THE MOTION. A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN ON THE ORIGINAL MOTION. THE MOTION CARRIED WITH TEN AYES AND THE CITY OF INDIO ABSTAINING FROM THE VOTE. THE NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR WILL BEGIN THEIR POSITIONS AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING.

8. **UPDATE ON THE REVIEW OF LOCAL MODEL WATER EFFICIENT LANDSCAPE ORDINANCE FROM RIVERSIDE COUNTY WATER TASK FORCE**

Katie Barrows, Director of Energy and Environmental Resources, provided an update on the Subcommittee working group meeting held on July 6th. Mrs. Barrows stated that the Water Ordinance Subcommittee (WOS) reviewed the CVWD matrix that was provided by Dave Koller after the first (WOS) meeting held in June. The various elements of the CVWD matrix were compared to the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance and elements that might need to be identified and changed to comply with AB 1881 were noted. Input was received from Indio Water Authority, La Quinta, Palm Desert, Palm Springs, Desert Water Agency and Missions Springs Water District.

The (WOS) discussed the changes that could be made to the local ordinances to be consistent with the state model. (1) The applicability of the ordinance (2) Determining compliance (3) Water audits and alternatives to completing an audit (4) How to address existing landscapes (5) Enforcement. Updates to current ordinances will take place during the next several months in order to comply with the state model. The CVWD plans to hold a workshop in September or October with their Landscape Review Committee to review the ordinance. After the review, the ordinances should be ready for adoption by October 2009. CVAG will circulate these ordinances to the cities for adoption, which must be done by January 2010. The (WOS) will develop a sample staff report findings and other documents necessary for adoption of the ordinances. Once the adoption is complete, CVAG will assist the member agencies with the submittal of the final ordinances to the State by January 2010. A discussion ensued.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

9. UPDATE ON THE COACHELLA VALLEY-WIDE GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY

Katie Barrows reported that a meeting had been held in June regarding pulling together all the data that can be used to meet the baseline needs to be in compliance for the Coachella Valley-Wide Greenhouse Gas inventory. CVAG will be looking for a consultant for assistance, but will be holding off searching for one until AQMD gathers their facts, which should be completed by September or October. AQMD is asking the cities what their needs are. CVAG will keep the cities informed as AQMD proceeds. It was noted that the City of Blythe is also included in AQMD's fact findings.

Lauri Aylaian reported that the City of Palm Desert did not complete their inventory by June, as was originally planned. The City is hopeful to have their inventory completed by August. They are the only city doing so.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO RECEIVE AND FILE THE INFORMATION PROVIDED.

Mrs. Wilson introduced Executive Director Tom Kirk to the members as he joined the meeting.

10. UPDATE ON SCAG'S "INLAND EMPIRE SB375 OUTREACH"

Jacob Alvarez reported that as part of SB375, SCAG has begun to outreach to its subregions. SCAG has retained the services of Dr. John Husing from Economic & Political, Inc. Three memos dated June 19th (SB375 Outreach), July 12th (Organization of SB375 Outreach) and July 19, 2009 (Coordinated Outreach to Inland Empire) were provided for committee members to review and provide the requested information.

Dr. Husing will assist in coordinating outreach information to build support for a Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS). Dr. Husing has requested to meet with Planning Directors from all cities via the Inland Empires three Council of Governments (COGS). Each Planning Director has been asked to submit their perspective and opinion to the memos' bullet points.

- **SCS Potential Elements**
- **City or County Support or Opposition**
- **Opinion of Leadership Support (Interest Groups)**
- **A through understanding of existing or intended plans**
- **City/ County Support. Opposition**
- **Leadership Support/ Opposition (Interest Groups)**
- **"What they)Planning Directors) regard as the next step to moving a Sustainable Communities Strategy forward on their City or Council"**

Once this information is gathered and analyzed the next step would be for SCAG and CVAG to develop and implement strategic efforts that would lead to the development of a locally based SCS.

Mr. Alvarez noted there will be a joint meeting on September 11th in the Coachella Valley for invited county representatives along with the involvement of the city planners. Mr. Alvarez continued by stating answers to issues that need to be addressed are due by September 7th. Mr. Alvarez stated he has received emails regarding guidelines and the framework for committee members to follow. A discussion ensued.

Lauri Aylaian stated that many of the issues that need feedback cannot be given out without the approval of the city councils and she did not feel comfortable speaking on behalf of the

Chamber of Commerce. Many councilmembers are not aware of SB375 and its' issues. Martin Magana suggested the survey might be better addressed if taken to the council and other agencies involved.

Executive Director Kirk stated this is a struggle with SCAG regarding the subregions and talking about a process. Mr. Alvarez stated he will start drafting a memo to Dr. Husing sharing all the issues brought up by the committee. Mr. Alvarez asked if the members could have their responses back to him by the end of August.

Executive Director Kirk asked the committee members not to spend a lot of time on these questions/ issues. He asked that the members return to their cities and email CVAG a summary of the questions they could and would answer and share their concerns. Mr. Kirk asked that this email be received by Mr. Alvarez no later than the end of this day and the emails should only take the members a matter of ten minutes to write. Members asked that the memo Mr. Alvarez will be drafting also include a request for another date instead of September 11 to be considered for the meeting.

CONSENSUS AGREED TO ANSWER WHAT QUESTIONS THEY COULD AND FELT COMFORTABLE ANSWERING FROM THE JULY 19TH MEMO AND PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION TO CVAG BY THE END OF TODAY, JULY 21, 2009.

11. TECHNICAL PLANNING SUBCOMMITTEE ATTENDANCE ROSTER FY 2008/ 09

None.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of CVAG's **Technical Planning Subcommittee (TPS)** will be held at **10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009.**

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

13. 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

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:12 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Rayner
Senior Assistant

