

**NOTICE, CALL AND AGENDA
StanCOG Executive Committee
Wednesday, June 10, 2009 @ 5:00 PM
1010 10th Street
Basement Rm. 200 Behind Chambers
Modesto, CA**

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Questions: Contact Cindy Malekos at (209) 525-4600.

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may comment on each item on the agenda as it arises.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 5-13-09

B. Motion to Approve Appointment of New Member to Citizen's Advisory Committee (CAC)

C. Motion to Approve Appointment of New Members to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC)

D. Discuss Employee Matter

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

*****ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION*****

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Negotiations:

Property: 1111 I Street

Negotiating Parties: Stanislaus Council of Governments, Agency Negotiator: Vince Harris
Negotiator for Property: Mark Garibaldi As Receiver

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of payment for lease

*****RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION*****

7. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Executive Committee Meeting:

July 8, 2009 @ 5:00 PM

1010 Tenth Street

Basement Rm. 200, Behind Chambers

Modesto, CA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

**City County Chambers
1010 10th Street
Basement Rm. 200 Behind Chambers
Modesto, California**

Minutes of May 13, 2009

PRESENT: Chair Farrell Jackson (City of Oakdale); Jim Ridenour (City of Modesto); Anthony Cannella (City of Ceres); Jeff Grover, Bill O'Brien (Stanislaus County)

ALSO PRESENT: Rod Attebery, Monica Streeter (Neumiller and Beardslee); Vince Harris, Cindy Malekos (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jackson called the meeting to order at 5:09 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were present.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of 4-8-09

***By Motion (Jeff Grover/Jim Ridenour)** and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the minutes of the previous meeting.

B. Motion to Approve FY 2008/09 Budget Amendment #5

Vince Harris explained that this amendment provides for an adjustment in the budget to provide for additional legal fees incurred due to several unforeseen projects. It was noted that the overall budget has not increased due to savings in other budgeted areas.

***By Motion (Jim Ridenour/Bill O'Brien)** and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the FY 2008/09 Budget Amendment #5.

C. Motion to Approve Appointment of New Member to Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

***By Motion (Bill O'Brien/Jim Ridenour)** and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the appointment of Bill Schwarz to the Citizens Advisory Committee.

D. Motion to Approve Appointment of New Members to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory

Committee (BPAC)

Chairman Farrell Jackson mentioned that he recommends Philip Rockey of Oakdale for the BPAC. Staff will follow up on his appointment.

***By Motion (Jeff Grover/Bill O'Brien)** and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the appointment of Steve Bonrepos and Dave Shabaz to the Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee (BPAC).

E. Discussion of Makeup of Screening/Selection Committee for Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Consultant

Vince Harris explained that he wanted the Executive Committee's feedback on the makeup of the Screening/Selection Committee. The consensus was that the Executive Committee is not interested in serving on the RTP Screening/Selection Committee.

5. Executive Director's Report

Vince Harris provided a summary of several staff issues including the status of the recruitment for the Transit Planner position.

*****ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION*****

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 5:40 pm to Closed Session.

6. CLOSED SESSION

A. Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.8 Real Property Negotiations:

Property: 1111 I Street

**Negotiation Parties: Stanislaus Council of Governments, Agency Negotiator: Vince Harris
Brekke Real Estate, Property Owner Negotiator: Ann Shores**

Under Negotiations: Price and Terms of Payment for Lease

*****RECONVENE FROM CLOSED SESSION*****

Chairman Farrell Jackson reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 5:51 pm and noted that there were no reportable actions from the Closed Session.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Farrell Jackson at 5:52 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2009 @ 5:00 P.M.

1010 10TH STREET

Basement Room 200 Behind Chambers

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Signed 
Minutes prepared by Cindy Malekos, Personnel and Administration Manager



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City of Riverbank • City of Turlock • City of Waterford • County of Stanislaus

TO: Executive Committee **Staff Report**
Motion
THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *VH*
FROM: Cindy Malekos, Personnel and Administration Manager *cm*
DATE: June 2, 2009
SUBJECT: Appointment of New Member to the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)

Recommendation

By Motion, appoint Jeff Lustgarten as a new Member on the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC).

Background

The Citizens Advisory Committee's is one of the four standing committees of StanCOG. It is comprised of 15 residents of Stanislaus County that are appointed by the Executive Committee. Each appointment is for a term of four years, with no Member serving on the CAC for more than eight consecutive years.

There are currently only nine members on the CAC due to the resignation of several Members, as well as to the term expiring of another long-serving Member. The CAC meets once monthly, providing input on agenda items that go through the Committee structure before reaching the Policy Board.

Discussion

This individual contacted StanCOG in his role as the Director of Environmental Science and Community Affairs for Covanta which owns and operates more than three dozen waste-to-energy, biomass, biogas and other renewable energy facilities throughout the U.S. and internationally. He contacted StanCOG about the possibility of presenting information to the Policy Board about a new project they're launching at the Crows Landing Facility, and asked about serving on one of our committees. He has more than 10 years of experience as a communications consultant for the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), and is currently a resident of Patterson. Attached is a Citizens Advisory Committee Membership Application that he completed and submitted to StanCOG.

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TO: Executive Committee **Staff Report**
Motion

THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director *[Signature]*

FROM: Carlos Yamzon, Senior Planner
Charles Turner, Associate Planner

DATE: June 1, 2009

SUBJECT: Appointment of Members to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Recommendation

By Motion, appoint two members to the Bicycle/Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Background

In January 2009, the StanCOG Policy Board authorized the establishment of BPAC to provide community input to the Board on non-motorized transportation issues. The BPAC is to be made up of 1 representative from each of the cities and the County. BPAC members will provide the Board with ideas, suggestions, and comments on issues of concern to the bicycle and pedestrian community, seek regional solutions to the needs of bicyclists and pedestrians, and review/comment on StanCOG’s Non-Motorized Transportation Plan. Meetings will be held quarterly starting in May 2009.

Discussion

All City Administrators and Mayors were notified of the opportunity and requested to provide contact information for those who were interested in serving the committee. The BPAC committee currently has members from the cities of Ceres, Modesto, Riverbank, Turlock, and Waterford. Two additional cities have responded and recommended representatives to the BPAC.

Oakdale
Stanislaus County

Mr. Phillip Rockey
Mr. Chuck Shoup

v/stancog/Charles/bpac



CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: Jeff Lustgarten

Home Phone: 209-892-3775

Address: 1347 Kern Creek Lane, Patterson, CA 95363

Occupation: Director, Environmental Science and Community Affairs, Covanta Energy

Work Phone: 209-543-3415

Background, Education and Experience:

I have more than 15 years experience conducting public affairs, community outreach, media relations, and government affairs campaigns for both public and private sector clients. Most notably, my efforts included serving for more than 10 years as the communications consultant for the Southern California Association of Governments, the nation's largest Metropolitan Planning Organization which provides an assortment of planning and policy initiatives for the six-county, 187-city Southern California region. I am thoroughly familiar with the inter-workings and priorities of COGs, and I have a special appreciation and understanding of the critical planning challenges that organizations like Stan COG face every single day. From advocating for critical transportation infrastructure improvements to exploring more sustainable, livable approaches to land use and economic development, I believe that my experience with SCAG makes me uniquely equipped to serve on the Stan COG Citizen's Advisory Council. I also believe that my experience in promoting and marketing planning initiatives like the Regional Transportation Plan and the STIP would provide value to Stan COG.

I currently serve as Director of Environmental Science and Community Affairs for Covanta, which owns and operates more than three dozen waste-to-energy, biomass, biogas and other renewable energy facilities throughout the United States and internationally. I am responsible for managing the community and public affairs needs for Covanta's 12 renewable energy facilities throughout the Western United States, including the Stanislaus Resource Recovery Center in Crows Landing and six biomass facilities throughout California. At our Crows Landing facility alone, we divert more than 250,000 tons of municipal solid waste each year from landfill and convert it into 25 megawatts of electricity, enough to power more than 20,000 homes in the area. While I recognize that Stan COG's primary focus is on transportation, air quality and land use planning, I also believe that the issues of waste management and renewable energy generation represent matters of regional significance which have implications for how Stanislaus County will grow and develop in the coming years.

I received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, and a Master of Arts in Legislative Affairs from George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

What Planning Issues Are Of Particular Interest/Concern To You?

I have a particular interest in transportation and land use policy, and the tremendous impacts they have on an area's livability as well as its economic and community development. I am also a believer in the notion that for too long, the planning community has not fully understood the inter-connections between land use and transportation. I'm fascinated by the "blueprint planning process" – which in some respects began taking hold in Southern California and is now being employed in communities throughout California – and what that entails in terms of planning for future growth in a manner that is both sustainable and responsive to community priorities. I am also a strong advocate for developing transportation infrastructure that supports the development of goods movement and the logistics industry. With two major trade corridor highways and its proximity to several major commerce centers, Stanislaus County is uniquely positioned to become a vital trade center, both within California and nationally.

What Group/Groups (i.e. Low-Income and Minority, Professional and Civic, Educational and Religious, Business and Industrial, etc.) If any, do you feel you represent?

I believe that I primarily represent the business community, but I also understand the critical linkages between economic development, livability and environmental sustainability. I also work in the renewable energy sector, an industry which has been identified by the Stanislaus Workforce Development and Economic Alliance as one of the critical clusters and economic drivers for Stanislaus County.

Comments: While I am a relatively new resident to Patterson and Stanislaus County, I believe that my years of experience promoting regional issues very similar to those which are the focus of Stan COG will be of tremendous value to both the Citizen's Advisory Committee and the organization as a whole. I have a passion for transportation, land use and air quality planning, and I believe that I have a lot to offer Stan COG as it attempts to address an assortment of planning challenges facing the area. I sincerely hope that I'm given the opportunity to actively participate in Stan COG's efforts to plan for Stanislaus County's future.

Please attach additional sheets if more space is needed.

Signature: _____

Date: May 27, 2009