



**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
STANCOG BOARD ROOM
1111 I STREET, SUITE 308
MODESTO, CA
JULY 21, 2010
3:30 PM**

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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 6-16-10

B. Motion to Release Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial Audit Services

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regularly Scheduled Executive Committee Meeting:

**AUGUST 18, 2010 (WEDNESDAY) @ 3:30 PM
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

StanCOG Board Room

1111 I Street, Suite 308

Modesto, California

Minutes of June 16, 2010

PRESENT: Chair Jeff Grover, Bill O'Brien (Stanislaus County); Vice-Chair Jim Ridenour (City of Modesto); Farrell Jackson (City of Oakdale); Charles Goeken (City of Waterford)

ALSO PRESENT: Rod Attebery (Neumiller and Beardslee); Carlos Yamzon, Vince Canales, Cindy Malekos (StanCOG)

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeff Grover called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS-None

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to Approve Executive Committee Minutes of 4-21-10

***By Motion (Member Jim Ridenour/Member Farrell Jackson)**, and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2010.

B. Motion to Approve Nomination of FY 2010/11 Policy Board Chair and Vice Chair

It was discussed that the Executive Committee serves as the nominating committee to the Policy Board.

***By Motion (Member Jim Ridenour/ Member Farrell Jackson)**, and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee nominated Jim Ridenour as FY 2010/11 Policy Board Chair and Bill O'Brien as Vice-Chair.

C. Discussion of Consideration of a Two-Year Contract Extension with the Audit Firm of Dedekian, George, Small and Markarian

Vince Canales explained that the audit firm of Dedekian, George, Small and Markarian has been conducting the StanCOG audit for three years. He reported that they are doing a quality job and that he would like to discuss extending their contract for two more years. Member Farrell Jackson asked where they are located. Vince Canales replied that they are from Fresno. Member Farrell Jackson then asked if there are any firms in the area who are qualified to conduct the audit. He also questioned whether a better contract fee could be obtained given the current economic

situation. Vince Canales said he was not familiar with any firms that do governmental financial audits in the Modesto area. Member Charles Goeken asked why a different auditor (Macias) was used for the Triennial Performance Audit and if a better deal could be ascertained if the same firm does all the audits. Vince Canales explained that the Triennial Performance Audit is a different type of audit that audits the efficiencies and effectiveness of the transit operators. Member Farrell Jackson made a motion to not extend a two-year contract with the current audit firm but to instead release an RFP for audit services for three years. Member Jim Ridenour made a recommendation to send the RFP to local firms if possible. Chair Jeff Grover asked that Vince Canales let the Executive Committee know of the mailing list used for the RFP.

***By Motion (Member Farrell Jackson/Member Charles Goeken)**, and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee directed Staff to not extend the two-year contract with the current audit firm of Dedekian, George, Small and Markarian but to instead release a new RFP for audit services for three years.

D. Discussion of Regional Growth Planning Strategy Consultant

Member Jim Ridenour reported that a draft of the proposed Stanislaus growth management plan has been put together for the group to review. He asked the committee to provide comments so the RFP can be put together. He also said that the cost for the City of Modesto to prepare the RFP would be \$1,100 and that the cost to manage the first phase of the RFP would be \$8,500.

Member Farrell Jackson asked how the Blueprint and Smart Valley Places fits in with this. He said that at the last Partnership meeting that he attended he was asked to approve an agreement between the Partnership and Smart Valley Places that he had only heard about that day. He asked if Staff can review the document. Carlos Yamzon said that the COG directors will be discussing this further and that he can provide a briefing.

E. Motion to Approve the Addition of an Item for Discussion on the Agenda Regarding the Reallocation of Prop 1B Funds

Chair Jeff Grover asked that an item be added to the agenda that requires immediate attention regarding the reprogramming of Prop 1B Funds. Rod Attebery said that the item can be added to the agenda by motion if the item came to the attention of the Chair after the agenda was posted and if it requires immediate attention.

***By Motion (Chair Jeff Grover/Member Jim Ridenour)**, and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the addition of an item for discussion on the Agenda regarding the reallocation of Prop 1B funds that came to the attention of the Executive Committee after the Agenda was posted and that needs immediate attention.

Chair Jeff Grover explained that there is \$160 million left over from Prop 1B funds for the Valley. Caltrans asked the eight Valley COGs to determine the best approach for distributing these funds. The Kiernan/219 is the priority one project to get funded for the Stanislaus region. Other COGs in the Valley have projects that they are trying to get funded and it is all adding up to more than the \$160 million that is available. Chair Jeff Grover emphasized the need for strong representation by Stanislaus in the meetings and discussions that are taking place in the next weeks so that Stanislaus receives the funds they need for the Kiernan/219 project.

F. Motion to Approve the Addition of a Closed Session Item on the Agenda Regarding an Employee Matter

Chair Jeff Grover asked that a Closed Session item be added to the agenda. Rod Atteberry stated that the Closed Session item can be added to the agenda by motion if the item came to the attention of the Executive Committee after the agenda was posted and if it requires immediate attention.

***By Motion (Member Jim Ridenour/Member Charles Goeken)**, and unanimous vote, the Executive Committee approved the addition of a Closed Session item regarding an employee matter that came to the attention of the Executive Committee after the Agenda was posted and that requires immediate attention

5. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Carlos Yamzon reported that a Blueprint Executive Forum is being held in Fresno on June 25 after the Policy Council Meeting.

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

The Executive Committee adjourned to Closed Session at 4:08 pm.

6. CLOSED SESSION

**A. Discussion Regarding Employee Matter Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6:
Agency Designated Representative: Chair Jeff Grover
Unrepresented Employee: Executive Director Vince Harris**

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

The Executive Committee reconvened from Closed Session at 4:28 pm and stated that there were no reportable actions.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Executive Meeting was adjourned by Chair Grover at 4:28 pm.

Next regularly scheduled Executive Committee Meeting:

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21, 2010 @ 3:30 P.M.

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Signed



Minutes prepared by Cindy Malekos, Personnel and Administration Manager



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TO: Executive Committee STAFF REPORT
Motion
THROUGH: Vince Harris, Executive Director
FROM: Vince Canales, Finance Director *vc*
DATE: July 14, 2010
SUBJECT: Proposed Mailing List for StanCOG Financial Audit RFP

Recommendation

By Motion, Direct staff to release StanCOG’s Request for Proposal (RFP) for Financial Audit Services to, at a minimum, the twenty accounting firms identified on the “Proposed Mailing List for StanCOG Financial Audit RFP “attached to this report.

Background

StanCOG’s current independent audit firm is Dedekian, George, Small and Markarian. The contract called for a three year engagement period that has now ended. At the previous executive committee meeting, staff was directed to issue an RFP to obtain audit services rather than extend the current contract.

Discussion

Staff researched the California Society of Certified Public Accountants website in an effort to identify qualified firms.

In addition, staff spoke with all ten member jurisdictions with respect to the audit firms they are currently using. A summary of this information is provided in a separate list titled “List of Independent Auditors by Jurisdiction.”

Based on this research, staff developed the twenty audit firms presented in the attachment.

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PROPOSED MAILING LIST FOR STANCOG FINANCIAL AUDIT RFP

1. Atherton and Associates LLP
1140 Scenic Drive
Modesto, CA 95350-6135
2. Clendenin Bird & Company PC
1300 10th Street
Modesto, CA 95354
3. Fitzgerald Johnson, LLP
2909 Coffee Road Suite 11
Modesto, CA 95355
4. Grimbleby Coleman
200 West Roseburg Avenue
Modesto, CA 95350
5. Brown, Armstrong
4200 Truxton Avenue Suite 300
Bakersfield, CA 93309
6. Charles Z. Fedak & Company
6081 Orange Avenue
Cypress, CA 90630
7. Dedekian, George, Small and Markarian (current auditors)
8080 North Palm Avenue Suite 201
Fresno, CA 93711-5797
8. James M. Stofle
1640 N Street
Merced, CA 95340
9. Gilbert Associates, Inc
2880 Gateway Oaks Drive Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95833
10. Macias, Gini & O'Connell (parent company to Macias Consulting Group – Triennial Performance)
3000 S Street Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95816
11. Reznick Group
400 Capitol Mall Suite 900
Sacramento, CA 95814-4424
12. R.J. Ricciardi Inc.
1000 Fourth Street Suite 400
San Rafael, CA 9490

**PROPOSED MAILING LIST FOR STANCOG FINANCIAL AUDIT RFP
(Continued)**

13. Michelle E Benton
Accountancy Inc
16355 Yosemite Road
Sonora, CA 95370

14. Robert A. Hawks, Jr. CPA
9624 Rimrock Road
Sonora, CA 95370

15. Croce & Company
501 West Weber Street Suite 500
Stockton, CA 95201-1607

16. Kemper CPA Group
3031 West March Lane Suite 133 South
Stockton, CA 95219

17. Leiba & Bowers
305 N El Dorado
Stockton, CA 95202

18. Mc Curry & White LLP
3031 West March Lane #205w
Stockton, CA 95219

19. Moss Adams LLP
3121 West March Lane Suite 100
Stockton, CA 95219-2303

20. Schwartz Giannini Lantsberger
4578 Feather River Dr. #D
Stockton, CA 95219-6510

List of Independent Auditors by Jurisdiction

City of Ceres

Caporicci & Larson located in Walnut Creek. Ceres has used the firm for the past 12 years.

City of Hughson

Current auditors are Macias Gini located in Huntington Beach. Prior to Macias Gini, the CPA firm was Moreland and Associates. However, Moreland was acquired by Macias Gini. Moreland conducted the audit for three years prior to its acquisition by Macias. Macias Gini has performed the audit for the last two years.

City of Modesto

Current auditors are Brown, Armstrong located in Bakersfield. Previous auditors have been Macias Gini in Sacramento, Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company in Riverside

City of Newman

Current auditors Clendenin, Bird and Company located in Modesto.

City of Oakdale

Current auditors Moss, Levy, Hartzheim located in Beverly Hills. Prior to this firm, Oakdale used Vavrinek, Trine and Day.

City of Patterson

Current auditors are Mann, Urrutia, and Nelson. According to Patterson staff, this CPA firms has offices in Glendale, Lake Tahoe, Roseville and Sacramento.

City of Riverbank

Current auditors Clendenin, Bird and Company located in Modesto.

City of Turlock

Current auditors Caporicci & Larson Inc. located in Walnut Creek

City of Waterford

Current auditors Maze and Associates located in Pleasant Hill

County of Stanislaus

Current auditors are Brown, Armstrong located Bakersfield. Brown, Armstrong has performed the audit for the past three years. The previous audit firm was Gallina LLP (formerly Bartig, Basler & Ray). Gallina LLP is located in Roseville.