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SUMMARY MINUTES
November 3, 2008 – 3:00 p.m.
Office of Supervisor Gayle B. Uilkema
Lamorinda Office
3338 Mt. Diablo Road
Lafayette, CA

Committee Members Present: Candace Andersen, Town of Danville; Amy Worth, City of Orinda; Mike Metcalf, Town of Moraga; Don Tatzin, City of Lafayette; Gayle Uilkema, Contra Costa County

Staff members present: Tai Williams, Leah Greenblat, John Cunningham, Calvin Wong, Lisa Bobadilla

Others present: Martin Engelmann, CCTA; Charles Hogle, CCTA CAC; Smitty Schmidt, Alamo resident

Meeting convened with a quorum by Chair Uilkema at 3:04 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order/Self Introductions**
- 2. Public Comment:** None.
- 3. Board Member Comment:** Mike Metcalf inquired about which RTPC Alamo would participate in, should they become an incorporated community. Tai Williams responded that, given its geographic location within the southwest area, Alamo would likely participate in SWAT.
- 4. Administrative Items:** Tai Williams recorded the minutes on behalf of Andy Dillard. Extra agenda packets and handouts were made available.
- 5. Adoption of Agenda:** With the exception of Item #7, which was deferred until Don Tatzin's arrival at approximately 3:10 p.m., the order of the agenda was adopted as presented.
ACTION: Hudson/Andersen/Unanimous
- 6. Review/Approval of Minutes from October 6, 2008**
ACTION: Worth/Metcalf/Unanimous

7. **Update on Contra Costa Transportation Authority’s Workshop on Potential Changes to the Growth Management Program**

Martin Engelmann provided a brief update on the GMP workshop scheduled for November 19, 2008. Don Tatzin and Dave Hudson requested SWAT members’ perspectives on this subject.

- Candace Andersen articulated a desire to stay true to the spirit and intent of the voters’ support of Measure J, and expressed reluctance to make fundamental changes to the GMP, particularly with respect to quantifiable and measurable objectives that could serve as a basis for developing mutual agreement between agencies.
- Mike Metcalf concurred with Ms. Andersen’s comments and added that it’s important to eliminate redundancies and streamline the requirements, particularly in consideration of the fact that smaller agencies have limited staff resources.
- Gayle Uilkema called attention to the fact that the Authority’s Overview of the GMP document includes a paragraph that does not accurately summarize the County’s comments, as described in a letter from County dated October 28, 2008, distributed at the meeting. Specific to the potential GMP changes, Supervisor Uilkema concurred with Mr. Metcalf’s perspectives regarding the elimination of redundancies, and urged the Authority to ensure that the GMP requirements do not duplicate other regional, state or federal requirements. Supervisor Uilkema also expressed that the GMP requirements should be clear and easy to comprehend. She cited SWAT’s review of the Alamo Creek project as one that involved an onerous and difficult process.
- Candace Andersen acknowledged that while she joined the Town Council at the tail end of the Alamo Creek discussions, she cited that the existence of an established TSO allowed the Town and the County to settle its differences.
- Amy Worth expressed that it’s crucial to remember that Measure J promised the voters that the sales tax raised through the measure would be used to pay for *existing* congestion – not future congestion generated by new development. Additionally, a commitment was made to the public that new development would pay its own way through the mitigation of impacts and through the management of growth. As such, it would be important to maintain a GMP that represents these commitments, which includes having quantifiable objectives.
- Don Tatzin expressed that MTSOs should reflect the spirit and intent of Measure J to establish a level of accountability for a jurisdiction’s actions. He also felt that providing for some level of conflict resolution is appropriate.
- Dave Hudson expressed that it is critical that MTSOs be a requirement of cooperative multi-jurisdictional planning process contained in the GMP.

ACTION: None.

8. **Update on Action Plans**

Martin Engelmann reported that Central County released its Action Plan in early October and provided a brief summary of its contents. In response to an inquiry, Mr. Engelmann replied that the development of the Concord Naval Weapons Station was not included in the Action Plan’s forecasts. When it does move forward, it would be considered a General Plan Amendment (GPA) and subject to the GPA review process. Amy Worth noted that there may be an error in the text of Action Plan, the “Financial Outlook” section, last sentence of the paragraph, on page 47. Mr. Engelmann requested that the SWAT consider a goal of formalizing its comments on the Central County Action Plan, along with a release of the Lamorinda Action Plan, by its December meeting. SWAT concurred with this request.

ACTION: Status update was accepted and SWAT concurred with the Authority staff's request to forward its comments on the Central County Action Plan along with a release of the Lamorinda Action Plan by the December SWAT meeting.

Tatzin/Worth/Unanimous

9. **Review/Authorize release of the SWAT comment letter regarding the Countywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan "Issues and Options" Report**

ACTION: Tatzin/Worth/Unanimous

10. **Written Communication, Items of Interest, Outgoing Communication – Consider Actions as Appropriate**

Tai Williams distributed information regarding the upcoming County Connection public hearings to consider service reduction in light of budgetary constraints. Ms. Williams reported that the TAC will request a presentation by the County Connection staff at its next TAC meeting.

ACTION: None.

11. **Discussion: Next Agenda**

ACTION: The Committee requested that the following items be included on the December agenda: (a) status update on the Growth Management Program Workshop; (b) Comments on the Central County Action Plan; (c) Release of the Lamorinda Action Plan; and (d) Status update on the proposed County Connection service reduction plan.

12. **Adjourn to December 1, 2008** which will be held at Supervisor Uilkema's Lamorinda Office in Lafayette.

ACTION: Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

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