The meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 4:30 p.m., on January 22, 2014 in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Administration Building, Kings County Government Center, 1400 W. Lacey Blvd., Hanford, California. Chairperson conducted roll call.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Joe Neves, Harlin Casida, Mark Cartwright, John Gordon, Doug Verboon, Paul Marquez

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Russ Curry

STAFF PRESENT: Bruce Abanathie, Victoria Hall, Terri King, Chris Lehn, Kris Pedersen, Counsel

VISITORS PRESENT: Greg Gatzka, Glenda Dwyer, Diane Friend, John Zumwalt, Jim Christian, Justin Mendez, Dennis Tristao

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Glenda Dwyer asked the Commissioners to consider carefully before they vote on anything. Diane Friend read and submitted a letter concerning the 2014 RTP stakeholders group. Justin Mendez from Congressman Valadao’s office stated he was addressing comments made by concerned citizens regarding the 2014 RTP stakeholders group and issues of transparency.

MINUTES – December 4, 2013

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Gordon) to approve the Minutes of December 4, 2013. Motion carried by the following vote:

Cartwright: Abstain
Casida: Yes
Curry: Absent
Gordon: Yes
Marquez: Yes
Verboon: Yes
A. General Transportation Items

1. 2014 Regional Transportation Plan Progress Report

Mr. Abanathie indicated it is required that the Regional Transportation Planning Agencies and Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs) in National Ambient Air Quality Standard Non-attainment regions prepare a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every four years. The RTP is the long range transportation planning document for the region. SB 375 requires that the 2014 RTP include a new element, a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) to explain how the region will meet the California Air Resources Board established reduction targets for Greenhouse Gases (GHG). SB 375 was developed as an adjunct for the cities and counties to help the State reach its GHG reductions mandated by AB 32. KCAG has provided extensive outreach as required by SB 375 and has assembled an RTP stakeholder group to represent the interests of the population of Kings County as a whole.

Commissioner Gordon provided feedback on the Lemoore Rotary meeting; Commission Cartwright mentioned the last three stakeholder meetings had no Agriculture/Dairy representatives and would like to see them included; Mr. Gatzka quoted portions of SB 375 and AB 32 focusing on that they are voluntary measures; Mr. Tristao would like to see more stakeholder meetings; Mr. Zumwalt indicated this process needs to get done but would like the committee to slow down.

Commissioner Verboon asked where the meetings were being held and if they could be changed to a different venue. Mr. Abanathie replied that the venue could be changed depending on the number of people who were attending. The Commissioners asked that two more stakeholder meetings be added. Ms. King indicated that it could be done and would check the calendar and notify all interested parties of the additional meetings as they are scheduled. She noted that the Stakeholders group is only one of many methods being used to receive input on the RTP/SCS based on the public participation plan.

2. San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority

Ms. King discussed the next San Joaquin Joint Powers Authority meeting being held in Stockton on January 24 which Commissioner Verboon will be attending. Several draft chapters of the Business Plan are available for review on the Authority’s website and the whole draft document is scheduled to be ready for review by March.

B. Caltrans Reports

Mr. Marquez gave a report on the work being done by Caltrans in Kings County and commented on an article in the quarterly newsletter about maintenance and the innovative work being done by the maintenance workers. On an average there is one maintenance worker for every eight miles of road.

C. Correspondence

None.
D. Staff Comments

Ms. King indicated we are assisting Avenal in applying for a Caltrans planning grant for their trail system.

E. Commissioner Comments

None.

KCAG COMMISSION

A. General Commission Items

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by TPC on January 22, 2014

A motion was made and seconded (Gordon / Verboon) to reaffirm all actions taken by the Transportation Policy Committee on January 22, 2014. Motion carried by the following vote:

Cartwright: Yes
Casida: Yes
Curry: Absent
Gordon: Yes
Marquez: Yes
Verboon: Yes

2. San Joaquin Valley Legislative Platform and Valley Voice Trip

Ms. Lehn reported the San Joaquin Regional Transportation Planning Agencies (RTPAs) staff has prepared a draft legislative platform which will be utilized for the Sacramento 2014 Valley Voice Trip March 5-6. The final platform will be approved by the San Joaquin Valley Regional Policy Council on February 21st. The platform includes six key focus areas discussing transportation funding, the transportation initiative voter threshold, cap and trade funding, goods movement, the San Joaquin Amtrak Intercity Passenger Rail, and water.

Commissioner Gordon and Commissioner Cartwright expressed concerns regarding the transportation initiative voter threshold. Ms. King noted that this is for those Counties that wish to place a transportation sales tax measure on the ballot.

KCAG staff asked for volunteers to represent KCAG on the Valley Voice trip. Commissioner Cartwright stated that he would check his availability and get back to staff.

3. Regional Climate Action Plan Update

Ms. Lehn stated there was a meeting of the Regional Climate Action Plan Advisory Committee held on Monday December 16th at the City of Hanford. The consultant reviewed the potential greenhouse reduction measures quantifications and draft measures descriptions with corresponding implementation actions. The next meeting will be held February 4, 2014, 1-3 at the City of Hanford Training Room. Presentations on the project will be made at the City of Avenal's study session January 23rd and to the City of Hanford’s study session February 4th. The grant will be ending June of 2014.
4. **2014 Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan**

Ms. Lehn indicated KCAG is required to prepare a Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan that our member agencies will use to develop their individual housing elements. There was a kick-off meeting held on January 10th with member agencies, planning directors, staff, State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and KCAG to discuss the draft RHNA determination, overall process and key dates. HCD participated through conference call and provided a detailed overview of how the RHNA determination was calculated for Kings County. According to the Government Code, HCD must issue the final RHNA determination by January 29 or at least 24 months prior to the Housing Element due date. The draft total housing regional need for the planning period of January 1, 2014 – January 31, 2024 is 10,220, which is a 33% reduction from the prior period.

Commissioner Gordon expressed concerns regarding the number issued by HCD. Ms. Lehn stated it is a guideline to plan for the accommodation of housing units and not a requirement to have the units built. Commissioner Cartwright asked about adjusting the levels. Ms. Lehn replied these are the numbers given by the HCD which responded to our comments and did all they could to provide the lowest numbers.

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**ADJOINTMENT**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director