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TO: Council of Governments
FROM: Tim McSorley, Executive Director
DATE: November 28, 2006
SUBJECT: Director's Report

I have been on the job now for just over a month and want to express my appreciation to the Council for this great opportunity. I have learned quite a bit and have much more to learn. It is my intent to continue the history of public service that the Council of Governments can be proud of. We have many opportunities but still face many challenges ahead.

I want to especially thank Mary Kelly for her assistance in this period of transition. If it were not for her, I may have turned tail and run the very first day. I also want to thank Scott Maas for his assistance to me and for his continuing service to the Council.

During these first few weeks, I have had a chance to familiarize myself with our Overall Work Program (OWP) and have been able to establish some short-term priorities. These are as follows:

- Hire a Transportation Planner
- Start up Regional Transportation Plan (RTP)
- Start up Circulation Study
- Wagon Trail, Project Analysis & Environmental Document (PA & ED)

We have met one of our short-term priorities already. I am happy to report that we have extended an offer of employment to Tyler Summerset and he has accepted. His first day on the job is scheduled for December 11.

The past few weeks has been busy for me literally up and down the State attending meetings and workshops as follows:

- Transit Development Act (TDA) Performance Audit Training in Redding
- California Transportation Commission (CTC) in Jackson
 - Acknowledgement of the Tri-Counties MOU
 - Ribbon cutting for SR49 bypass
- Angels Camp General Plan EIR Scoping meeting
- Tri-Counties U-Plan in Jackson
- Council of Governments Technical Advisory Committee
- Rural Counties Task Force (RCTF) in Sacramento

- Corridor Mobility Improvement (CMIA) Guidelines Workshop in Sacramento

Over the next few months we will continue to monitor progress on the OWP, begin developing the Fiscal Year (FY) 2007/2008 budget and OWP, continue being involved in statewide issues as they may relate specifically to Calaveras County and rural counties in general.

Meetings:

- December 7 – Project Development Team (PDT) meeting for SR 4/Pool Station Road intersection project.
- December 13 – Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) meeting.
- December 13 & 14 – California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to Victoria Erickson, Curly Middleton and Trudy Lackey for their active involvement with the Council of Governments. While I did not get a chance to work with each of you, your involvement has helped make this organization what it is today. If there is anything that I may be able to assist with in the future, please feel free to give us a call.

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to join us for our annual “Hobnob with the COG...the tradition continues”, on December 20 from 3 until 7 at the CCOG office. Enjoy the now-famous clam chowder and other goodies.