

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALAVERAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
March 7, 2007**

Council Members present: Lee Seaton – Chair, Merita Callaway – Vice Chair, Bill Claudino, Jack Lynch, Michelle Plotnik, Bob Leitzell and Gregg Baxter

Staff: Tim McSorley – Executive Director; Tyler Summersett – Transportation Planner; Mary Kelly – Senior Administrative Analyst

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Chair Lee Seaton

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Minutes** of February 14, 2007 Regular Meeting – **Action**

Moved: Claudino Second: Leitzell Approved: 7-0

REGULAR AGENDA

2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

3. **ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER - Action**

The Council appointed David Wood alternate member #1 and Dorian Faught alternate member #2. Terms to expire January 31, 2010.

Moved: Plotnik Second: Callaway Approved: 7-0

4. **RTIP APPROVAL**

The 2006 STIP Augmentation was discussed and after minor changes, the Council passed Resolution FY07-13 approving the adoption of the Tri-County Regional Transportation Improvement Program for the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program. The Resolution also authorizes the Executive Director to sign all documents related to the STIP Augmentation.

Moved: Leitzell Second: Plotnik Approved: 7-0

5. **CALTRANS REPORT**

Jane Perez, Deputy District Director for Planning & Local Assistance for Caltrans reported on the following:

- Perez is participating in an advisory committee at Caltrans Headquarters on the SafeteaLu Legislation and how it impacts the California Transportation Plan. Issues that impact the California Transportation Plan need to be compliant with SafeteaLu.
- Results of Action Item from February: complaints about the sand used on highway 4 in the Ebbetts Pass area. Perez reported that the sand was changed last year. Merita said there were still complaints about the sand being used. Jane will pass this on to the correct people at Caltrans to review.

6. **STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT REPORTS**

a. SR4 Angels Camp Bypass: Executive Director Tim McSorley reported that the California Transportation Commission has approved the CMIA funds for the A.C. Bypass. Initially, staff was informed by several sources including Caltrans and the CTC that the CMIA funds would not be allocated to the CCOG. Because of the high regard the CTC has for the Tri-Counties, the funds were approved. The plan appears to be that Caltrans will “borrow” the funds from IIP and once the Governor signs the budget approving the CMIA, the IIP funds will be paid back and CMIA funds used. Council Member Baxter asked if there has been official notification of the funding. McSorley explained that the CMIA funding was adopted by

the CTC, but the Governor has to sign the budget to make it official. The IIP funding should be approved at the CTC meeting in March.

Gary Caldwell, Valley Springs expressed his gratitude to Caltrans for coming up with funds for the Angels Camp project.

- b. SR4 Wagon Trail Project: There were no updates to the report included in the packet. The Council had no questions.
- c. SHOPP Projects – There were no updates to the report included in the packet. The Council had no questions.
- d. Air Quality Conformity – Council Member Lynch explained that per his request at the February meeting, he has received documentation on air quality data from Project Manager Scott Maas, but he has some confusion with Maas’ current report supplied in the packet. He questioned if the required criteria is “set”. Director McSorley stated that ARP is working on new regulations. Council Member Callaway suggested that Lynch contact Lakhmir Greweal at the County with additional questions.

7. SMART GROWTH PRESENTATION – Seaton and Summersett

Chair Seaton and Transportation Planner Tyler Summersett presented an overview of the Smart Growth conference they attended in Los Angeles in February.

8. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

The Executive Director reported on the following:

- UPlan: The Core Group met on March 7th. The group is excited about using the land use model link to transportation modeling to assist the County and City through the General Plan process. The model is GIS-based which provides visuals that provide different alternatives and how the population growth and land uses are affected.
- CalCOG: Regional Blueprints were discussed at the CalCOG meeting attended in February. The difference between Regional Blueprints and the UPlan is that Regional Blueprints are being geared towards the metropolitan areas and the UPlan process is not adopting a Regional Blueprint land use program, it’s more of a tool to help understand the implications of land use policies.
- Member Orientation: staff will offer an orientation to new (or not so new) members to familiarize them with the CCOG, funding, acronyms, etc. A training class will be held on April 11th at 5:00 in the CCOG offices. The April CCOG meeting will follow at the Government Center.
- Due to conflicting schedules, the Director asked if the July 11th meeting could be changed to July 18th. To give them an opportunity to check schedules, the Council will be asked again at the April meeting.

9. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Nathan Atherstone, Public Works Department/Transit Manager reported that the bids for new buses was released on time. He anticipates that a selection will be announced at the April meeting.

Atherstone asked about the support letter from the City of Angels to the realtors of the transit transfer station at Savemart. Chair Seaton explained that a request has been made to the Council.

Action Item: Chair Seaton to follow up with City Administrator Tim Shearer on the status of the letter.

10. CITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Chair Seaton suggested organizing a forum or committee to discuss traffic ideas, including stop signs and parking solutions. He asked that the Council discuss putting this idea to work.

Seaton also reported that there will be a bicycle event in Calaveras County in June sponsored by Sierra Century. He said it would be good if this was an annual event and perhaps find what protocol should be followed if other events are to be held in the County.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8.40 pm.

Lee Seaton, Chair
Calaveras Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Mary Kelly, Recording Secretary
Calaveras Council of Governments