

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALAVERAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
May 9, 2007**

Council Members present: Lee Seaton – Chair, Merita Callaway – Vice Chair, Bill Claudino, Michelle Plotnik, Gregg Baxter, Paul Raggio, and David Wood

Alternates Present: Paul Raggio for Jack Lynch; David Wood for Bob Leitzell

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

Also Present: Lynn O’Connor - Caltrans County Coordinator, Nathan Atherstone- Transit Manager, Scott Maas- Maas & Associates

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm by Chair Lee Seaton

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Minutes of April 11, 2—7 – **Action** Abstain: Raggio
2. Resolution approving contract with PERS - **Action**

Moved: Plotnik Second: Callaway Approved: Unanimously

REGULAR AGENDA

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

4. **PUBLIC HEARING AND POSSIBLE ACTION RE: 5311 DISCRETIONARY FUNDING GRANT APPLICATION APPROVAL - Action**

Nathan Atherstone, Transit Manager explained that a public hearing is required for the County to apply for a Caltrans 5311 Discretionary grant. Chair Seaton opened the public hearing and asked if there were questions or comments from the public. There being none, Seaton closed the hearing and asked the Council for their comments. Executive Director Tim McSorley explained that there are Local Transportation Funds available for the grant match.

Resolution FY07-16 approving the programming of federal transit administration Section 5311 discretionary project funds for FY2007-08.

Moved: Callaway Second: Baxter Approved: Unanimously

5. **TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT (TE) PROJECT REVIEW - Action**

Scott Maas, CCOG Project Manager provided a power point presentation and discussed recommendations for the following TE projects: City of Angels, Mokelumne Hill Town Hall Restoration, Shay Locomotive, and Cosgrove Trails.

Maas recommended \$448,000 total funds including start up funding of \$100,000 to the City of Angels Sidewalks and Landscape project for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. The City of Angels has been contacted and identified as the lead agency.

Maas recommended total funding of \$176,000 for the Mokelumne Hill Town Hall and Sidewalks project, with an initial allocation of \$20,000 for the 07/08 fiscal year. Chip Walker-Project Coordinator, Julia Costello, and Sam Chastain were present to discuss the level of community support for the specified project. The CCOG is recommended as the lead agency assigned to this project.

Maas recommended total funding of \$121,000 for the Shay Restoration project with \$42,000 being suggested as the allocation for the 07/08 fiscal year. Mark Johnson, Secretary for the Logging Museum; Patrick Carnahan, Project Manager and Bill Lorenz, Calaveras District Ranger/Forest Service, reviewed the history of the Museum and the Shay locomotive illustrating the logging history of the area. The CCOG is recommended as the lead agency assigned to this project.

Maas recommended total funding of \$300,000 to the Cosgrove Trail project with \$30,000 for the 2007-2008 fiscal year. David Tanner of Valley Springs CRV Development provided a program overview and added that a signed deed was available for the first phase. Council Member Wood voiced his concern about flooding on Cosgrove Creek. Tanner responded that the trail will be part of a berm to channel the Creek and could span approximately 106'. Wood said that recreation resources are limited and expressed concern for parking. Tanner explained that flexibility is available and that staging areas could be added on Hogan instead of Highway 26.

A motion was made approving the Transportation Enhancement funding recommendations as follows:

Angels Camp Sidewalks and Landscaping \$480,000,
Cosgrove Creek Bikeway \$300,000
Mokelumne Hill Town Hall and Sidewalks \$176,000
Sierra Logging Museum Shay Restoration \$121,000

Moved: Callaway Second: Plotnik Approved: Unanimously

A motion was made approving the Transportation Enhancement funding recommendations for FY 2007-2008 as follows:

Angels Camp Sidewalks and Landscaping \$100,000
Cosgrove Creek Bikeway \$30,000
Mokelumne Hill Town Hall and Sidewalks \$20,000
Sierra Logging Museum and Shay Restoration \$42,000

Moved: Callaway Second: Plotnik Approved: Unanimously

Resolution FY07-18 was approved selecting the City of Angels Sidewalks and Landscaping project as TE Grant Recipient.

Moved: Raggio Second: Claudino Approved: Unanimously

Resolution FY07-19 was approved selecting the Cosgrove Bikeway, Shay Locomotive Restoration and Mokelumne Hill Town Hall and Sidewalk Enhancement projects as TE grant recipients with Calaveras COG as lead agency AND authorizing the Executive Director to execute all related documents concerning the project.

Moved: Callaway Second: Claudino Approved: Unanimously

6. CALTRANS REPORT

Lynn O'Connor, Caltrans Deputy Director reported that the CCOG Overall Work program has been received and reviewed. Caltrans provided positive feedback regarding the quality of the plan. O'Connor reported that the Litter Campaign has begun in partnership with CHP.

Council Member Plotnik requested information on changing a sign on Highway 4 in Murphys which currently reads "Business District" to read "Historic Shopping District". O'Connor advised Plotnik to provide a design concept with the requested changes to Caltrans.

7. APPROVAL FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO RICCIARDI, INC. FOR DELAY IN RECEIVING AUDIT INFORMATION- **Action**

The Council asked staff to provide a breakdown of the cost increase by Ricciardi. There was no action taken on this item.

Action item- Staff to bring this item back at the June meeting.

8. STATE HIGHWAY PROJECTS

a. SR4 Angels Camp Bypass: Project Manager Scott Maas reported that Smoke Signals, the last occupied business in the right-of-way of the Bypass is moving to a new location. Caltrans will begin the advertising process in May. The bid process will follow.

b. SR4 Wagon Trail Realignment - **Action**

The Council approved Resolution FY07-17 authorizing the Executive Director to execute all related documents concerning project approval and environmental documentation on the State Route 4 Wagon Trail Realignment Project.

Moved: Plotnik

Second: Baxter

Approved: Unanimously

c. SHOPP Projects

Major work on this project includes shoulder work on Sam's Way in Angels Camp.

Action- Scott Maas to contact Project Manager for clarification on Sam's Way.

d. Air Quality Conformity

Request air quality coordination meeting. Interagency consultation to include Federal highway, EPA, Cal Trans, California Air Resource Board.

9. UPLAN

Transportation Planner Tyler Summersett gave a brief presentation on the UPLAN.

10. STAFF REPORTS

a. Director McSorley reported that the CCOG website was hacked into, but should be back online May 10th. A funding flow chart was released by the CTC and will be provided to Council members. Staff is currently updating the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and awaiting guidelines regarding greenhouse gas emissions as proposed by Senator Perata. McSorley announced the resignation of Mary Kelly-Senior Administrative Analyst. There exists the possibility to contract with Kelly for training purposes during the transition phases.

b. Transportation Planner, Tyler Summersett reported that the CALACT conference provided information on a new regulation to provide a Coordinated Transportation Plan needed for new funding. The Arnold Rural Livable Community Based Mobility Plan was introduced and an article in the paper is forthcoming.

11. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Nathan Atherstone, Public Works Department/Transit Manager reported that a \$1.2 million grant was received from the high risk rural roads fund. He provided an update on the bus purchase.

Mr. Atherstone is working on attaining the agreements for the 5311 grant money. Including a County Wide Maintenance Agreement, and Encroachment Permits to be obtained through the City of Angels Camp.

12. CITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

There were no issues.

13. COUNCIL REPORTS

The Council had nothing to report.

31. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Lee Seaton, Chair
Calaveras Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Melissa Eads, Recording Secretary
Calaveras Council of Governments