

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALAVERAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD ON OCTOBER 11, 2006**

Council Members present: Merita Callaway – Chair, Curly Middleton – *Vice Chair*, Victoria Erickson, Lee Seaton, Michelle Plotnik, and Dorian Faught

Absent: Bob Leitzell and Trudy Lackey (Dorian Faught as alternate)

Staff: Scott Maas – Interim Director; Mary Kelly – Senior Administrative Analyst

CONSENT AGENDA

Items 2 and 5 were pulled for discussion. Motion was then made approving the remainder of the Consent Agenda as submitted:

Moved: Seaton Second: Plotnik Approved: 6-0-1

1. **Minutes** of September 6, 2006 Regular Meeting – **Action** Abstain: Faught and Erickson
3. Contract Amendment: LSC Transportation Consultants, RTP Update - **Action**
4. Contract Approval: 2006 Calaveras County Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan - **Action**
6. Bicycle/Pedestrian Annual Report

2. Contract Amendment: LSC Transportation Consultants, Circulation Study - **Action**

Moved: Erickson Second: Plotnik Approved: 6-0-1

5. This item was postponed until the December 6 meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA

7. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments from the public.

8. **EMERGENCY ITEMS**

There were no emergency items. The Council agreed that placing this item on the agenda was unnecessary. It will be left off of future agendas.

9. **GIS TOOL FEASIBILITY GRANT APPLICATION - Action**

The Council authorized staff to apply for a Partnership Planning Grant in the amount of \$100,000. Caltrans District 10 will administer the grant. This grant will fund a feasibility study for the development of a Partnership Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Tool. The match amount of \$20,000 will be funded by Caltrans.

Moved: Faught Second: Seaton Approved: 6-0-1

10. **CALTRANS REPORT**

Kathleen McClafflin, Acting Chief, Caltrans Regional Planning and Administration reported that the deadline for submitting planning grants is Friday, October 13th.

- **Action Item:** *Kathleen will check on the status of the reflectors that were to be placed on Highway 4 and Angels Oaks Drive. She will report her findings directly to Curly.*
- **Action Item:** *Kathleen will check the timeframe of the installation of yellow flashing lights on Hagen Lane near Jenny Lind School. She will report her findings directly to Victoria.*

11. **STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT REPORTS**

- a. SR4 Angels Camp Bypass – Scott Maas, Project Manager reported that Caltrans has informed him that the right-of-way acquisition is costing more than anticipated. Caltrans does not have the figure yet, but will let Scott know as soon as they know. Scott felt the cost increase could be \$8M-\$10M. Another problem is

that right of way is going slower than Caltrans thought. Advertising the project may be delayed until February. Scott will invite the Caltrans right-of-way Chief, Mike Rodriguez, to attend the December meeting to give the Council an update and clearer understanding of the issue.

- b. SR4 Wagon Trail Project – Maas summarized the report provided in the packet. The Co-op Agreement is at Caltrans headquarters for final approval and he expects to bring the Agreement to the CCOG at their December meeting for review.
- c. SHOPP Projects – Maas explained that Caltrans has rejected the proposed offer of \$3M to be used toward the Pool Station Curve Correction. He was informed that the project is no longer being pursued. Instead, Caltrans will be pursuing a left turn pocket at that site. Scott felt that the CCOG should continue to work with Caltrans, participate in their PDT meetings for this project to try and get the best SHOPP project possible at this intersection. A PSR has already been done on this project and Scott said it should be looked at again to make sure the left turn pocket is meeting the requirements. If it isn't, he can talk with Caltrans about developing a good project at that intersection. At this point, he feels this is our only recourse.
- d. Air Quality Conformity – Maas summarized the report provided in the packet.
- e. Tri-County STIP – Maas summarized the project report provided in the packet. He reminded the Council that the California Transportation Commission (CTC) meeting will be held in Jackson on November 8th and 9th. There will also be a ribbon cutting ceremony on November 9th for the Amador Highway 49 Bypass. Chair Callaway stated that she will be in attendance.

12. MOU BETWEEN THE CCOG AND COUNTY RE: BENEFIT BASIN FEE PROGRAM – Action

CCOG Council reviewed the MOU provided in the packet. After discussion, a motion was made authorizing the CCOG to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County to prepare the Benefit Basin fee Programs. The MOU, with modifications made by CCOG, will be reviewed by County Counsel before being sent to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

Moved: Seaton

Second: Plotnik

Approved: 6-0-1

13. RESOLUTION ALLOCATING TDA FUNDS FOR FY2006-07 TRANSIT SERVICES – Action

A motion was made approving the allocation of FY06-07 TDA Funds for Transit Services.

Moved: Erickson

Second: Faught

Approved: 6-0-1

14. REPORT FROM INTERIM DIRECTOR

The Director summarized the report provided in the packet. He will be meeting with Jane Perez, Caltrans Deputy Director of Planning to discuss Proposition 1b. Tuolumne and Amador County Directors are also attending.

Maas reported that there are few items to report at the November meeting and requested the meeting be cancelled. A motion was made canceling the November 15th meeting.

Moved: Erickson

Second: Plotnik

Approved: 6-0-1

15. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

The County reported no new issues.

16. CITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

Lee Seaton reported that there is still a problem with bus transfers at the Savemart Center. Nathan Atherstone, Transit Manager stated the property where the new transfer station will be moved is under escrow. The new owner is aware of Transit's interest in a lease agreement and talks between he and Nathan are ongoing.

Nathan said he will speak with his operator regarding the traffic problems created by bus transfers and make sure there is not an issue.

Mr. Seaton said waiting for escrow to close is not acceptable. There are difficulties now with the bus transfer station directly in front of Savemart.

➤ *Action Item: Nathan will look at alternatives and report back his findings at the December meeting.*

17. PERSONNEL ISSUES – CLOSED SESSION

a. Executive Director Recruitment Update

A closed session was held under Government Code section 54957, personnel matter: Public Employee appointment (Executive Director). Results of this session will be reported at the December 6th meeting.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8.15 pm.

Merita Callaway, Chair
Calaveras Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Mary Kelly, Recording Secretary
Calaveras Council of Governments