

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE CALAVERAS COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
HELD ON DECEMBER 7, 2005**

Council Members present: Merita Callaway – *Vice Chair*, Victoria Erickson, Curly Middleton, Gabriel Karam, Bob Leitzell and Dorian Faught

Council Members Absent: Lee Seaton and Michelle Plotnik (Dorian Faught present as alternate for Plotnik)

Staff: George Dondero - Executive Director; Brittany Odermann – Transportation Planner; Mary Kelly Administrative Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice Chair Merita Callaway

CONSENT AGENDA

Item #3 was pulled by Council Member Erickson. Motion was then made approving the remainder of the Consent Agenda Items as submitted:

Moved: Erickson *Second: Middleton* *Approved: 6-0-1*

1. Minutes of November 9, 2005 Regular Meeting - **Action** Approved 5-0-2 Abstain: Faught
2. Notice of Public Member Solicitation
4. Unmet Transit Needs Notification
5. TDA Survey
6. Oak Conservation Report
7. SSTAC Report
8. Red-Legged Frog Habitat
9. Resolution and two letters to support retention of Prop. 42 Funding for Transportation - **Action**

Item #3: Council Member Erickson presented Gabriel Karam with a plaque recognizing his dedication and commitment while serving on the Council for the past 3 years – **Action**

Moved: Erickson *Second: Middleton* *Approved: 6-0-1*

REGULAR AGENDA

10. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

11. **EMERGENCY ITEMS**

The Executive Director presented an action item asking the Council to authorize a contract between Berryman & Henigar, Inc. to review, analyze and update 20-year land use projections needed for the Valley Springs and Copperopolis Benefit Basin Fee Programs.

Moved: Leitzell *Second: Middleton* *Approved: 6-0-1*

12. **PUBLIC HEARING: Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program - Action**

The Executive Director presented a description on the DBE process. Vice Chair Callaway opened the public hearing by asking if there was anyone present who wanted to address the item for discussion. There being none, the public hearing was closed.

MINUTE ORDER approving the Calaveras Council of Governments' Disadvantaged Enterprise Program for FY 2005/2006.

Moved: Erickson *Second: Karam* *Approved: 6-0-1*

13. CALTRANS REPORT

Jane Perez, Chief – Caltrans office of Regional Planning and Administration reported on the following:

- Action item from November: why is there not an acceleration lane on the left-turn lane coming from the Jon Ellis development project?

The traffic impact study report prepared by Ken Anderson indicated that no acceleration or deceleration lane was required since the volumes for that particular development were very low.

There were no other questions or comments.

14. STATE HIGHWAY PROJECT REPORTS

a. SR4 Angels Camp Bypass – George Dondero summarized the consultant’s report provided in the packet.

b. SR4 Wagon Trail Project – Dondero reported that an additional federal earmark totaling \$750,000 has been received. There is now over \$2M committed to the project which will cover the cost of the environmental phase and a portion of the design. There was a discussion of the State taking over as lead on the federal environmental document (NEPA) and how this might affect the project.

Action Item: Dondero to find out if the Forest Service can assist with the environmental assessment.

Action Item: Dondero to find out if private firms can do NEPA work.

c. SHOPP Projects – Dondero summarized the consultant’s report provided in the packet.

d. Air Quality Conformity – Dondero summarized the consultant’s report provided in the packet.

e. Cottage Springs Passing Lane – Letter approving additional RIP funding – **Action**
A motion was made approving a letter to Caltrans authorizing \$40,000 in Tri-County RIP funds to be used for completion of the Cottage Springs Passing Lane.

Motion: Middleton Second: Leitzell Approved: 6-0-1

15. 2006 CCOG Meeting Schedule

There were no changes to the schedule presented.

16. EBBETTS PASS NATIONAL SCENIC BYWAY - Report

This was an information item only. There were no questions or comments.

17. AMENDMENT #2 TO THE OVERALL WORK PROGRAM - Action

Dondero reviewed the changes to the Overall Work Program.

The Council approved the resolution adopting a second amendment to the FY 2005-06 Overall Work Program.

Motion: Faught Second: Karam Approved: 6-0-1

Action Item: Staff to check to see if there is a bike plan for Daphne Street in Valley Springs.
Action Item: If there is no plan, Public Works to submit a grant application to the Safe Routes to School program. (NOTE: there is a plan)

18. REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (RTIP) APPROVAL Action

Dondero explained that the RTIP is the programming document submitted to the California Transportation Commission every two years for the STIP. It includes projects for Alpine, Amador and Calaveras.

The Council approved the resolution adopting the Tri-County Regional Transportation Improvement Program for the 2006 State Transportation Improvement Program with the following correction:

Page 11: *“There are six additional projects within the MOU Phase II which are considered “Tier Two Priorities”. These six Tier Two projects are identified as follows:”* **TO BE CHANGED TO READ –**

“There are additional projects within the proposed MOU Phase II which are considered “Tier Two Priorities”. Some of the proposed Tier Two projects are:”

Page 12: *“ The PSR was completed.”* **TO BE CHANGED TO READ –**

“ The PSR was completed in July 2004.”

Motion: Karam

Second: Middleton

Approved: 6-0-1

19. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Mr. Dondero reviewed his report supplied in the packet.

20. COUNTY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

There were no issues from the County.

21. CITY TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

There were no issues from the City.

22. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Merita Callaway, Chair
Calaveras Council of Governments

ATTEST:

Mary Kelly, Recording Secretary
Calaveras Council of Governments