



Meeting of the Board of Directors

Friday, September 18, 2015, 10am-3pm

Kern Community College District
Atlantic & Pacific Rooms, 2nd Floor
2100 Chester Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93301

I. Convene Meeting – Introductory Remarks

The meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order by co-deputy chair Luisa Medina at 10:17 am* on Friday, Sept 18, 2015. (*Some had unreliable directions.) Bakersfield is now the ninth largest city in the state and can boast being graffiti-free.

Introductions were made around the board table and guests in the room. Board members present were Monica Blanco-Etheridge, Amarpreet Dhaliwal, Lee Ann Eager, Bryn Forhan, Frank Gallegos, Andrew Genasci, Carole goldsmith, Pat Gordon, Harold Hanson, Genoveva Islas, Luisa Medina, Suzi Picaso, Mary Renner, Max Rodriguez, Secretary Karen Ross, Luis Santana, Chair Ashley Swearengin and James Tague.

Board deputies present were Danielle Bergstrom from the City of Fresno, Albert Rivas from the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, and Jim Suennen representing Secretary Diana Dooley.

Board Advisory Member Robert Tse was also in attendance as well as Sarge Green from the Water Work Group.

II. Recognition of Sponsors and Dignitaries, Welcome to Kern County

The board recognized and thanked our sponsors, the Tejon Indian Tribe and Gazelle Transportation for their generous support.

Board Member Harold Hanson from Bakersfield City Council spoke on behalf of Kern County. He stated Bakersfield is now the ninth largest city in the state and can boast being graffiti-free. Guests from the Tejon Tribe were in attendance to welcome the Partnership, including Kathryn Montez Morgan serving as the tribal chair.

Board Member James Tague is the CFO of Gazelle Transportation, a crude oil management company.

III. Public and Board Comment

Linda Urata with Kern Council of Governments gave an update on the San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership which is supported by NRG and Nissan to promote the expansion of electric vehicle usage throughout the San Joaquin Valley. Ms. Urata reported on the success of National Drive Electric Week and plans of future charging station locations, including Yosemite National Park.

Board member Lee Ann Eager congratulated Bakersfield on their successful High-Speed Rail meeting at which a proposed new re-alignment was discussed as well as an agreement on the station area planning grant which should bring great opportunities to Kern County.

Board member Genoveva Islas spoke to the board about getting Health Care Prevention on a future Partnership meeting agenda and about October being Hispanic Heritage month.

Board member Pat Gordon of JBT reported briefly on his company's solar improvements and addition of electric vehicle charging stations.

Secretary Ross added comments about healthy eating and food choices and food access, and would like these topics added to the agenda along with the topic of healthcare.

IV. Manufacturing Day Proclamation

Mike Dozier introduced Karmjot Grewal, Program Manager with Office of Community and Economic Development at Fresno State, who has been leading the work with the Manufacturing Cluster and the Manufacturing Summit. October is Manufacturing Month and October 2 is Manufacturing Day. A resolution for a proclamation for Manufacturing Day, Oct 2, 2015, will be emailed to the board for approval next week.

V. Consent Calendar

Luisa Medina moved to approve the consent calendar as published. The motion was seconded by Monica Blanco-Etheridge.

VI. Strategic Growth Council

Randall Winston presented a report to the board from the California Strategic Growth Council which coordinates the activities of State agencies and partners with stakeholders to promote sustainability, economic prosperity and quality of life for Californians. Mr. Winston, Acting Executive Director of the SCG, explained the workings of the Council, discussed the Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program (AHSC) and answered questions from the board. Download the presentation: http://sjvpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/WinstonRandall_SGC-Presentation_Bakersfield_9-18-2015.pdf

VII. Strategic Action Proposal Background and History

Strategic Action Proposal Background and History was presented by Mike Dozier as a lead in to the afternoon's strategic planning session for the Partnership. Download the presentation:

http://sjvpartnership.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/DozierMike_SAP-History_9-18-2015.pdf

VIII. Executive Committee Vision

Deputy co-chair Luisa Medina led a discussion on the Executive Committee Vision - several key items that have previously been identified by the Executive Committee: Water, Cap and Trade, Higher Education, Railroad in the San Joaquin Valley, and Regional Industry Clusters Initiative (RICI).

IX. Lunch

X. Strategic Session

A Strategic Planning Session was facilitated by Bill Carney. The board reviewed the following five priorities: 1) Water, 2) Cap and Trade, 3) Higher Education, 4) San Joaquin Railroad, 5) Regional Industry Clusters Initiative. Broadband was named an additional priority, bringing the total to 6 (not listed in order of importance).

For each topic, there was a detailed discussion about the Partnership's roles for each issue, whether to lead, partner or support these priorities. A written summary and report will be provided to the Board in December for approval.

XI. Public and Board Comment and Meeting Feedback

There were no further comments from the board.

XII. Adjournment

Adjournment at 2:56pm