

SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular Meeting

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 03, 2009

Closed Session –9:00 a.m.

Regular Meeting – 10:00 a.m.

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CONSENT CALENDAR – These matters include routine financial and administrative actions and are approved by a single majority vote.

SCHEDULED ITEMS – These items are noticed hearings, work sessions and public hearings.

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SCHEDULED ITEMS

9:00 A. M.

THE PUBLIC IS INVITED TO SPEAK ON ANY ITEM ON THE AGENDA – TESTIMONY IS LIMITED TO FIVE MINUTES PER PERSON

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - INITIATION OF LITIGATION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Initiation of Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(c): One Case

CLOSED SESSION - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session concerning Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(a): San Joaquin Raptor Rescue Center et al v. County of Merced, RMP, Real Party in Interest, Merced Superior Court Case No. 150013 and 150014 Cons.

CLOSED SESSION: It is the intention of the Board to meet in Closed Session pursuant to Government Code Section 54957: PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION: Title: Dept. of Workforce Investment Director and Title: County Librarian

THE BOARD RECESSED AT 9:00 A.M. AND RECONVENED AT 10:00 A.M. WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT AND THE CHAIRMAN ADVISED DIRECTION WAS PROVIDED TO STAFF

GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54950 COMPLIANCE (LATE AGENDA ITEMS)

10:00 A. M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON ANY MATTER OF PUBLIC INTEREST WITHIN THE BOARD'S JURISDICTION INCLUDING ITEMS ON THE BOARD'S AGENDA, EXCEPT FOR THOSE ITEMS SPECIFICALLY SCHEDULED AS PUBLIC HEARINGS (Testimony limited to five minutes per person)

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGE 9

10:00 A. M.

PRESENTATION OF SERVICE PINS

20 YEARS OF SERVICE:

Human Services Agency: Pamela Szabo

Child Support Services: Kelley Presol (Not Present)

A RECEPTION WILL BE HELD IN ROOM 310 IN HONOR OF THE AWARDS

BUDGET TRANSFERS FROM REVENUE/CONTINGENCIES (4/5 Vote Required) Human Services Agency-\$47,879; Health-\$144; Library-\$12,000; Sheriff-\$6,383 and Grand Jury-\$14,000

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA CALENDAR (Items #1 - 13)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED REMOVING ITEM #7 FROM THE AGENDA AYES: ALL

2:00 P. M.

JOINT STUDY SESSION WITH BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND PLANNING COMMISSION

Merced County General Plan Update Growth Alternatives

REVIEW BOARD ORDER – SEE PAGES 9 THROUGH 13

REPORTS/BOARD DIRECTION

County Executive Officer, County Counsel, County Auditor, Board of Supervisors Members

CONSENT CALENDAR (Items #1 - 13)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED REMOVING ITEM NO. 7 AYES: ALL

Health

1. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2006162 with Livingston Medical Group dba Livingston Community Health Services for Immunization Services.

Human Services Agency

2. Set public hearing for February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to consider Domestic Violence shelter services and program.
3. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2007163 with Aspiranet for SB 163 Wraparound Services increasing the contract amount from \$906,336 to \$1,208,448 and increasing children served from 12 to 24.
4. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2005234 with Caton Properties for lease for Teen Center located on Main Street, Merced.
5. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2004335 with State Dept. of Veterans Affairs for the Certificate of Compliance for county veterans services funding.

6. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2004334 with State Dept. of Veterans Affairs for Medi-Cal Certificate of Compliance for Medi-Cal Cost Avoidance Program funds.

Fire

7. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Renewal Contract No. 2005019 with Calif. Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection for Fire Protection for FY 2008/09 and adopt Resolution.

NO ACTION IS TAKEN – REMOVED FROM THE AGENDA

Dept. of Child Support Services

8. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2006056 with UC Davis for Staff Development and Training.

Planning

9. Set public hearing for February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. to consider Appeal of Minor Subdivision Application No. MS08-020 to divide 139.7 acres into four parcels and a remainder parcel on property located on the east side of Whitworth Road, 1/2 mile south of Gun Club Road in Gustine.

Sheriff

10. Approve and authorize Chairman to sign Amendment to Contract No. 2006022 with Biometrics4all, Inc. to provide 24/7 on-site maintenance for the Livescan Machines.

Board Recognition

11. Authorize Recognition to Gerardo Medina for years of service to Public Works-Solid Waste.
12. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Pizza + Fun for Ribbon Cutting.
13. Authorize Certificate of Recognition to Castle Youth Center and Atwater Pal for Ribbon Cutting and Grand Opening.

REGULAR CALENDAR

BOARD ACTION

PUBLIC WORKS

14. Authorize negotiation of purchase price of office space located within the Hacienda Business Park, Los Banos for Mental Health Department; authorize Public Works to return to the Board to consummate the purchase if price is within budget and approve the budget transfers-\$2,200,000. (4/5 Vote)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

15. Authorize purchase of Arsenic Reduction Media replacement for Correctional Facility Arsenic Treatment Plant from Severn-Trent Water Purification, Inc.; authorize issuance of Purchase Order for Bayoxide E33 Medica in the amount of \$55,036 and authorize Request for Proposal to suppliers of arsenic reduction media for ongoing arsenic media replacement services and return to the Board for contract approval.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2009026 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

MENTAL HEALTH

16. Amendment to Contract No. 2005149 with Community Social Model Advocates, Inc. for the provision of Men's and Women's Alcohol and Drug Residential Recovery Services for FY 2008/09 and approve the budget transfer-\$120,215. (4/5 Vote Required).

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

17. Contract with Residential Care Facility Devereux Texas for Adolescent Residential Treatment for Mental Health services; approve Out-of-State Travel for FY 2008/09 for mental health staff providing on-site case management for the Youth for approximately four visits @ \$1,000 each for a total of \$4,000, which will replace the Out-of-State Travel approved in Final Budget to Utah and approve the budget transfer-\$50,000.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2009027 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

18. Authorize submission of Application for nomination to the Child Abuse Prevention Center for the 2009 Community Service Provider Award Category and return to the Board if awarded.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

19. Amendment to Contract No. 2004118 with Mental Health for Alcohol and Drug Services changing the Budget from \$558,969 to \$569,307 and approve the budget transfer-\$10,338. (4/5 Vote Required)

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

20. Amendment to Contract with Mental Health for Mental Health Services changing the contract budget from \$660,978 to \$698,134 and approve the budget transfer-\$37,156. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2004117 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

21. Approve the FY 2007-2008 Area Plan Year End Report for the Merced County Area Agency on Aging and authorize Chairman to sign the Transmittal Letter.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

22. Approve release of the Request for Proposal for the Congregate Nutrition Program, solicit and select potential vendors with recommended action to be returned to the Board for final approval.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

23. Approve release of the Request for Proposal for the Home Delivered Meals Program, solicit and select potential vendors with recommended action to be returned to the Board for final approval.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

24. Approve release of the Request for Proposal for the Senior Legal Assistance Program, solicit and select potential vendors with recommended action to be returned to the Board for final approval.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HEALTH

25. Contract renewal with San Joaquin County Health Services for a Grant from the State Dept. of Health for the Immunization Registry Services and approve the budget transfer-\$20,042. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2006282 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

26. Contract with State Dept. of Health for AIDS Drug Assistance Program administration for FY 2008/09.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2009028 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

PLANNING

27. Contract with Alliance Church of Merced for reimbursement of consultant costs for preparation of an Initial Study for GPA08-003, ZC08-004 and CUP08-016 and of the required CEQA environmental documents. (Construct 9,900 square foot church facility and install 7,680 square feet of portable classrooms, office space and restrooms on 15.7 acres in Winton)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2009025 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

28. Approve the NACo Achievement Award Applications for Human Services Agency for the High-Schooled Assistance Dog Program and All Dads Matter and authorize the Chairman to sign the Letter of Authorization for Merced County's entries.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

HUMAN RESOURCES

29. Authorize a one year (2080 hour) Probationary Period for the classifications of Deputy County Counsel I/II/III/IV (3052/3051/3048/3047) for Employees hired after February 3, 2009, amend Human Resources Rules and Regulations Resolution No. 2007-22 and adopt Resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2009-13 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

COMMERCE, AVIATION AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

30. Authorize Public Works and Commerce, Aviation and Economic Development (CAED) to work with Mead & Hunt to complete the project designs for the Replacement of Taxiway "A" and "D" Runway Connectors, Repair Failing Section of Runway 13/31 and make needed Improvements to Taxiway Edge Lighting, vault electrical and drainage on the Airport under existing Contract No. 2005129; authorize Public Works Director to approve and accept the completed plans and specifications on behalf of the Board; authorize the bidding of the projects; authorize the Chair to sign the applicable FAA Grant Application documents for submittal by CAED and direct the Departments return to the Board for acceptance of the grant, if awarded and approval of the bids and approve the budget transfer-\$394,000. (4/5 Vote Required)

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2005129 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

FIRE

31. Appoint Dale A. Hutchinson as Merced County Fire Chief and Director of Merced County Office of Emergency Services (OES) pursuant to Ordinance No. 1567; identify authorized agents for Merced County Office of Emergency Services and adopt Resolution.

ADOPTED RESOLUTION NO. 2009-14 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

32. Authorize the sole source purchase of Hurst Auto Extrication Systems for Fire and authorize issuance of Purchase Order to LN Curtis and Sons for said purchase.

AUTHORIZED CONTRACT NO. 2009029 AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

33. Authorize the Fire Department participation in the "Fill the Boots for Burns" fund raising campaign for the period of February 13 through 16, 2009 for the Fire Fighters Burn Institute.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD APPOINTMENTS

34. Snelling Cemetery District – Appointed Joe Homen until July 1, 2010.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

35. Dos Palos Cemetery District – Appointed Dan Nicoletti and Thomas Pigg until February 4, 2011 and Anne Falaschi until February 4, 2010 and Reappointed Alfred Gamboni until February 4, 2013.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

36. Merced County Mosquito Abatement District – Reappointed Ron Wolff, representing Northern Rural, until December 31, 2010.

APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED AYES: ALL

BOARD INFORMATION & POSSIBLE ACTION

ACCEPTED AND PLACED ON FILE AYES: ALL

37. Mariposa County Board of Supervisors re: Supervisor Bibby to serve as Representative to the Foreign Trade Zone Advisory Board on behalf of Mariposa County.
38. Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board re: Meeting time changed Notice for February 5, 2009 to 8:00 a.m.
39. Calif. Association of County Fish & Game Commissions re: Invitation to attend the 2009 California Association of County Fish and Game Commission Conference set for February 4, 2009.
40. State Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of date change for Public Hearing on Proposed Regulatory action to February 5, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in Sacramento, CA.
41. State Fish and Game Commission re: Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action, as well as Notice of Findings, resulting from the Commission's August 7, 2008 meeting that delta smelt warrants uplisting from endangered to threatened species status - Notice of Proposed Regulatory Action and Notice of Findings will be published in the California Regulatory Notice Register on January 16, 2009.
42. State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection re: Policy Statement entitled Board of Forestry and Fire Protection Policy Number 12 for Professional Foresters Registration - Guidance on the Certified Rangeland Manager Program.

43. State Board of Equalization re: Taxpayers Bills of Rights Hearings set for March 17 and April 28, 2009.
44. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Opportunity to comment: Proposed approval of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the San Diego Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate implementation provisions for indicator bacteria water quality objectives to account for loading from natural, uncontrollable sources within the context of a total maximum daily load.
45. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Opportunity to comment: Proposed approval of an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region (Basin Plan) establishing a total maximum daily load for sediment in the middle Truckee River Watershed.
46. State Water Resources Control Board re: Notice of Public Opportunity for public comment on proposed approval of an amendment to the water quality control plan for the Los Angeles Region (Basin Plan) to incorporate a total maximum daily load (TMDL) for trash in the Malibu Creek Watershed.
47. Federal Emergency Management Agency re: Notice when a new Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) panel becomes effective, it automatically supersedes previously issued Letters of Map Revision-based on Fill (LOMR-Fs) and Letters of Map Amendment that have been issued on that map panel, even if they are still valid and should apply to the new FIRM as well - and this letter is to correct panel numbers inadvertently left off of the LOMC -VALID Letter as well as removing one case that has been superseded by the new FIRMs.

ADJOURNED MEETING UNTIL TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2009 AT 10:00 A.M.

BOARD ORDERS – SUMMARY ACTION MINUTES – FEBRUARY 3, 2009

10:00 A.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2009-02-03 PUBLIC OPPORTUNITY**

CalFire Assistant Regional Chief Mikel Martin introduces Dale Hutchinson, the newly appointed Merced County Fire Chief.

Darryl Davis and Percy Hill, Cornerstone Masonic Lodge, present Citizen of the Year Awards to Vern Warnke, (present) and Joey Cardenas and Brian Miller (not present).

Sheriff Mark Pazin introduces Richard St. Marie the recently hired Director of Admin. Services at the Sheriff's Department.

Tom Grave, Merced Alliance for Responsible Growth, inquires how the Board of Supervisors/Planning Commission Joint Study Session will be conducted and stresses the importance of everyone working together on growth and other critical issues in the valley.
Present: Kelsey, Pedrozo, Walsh, Nelson, O'Banion

2:00 P.M. SCHEDULED ITEM **2009-02-03 PLANNING – JOINT STUDY SESSION**

The time and date previously set for a Joint Study Session with the Planning Commission concerning the Merced County General Plan Update.

Board Chairman Kelsey calls the meeting to order.

The Clerk takes Roll Call for the Board of Supervisors Members - Board Members
Present: Kelsey, Pedrozo, Walsh, Nelson, O'Banion.

Assistant Planning Director Bill Nicholson takes Roll Call for the Planning Commission - Commissioners Present: Buendia, Tanner, Mobley, Lashbrook, Erreca.

Development Services Director Robert Lewis states the General Plan Update Study Session will be a review and discussion of the four Growth Alternatives and introduces Jim Harnish of Mintier Associates who will complete the review.

Mr. Harnish states direction is being requested from Board Members and Planning Commissioners on any changes or additions in order to prepare the Environmental Impact Report and have public hearings before the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors. He reviews the powerpoint presentation and advises through public discussions the favored but not unanimous Alternative is Alternative C.

The Chairman asks if the Board Members/Commissioners have comments.

Supervisor Pedrozo states he would like the High Speed Rail included in the Update and suggests limiting the number of wells that can be punched each year.

Commissioner Lashbrook states if the Villages of San Laguna goes forward, the population figures should be revised and a water supply assessment for the eastside and westside of the County should be done.

Discussion is had regarding AB 323 and SB 375 and the Attorney General's Office influence and how it could affect Merced County.

Supervisor O'Banion speaks regarding density, water supply and the importance of working with the cities to obtain a revenue sharing agreement and advises he prefers Alternative C with caveats.

Supervisor Nelson advises his preference is Alternative B2 and states the importance of a countywide water and sewer district, developers being required to work with the schools before projects are approved, the need for public safety funding, protection of the approaches at both ends of Castle and questions how the Land Bank is being addressed.

Supervisor Pedrozo states concern with the water supply diminishing in the Planada and Le Grand areas and agrees Ag Tourism is a good idea but protection of prime ag land is a major concern.

Supervisor Kelsey states concern that none of the Alternatives include the cost of public services and would like to see a standard for comparison. Ms. Kelsey questions the financial impact of New Towns as outlined in Alternative B, on existing homes in the County and how the County can protect itself should adequate services not be provided in New Towns, how the city-centered growth concept is less economically viable for the County and how revenue sharing with the cities could impact the alternatives.

Supervisor Walsh states with regard to economic development and business opportunities, he would like to see clarity on implications for various options in terms of commercial development not simply housing development.

The Chairman asks if there is anyone from the public wishing to speak.

Diana Westmoreland-Pedrozo, Merced County Farm Bureau Executive Director, states concern with the water supply, economic impact and advises the Farm Bureau has not chosen an Alternative yet but is leaning toward Alternative C with some changes, feels the cities/county have failed in their respective planning processes and urges the County to work with fellow counterparts in the cities and neighboring counties.

Melissa Kelley-Ortega, Merced, states preparing infrastructure first is the best way to proceed for sustainable planning and with Alternative C, we will be prepared for several years but with the other Alternatives, we won't be prepared for future growth

Mary Michael Rawling, Merced/Mariposa Asthma Coalition Program Manager, speaks to the importance of protecting our resources that are diminishing stating this is a long-term plan and is a good way to try to prevent problems with such resources as water and air quality and an important consideration is the economic toll the water shortage will have on the area.

Glenn Anderson, Hilmar, reads a quote from Thomas Friedman's book "Hot, Flat & Crowded" and states due to current resource constraints, we must be creative in protecting them.

John Myer, Merced, states incentives should be built into any plan and suggests concepts be considered should water rationing be needed, comments on AB 1258 regarding Agri-tourism which allows hosting up to 15 guests without Food and Drug Administration compliance and states the County needs to have a good Ag Tourist Program so that people will stop in Merced on their way to Yosemite National Park instead of driving straight through.

Lisa Kayser-Grant, Merced, speaks regarding water and climate change and states Alternative C is the only growth alternative that would have positive impact on air quality and climate change with less vehicle miles traveled and creates the most opportunities for public transit and speaks in support of AB 323 and SB 375.

Robert Hagerman, Merced, states he favors Alternative B2 and speaks regarding water supply and having an aqueduct along the High Speed Rail in the valley.

Lorraine Bocks, California Women for Agriculture and Focus Group for Agriculture, speaks to the weaknesses listed for Alternative C and states Alternative C is a consideration due to ag land conservation element being the most efficient although population numbers need to be reworked.

Bryant Owen, Plainsburg Road, requests a copy of the documentation.

Jeff Freitas, Merced, states he supports Alternative C which focuses on conservation and allows us to hold onto resources for even more dire situations.

Tom Grave, Merced, speaks regarding past droughts and inquiries how well heads are protected in the County, comments on land use issue matters stating it is more of a fiscal issue instead of sustainability issue and sustainability should be at the top of the list even though revenue sharing needs to be discussed.

John Grant, Merced, speaks regarding aquifers stating the quality of water should be considered not just the quantity, a vision of what we really want for our area is needed and the main problem seems to be an underlying notion that the more people you bring into the County, the more money and better things will be and he speaks in favor of Alternative C.

Julius Pekar, Merced County Chamber of Commerce, expresses appreciation for the land bank and economic development strategy being brought up and suggests an Economic Development Coalition should be part of the General Plan design.

Linda Cervantes Hoskins, Merced, states she has participated in Latino leaders focus group and advises the main focus was economic development and this area needs more jobs and there cannot be more homes without including economic growth in the General Plan.

The Chairman closes the Public Opportunity to speak.

Following discussion, Assistant Planning Director Bill Nicholson responds to Board Members/Planning Commissioners' questions. Mr. Nicholson states the County received

additional correspondence from: Grassland Water District with a map of the protection area, letter dated January 29, 2009, attachment dated November 20, 2007, in favor of Alternative C overall but with concerns; and a Letter received from UC Merced on December 18, 2008, regarding sustainability of their new Long-Range Development Plan for the campus and indicating Alternative C would be in line for them.

The Chairman asks for the Board's consideration and thoughts on the process to date.

Supervisor O'Banion responds to Mr. Grave's inquiry about well head protection and states Well Head Protection is administered by the Environmental Health Department and they monitor wells as they are put in and being abandoned.

Supervisor Walsh suggests the County explore how to have a more active role in the issue of water studies, especially on the eastside. He also expresses interest in exploring policy implications for standards for Sheriff, Fire and other services as a starting point for assessment districts or revenue sharing discussions stating 35 to 40 percent of communities receive some form of public services and jobs are needed and land use needs to be able to support our communities for purposes of sustainability.

Supervisor Pedrozo reiterates the need to start education early for our children to keep them out of trouble and get started in the right direction.

Chairman Kelsey states she would like an economic analysis on the financial impact New Towns will have on existing home values in the County. Chairman Kelsey states the Housing Element is currently being updated and the Department of Finance information indicates there will be more housing in the County than the cities which is a disconnect with this process and this should be raised in the scenarios before the Board/Commission today. She asks what the success rate of unincorporated areas acquiring water rights versus a city acquiring water rights should the County need to acquire water resources to allow additional growth.

Commissioner Lashbrook states Alternative A or C may be a consideration and as people live closer together-amenities such as parks etc. will be necessary stating we need to envision 20 or 30 years from now and requests additional time to consider the plan. She agrees more jobs are needed and agrees to an Economic Development Coalition.

Chairman Kelsey states Alternative A is city-centered growth and arguments against it were not very strong and she doesn't want to cut off growth that has already been planned for and believes the need for New Towns in the unincorporated areas should be considered. She states she would like to see higher density in the existing unincorporated new towns with standards for services and a guarantee of services to the new towns and suggests a combination of Alternative A with Alternative C.

Discussion is had regarding the appropriate action and additional public outreach. County Counsel James Fincher responds and advises the action requested is to confer and provide direction; therefore, the matter will need to be placed on a future agenda to vote on an Alternative/Option.

The Chairman asks staff to refine the discussion and desires of the collective body in a condensed format.

Mr. Harnish suggests conferring collectively with Planning Staff and narrowing down choices and options.

Following discussion, County Executive Officer Dee Tatum states it is his understanding the Board would like the new options made available to the municipal advisory councils, focus groups, and whomever else the new options should be circulated to with those groups also being advised that the date the finished product will be presented will be delayed; however, before that occurs, the cost of circulating the new options needs to be provided to the Board so that the Board can determine if there is a consensus to move forward.

The Board concurs and no further action is taken.

Board Members Present: Kelsey, Pedrozo, Walsh, Nelson, O'Banion

Planning Commissioners Present: Buendia, Tanner, Mobley, Lashbrook, Erreca