Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Action Minutes for July 25, 2005

The following minutes are a summary of actions taken by the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force.

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments offices in Los Angeles. There was a videoconference at the SCAG Inland Office in Riverside. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica

Members Present	Representing	Members Absent	Representing
Bowlen, Paul	Cerritos	Aldinger,Jim	Manhattan Beach
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach	Ovitt, Gary	San Bernardino
Feinstein, Michael	Santa Monica	Perry, Biv	Brea
LeeAnn Garcia	Grand Terrace-Video	Pettis, Greg	CVAG
Miller, Mike	West Covina	Young, Toni	Port Hueneme
Nowatka, Paul	Torrance		
O'Connor, Pam	Santa Monica		
Pettis, Greg	CVAG		

New Members
None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
Pam O'Connor, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS
Present and review Item 5.4 before Item 5.3. If there is not enough time to hear Item 5.3, it will be agendized for next month's meeting. There was no objection.

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 The minutes of May 23, 2005 were unanimously approved.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Draft Economy and Education Chapter
Bruce DeVine, SCAG Chief Economist, provided a report on the chapter development reflecting the changes after the previous Task Force meeting. Each point was read and discussed. Debbie Cook asked that there be more information regarding Education included in the chapter. Michael Feinstein asked that this chapter be brought back to the next task force meeting for further discussion.

Action: The Task Force, without objection, directed staff to revise the report, based on their comments, and agendize for the next meeting.

5.2 Draft Energy Chapter

Jennifer Brost, SCAG staff, provided a report on the preliminary draft chapter and discussed it with the group. The following recommendations were made.

- Include parallel language in actions for the Federal Government, State Legislature, SCAG and Regional Agencies, and Cities and Counties with regard to promoting wind energy.
- Add a new SCAG energy generation policy at the top of page 6 that states, "Encourage future power generation be renewable to the greatest extent possible."
- Add a new action for Counties and Cities under efficient landscaping and site design at the top of page 10 that states, "Encourage local jurisdictions to adopt green building guidelines."

Action: The Task Force, without objection, instructed staff to forward the chapter to the Energy and Environment Committee and release for review, with their recommendations.

Jennifer Brost asked for the group's input on potential members for the proposed Ad Hoc Energy Working Group.

Action: The Task Force recommended that members come from municipalities and the Imperial Irrigation District.

5.4 CEQA Reform and Potential Expanded RCP Approach

Jacob Lieb, SCAG staff, provided a report to the Task Force. Each point was read and discussed.

Paul Nowatka asked that the Task Force be thoroughly educated on CEQA so that they can provide thorough input.

Action: The Task Force, without objection, instructed staff to report to the Policy Committees on expanding the RCP effort.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

None

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, is continuing to investigate into conducting an off-site meeting for the Task Force at the Museum of Natural History with a tour afterwards of the exhibit entitled, "Collapse." He also informed the group that all of the year end products were completed by the end of the fiscal year.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Solid and Hazardous Waste Chapter
- Economy and Education Chapter

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:25 p.m. The next Task Force was scheduled for August 22, 2005 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the location to be announced later.