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MEETING OF THE

REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

Monday, August 14, 2006
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon

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REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN TASK FORCE

AGENDA

August 14, 2006

1.0 CALL TO ORDER — **Honorable Pam O'Connor, Chair**

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3.0 INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS — **Honorable Pam O'Connor, Chair**

4.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

5.1 Minutes of June 26, 2006 — **01**

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 RCP Overview and Update **Attachment** — **Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff** — **04** — **30 Minutes**

Staff will briefly describe the RCP purpose, approach, and status. Further, staff will outline the format and schedule of topics for upcoming RCP Task Force meetings

6.2 "Year of the Earthquake" — **Lucile M. Jones, PhD, U.S. Geological Survey** — **40 Minutes**

Dr. Jones will review plans for upcoming earthquake technical study and awareness campaign. Staff will lead a discussion on potential collaboration between this effort and the RCP Security and Emergency Preparedness Chapter.

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AGENDA

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT — **Honorable Pam O'Connor, Chair**

8.0 STAFF REPORT

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee members or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force will be held at the SCAG offices on September 11, 2006.

Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

Minutes for June 26, 2006

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 Toni Young, City of Port Hueneme.

Committee Chair: Pam O'Connor, Santa Monica

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

New Members
None

1.0 CALL TO ORDER
Toni Young, called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
None offered.

3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 The minutes of May 22, 2006 were approved as submitted.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

None

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Water Chapter

Dan Griset, SCAG Staff, provided status on the progress of the chapter and asked the members for feedback on Chapter goals, performance outcomes/indicators, and action plan. Jacob Lieb informed the group that the plan is to have discussions on these topics and then reduce the topics to four (4) potential performance outcomes for the region.

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, informed the group that in the fall, staff will be presenting the task force with specific proposal of performance outcomes, how to set the bar in terms of measurement, and strategies required to complete the task.

6.2 Task Force Membership

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, informed the task force that, informally, over the past year, there has been an effort to recruit new members to the task force, with limited to no success. Jacob asked that the group provide him with a list of potential names for the task force so that he could provide those names to the SCAG President, Yvonne Burke, for consideration of appointment. The goal is to have 2 Regional Council representatives from each of the 6 counties on this task force.

Toni Young made a request to have the meeting time changed to 10:00 – 12:00 Noon. After discussion, it was agreed to change the day of the meeting to the second Monday of the month instead of the fourth Monday of the month.

6.3 Regional Council Retreat

Jacob Lieb thanked the task force members who participated at the special Retreat session. He informed the group that the RCP task force has been offered to program 3 of 4 special workshops to be held on Regional Council meeting days. The first workshop will take place in October, with Professor Robert Kauffman, Boston University, speaking on energy issues.

7.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Jacob Lieb, SCAG Staff, reported that the intent is for the next round of discussions to be held on a tighter schedule and with a more action oriented agenda. Instead of reviewing one chapter per month, two to three chapters will be on each agenda for consideration.

9.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

10.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force will be dark in July.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for August 14, 2006, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 Noon.

MEMO

DATE: August 14, 2006

TO: Regional Comprehensive Plan Task Force

FROM: Jacob Lieb, Program Manger II, (213) 236-1921, lieb@scag.ca.gov

SUBJECT: Regional Comprehensive Plan Review and Update

SUMMARY:
The Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Task Force has completed its second stage of chapter review and discussion, and, at the same time, added several new Task Force members. As such, staff has prepared this review of the overall RCP purpose and approach, as well as an update on status and next steps.

BACKGROUND:
The RCP is intended to accomplish several regional and organizational objectives. Principally, the plan will collect and consolidate the region's policies, set measurable performance targets for the future, and lay out clear strategies and actions for achieving those targets. The plan serves as the basis for SCAG's on-going Inter-Governmental Review (IGR) effort, and its completion fulfills SCAG's obligation to mitigate environmental impacts of the 2004 RTP.

Approach (outcomes, strategy)

The approach for the RCP involves the development of specific performance outcomes within each of the 9 chapters. The performance outcomes are the centerpiece of each chapter, will be the region's stated goals for the full range of planning topics. Each chapter will go on, then, to delineate a strategy to achieve the performance outcomes. The outcomes and strategies in each chapter will be consistent with, and an extension of, the region's adopted growth vision developed under the Compass/2% Strategy effort.

Further, staff intends to use the plan to align resources and leverage to aid in implementation. For example, the current State infrastructure bond measures contain discretionary funds for the implementation of regional plans. The RCP will be the instrument used to direct resources such as these.

Process

The RCP Task Force meets monthly and guides staff on the development of the plan. To date, the Task Force has reviewed policies and preliminary action plans for each chapter, and given staff input on the development of performance outcomes.

Additionally, staff is advised on the development of individual chapters by the following groups:

- Solid Waste Task Force
- Energy Working Group
- Open Space Working Group
- Water Policy Task Force

Staff also provides regular updates to the Sub-regional Coordinators and the Benchmarks Task Force.

Contents and Key Policy Issues to Date

The RCP is composed of 9 chapters and two "special focus sections.

Chapters
- Land Use and Housing
- Energy
- Solid and Hazardous Waste
- Water
- Air Quality
- Open Space an Habitat
- Econonmy
- Transportation
- Security and Emergency Preparedness

Special Focus Sections
- Finance
- Education

Each chapter will have the following components:
- Performance Outcomes and Indicators
- Regional Policies
- Existing Conditions
- Strategy and Action Plan
- Bibliography and reference

Through discussions and work progress to date, the following have emerged as potential key policy issues in the plan:
- Inadequate protection of remaining open space and agriculture
- Depletion of fossil fuels
- Difficulty of pursuing new technologies in solid waste management
- Disjointed water quality planning
- Air contaminants associated with transportation facilities

Resources

SCAG has a 10 member staff team assigned to the RCP. Each Chapter has a lead author. In addition, SCAG has, to date, retained 3 consultant teams to assist on various portions of the plan, as follows:

- Open Space and Habitat led by Jones and Stokes
- Finance led by Pacific Municipal Finance
- Energy led by Jack Faucett Associates

There is a program website that is periodically updated with new drafts of chapter materials at www.scag.ca.gov/rcp.

Next Steps and Schedule

During the second quarter of the 2006-07 fiscal year (Sept-November), staff will present a preliminary proposal for quantified performance outcomes for each chapter. The staff proposal will be based on Task Force discussions to date. Pending Task Force review, each proposal will also be brought to the appropriate policy committee. Subsequently, staff will engage a six month process to seek stakeholder input and develop detailed strategy elements.

The master schedule for the remainder of the RCP process is attached.

Environmental Review

Staff will prepare an Environmental Impact Report for the RCP. At present, we anticipate that this document will be combined with the RTP Program EIR (the same EIR will cover both plans). It is staff's hope that the EIR for the RCP will facilitate streamlined environmental review for consistent plans and projects at the sub-regional and local level.

Attachment
RCP Program Master Schedule

RCP Timeline

Draft

ID	Task Name	Qtr 3, 2006			Qtr 4, 2006			Qtr 1, 2006			Qtr 2, 2006			Qtr 3, 2007			Qtr 4, 2007			Qtr 1, 2007			Qtr 2, 2007			Description/Notes	Process
		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec		
1	**First Year Draft**: Policies/Actions																									Policies and actions from existing plans and documents	
2	**Outcomes**																										
	- Categories/Issues																									What issue(s) to measure?	Staff/Consultants RCP Task Force
	- Proposal*																									Quantifiable measure (how to measure issues?) Report format	Staff/Consultants RCP Task Force
	- Final*																									Final report on how issues will be measured/quantified (subject to public review process)	EEC and RC
5	**Existing Conditions Section**																										
	- 1st Draft																									Compilation on existing plans and data.	Staff/Consultant
	- 2nd Draft																									Introduce quantifiable outcomes, which will be tailored to emphasized issues	Staff/Consultant
6	**Strategies and Actions**																										Staff/Consultant
	- Proposed Action Plan*																									Compilation of outside plans; incorporation of BMPs.	Staff/Consultant
	- Final Action Plan*																									What will get us there? Targeted to achieve performing outcomes	Staff/Consultant
7	**Resources and Bibliography**																										Staff/Consultant
8	**Final Draft - RCP**																										All

Public Process/Review Period

Internal Review: two weeks before committee meetings

Action Plan: to include the growth Visioning Concept and Compass 2% strategy into all chapters analysis

Key Issues: All key issues will involved and be related to sustainability and natural resources ("Green Plan")

*+/- 1 month depending on committee schedule

RCP Timeline
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