



Board of Directors Meeting

Friday, September 20, 2013

10am - 3pm

Kern Community College District

2nd Floor, Atlantic & Pacific Rooms

2100 Chester Avenue

Bakersfield, CA

MEETING MINUTES

I. Convene Meeting and Introductory Remarks

The meeting of the California Partnership for the San Joaquin Valley (Partnership) was called to order at 10:11 am by Chair Ashley Swarengin who welcomed Partnership Board members and guests.

II. Recognition of Sponsors and Welcome

Chair Swarengin thanked sponsor Kern Community College District. Supervisor Leticia Perez welcomed the Board to Kern County; John Means, associate chancellor for KCCD, welcomed the Board to Bakersfield.

Mayor Swarengin asked board members, advisory committee and candidates to introduce themselves then directed attention to the agenda.

III. Public and Board Comment

David Lyman with the Bakersfield Convention & Visitors Bureau welcomed the Board to Bakersfield.

IV. New Board Member Oath of Office and Recognition of Peter Weber

Secretary Dooley postponed the new board member oaths of office due to delays in paperwork, a direct result of the governor's jammed schedule.

Mayor Swarengin recognized Mr. Weber and spoke about the process of how the Partnership came about, how Mr. Weber asked her to help him with this undertaking. Ms. Medina acknowledged Mr. Weber's support of Fresno Unified School District and how it is better today because of the program he spearheaded, Choosing Our Future¹.

¹ <http://www.fresno.k12.ca.us/pdf/ChoosingOurFuture.pdf>

V. Changes Made by California Public Utilities Commission

Mayor Swearingin announced that changes benefitting the San Joaquin Valley (Valley) will be made to the CPUC bill thanks to the concerted efforts of five local electeds from the Valley. Residents will experience 35 percent off their power bill for a period of 5 years. This is good for Valley Economic Development Corporations (EDCs) when promoting our region.

VI. Consent Calendar

Mayor Swearingin asked for any comment on the consent calendar items, including minutes from the June 21 meeting. No comments were provided.

VII. Issue: Safe Drinking Water

Secretary Dooley provided an overview of the Safe Drinking Water Act². That overview resulted in agreement that the Board would like to have a more thorough discussion on this topic in the New Year. Participants should include representatives from rural and unincorporated areas, health officials, community representatives and representatives from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and The Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water (OGWDW).

VIII. Issue: Covered California

Secretary Dooley spoke about Covered California, the marketplace established in response to the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Affordable Care Act)³. Covered California⁴ was created to develop an easy-to-use marketplace where most Californians can get health coverage that cannot be denied by health insurance companies or canceled if they are sick or have a pre-existing health condition, such as asthma or diabetes.

By 2014, about 2.6 million Californians will be able to access financial assistance through Covered California to pay for their health insurance, and 1.4 million will be newly eligible for Medi-Cal. An additional 2.7 million will benefit from coverage that is guaranteed whether they buy an insurance plan through Covered California or on their own. All health insurance plans purchased through Covered California must cover certain services called essential health benefits. These include doctor visits, hospital stays, emergency care, maternity care, children's care, prescriptions, medical tests and mental health care. Health insurance plans also must cover preventive care services, like mammograms and colonoscopies, for free. All plans being sold in the Covered California marketplace, as well as those sold outside it, will be required to include these benefits.

IX. Regional Industry Clusters of Opportunity II- Alternative Fuels and Vehicles

Ismael Herrera led the panel of RICO II partners with an explanation of this second generation grant. Partners presenting were Kern Council of Governments represented by Linda Urata who presented on the San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition; Kern Community College District

² <http://www2.epa.gov/laws-regulations/summary-safe-drinking-water-act>

³ <http://www.hhs.gov/healthcare/rights/>

⁴ https://www.coveredca.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=cpc&gclid=CLLJxOG39LoCFcKdQgod4B4A2g

represented by John Means, associate chancellor; and Kern Economic Development Corporation represented by Richard Chapman, president and chief executive officer, who presented the Kern County Economic Update. PowerPoint presentations are available at the meeting event site: http://sjvpartnership.org/ai1ec_event/3rd-quarter-board-meeting-2013/.

X. Lunch Presentation: State of Energy

Lunch was hosted by board member James Tague, E&B Natural Resources Management.

Mr. Tague presented “The Energy Dynamic: From Global to Local”. The presentation is posted on the meeting event site: http://sjvpartnership.org/ai1ec_event/3rd-quarter-board-meeting-2013/.

XI. Transportation

Mr. Dozier introduced Michael Fischer of Cambridge Systematics, who presented on the SJV Interregional Goods Movement Plan, and Juan Villanueva of the Port of Stockton, who presented on the M-580 Marine Highway. Presentations are available at the meeting event site: http://sjvpartnership.org/ai1ec_event/3rd-quarter-board-meeting-2013/.

XII. Ag Expo

Virginia Madueño discussed the now cancelled 1st San Joaquin Valley China/Ag Expo. There are three reasons: 1) the ongoing Syrian conflict; 2) a high-profile trial under way in China; and 3) the San Joaquin Valley still is an unknown region in the world. A low-key meeting will be hosted Oct 10-12, 2013. She discussed the interest that has been shown by companies in China to conduct trade in the United States and their interest in making sure the Valley is represented at the May 2014 Central China Expo. Mayor Swearingin and Supervisor Henry Perea will be representing the Valley at the Expo. Ms. Goldsmith asked to talk offline with Mrs. Madueño and Dr. Leland to reach out to educational partners. Mr. Dozier suggested that Mrs. Madueno be invited to speak to the Central California Community Colleges Committed to Change (C6) Consortium⁵. Ms. Eager of California Central Valley Economic Development Corporation requested also to speak with Mrs. Madueño offline.

XIII. Executive Committee Restructuring

Mr. Dozier reported that the Partnership Executive Committee is being restructured to consist of the following members: Chair of the Partnership, who can elect 4 of the 7 committee members; two deputy chairs plus the elected representatives from the north, south and central San Joaquin Valley.

XIV. James Irvine Foundation Grant Update

Mr. Dozier reported that the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED) received 78 letters of support from cities, agencies and counties throughout the Valley. The James Irvine

⁵ <http://c6.whccd.edu/Pages/index.aspx>

Foundation (JIF) staff indicated they will go to the JIF board requesting a grant of \$200,000 be awarded to OCED for another two years, the monies to be allocated to staffing and matching funds.

XV. Adjournment

In the absence of any further public or Board comments, Secretary Dooley adjourned the meeting at 2:30pm.